Dear Mother

Upon this warm and pleasant spring morning when all nature glows with lovely loveliness and beauty I am comfortably seated by within our little cabin trying to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. It rained very hard during yesterday but it has cleared off and is very pleasant to day. We have been having some very warm weather during the past two weeks. It is nearly as warm here now it is in the month of June in Otsego Co. Last Sunday this brigade was reviewed by General Humphreys. We are expecting that there will be another grand review within a few days. I visited the 152nd Reg last Sunday and saw George Manchester. He was making preparations for to go and on review. He seemed to be enjoying very good health. I had an introduction to Capt Holden of Co H. He said that Alongo Wellman belonged to his company but I did not see him. There's very few men in the regiment that I was acquainted with. I see by the Sunday morning that there has been a heavy freshet up in the state of N.Y. Jon will please let me know some of the particulars concerning it when you write to me again. Jon would be surprised if you knew how much sport the soldiers have while in camp. We have several in the battery who can play upon the violins and also two violins. We have a very smooth and nice park in front of our tents. The boys can gather upon this ground when there are bright and pleasant evenings and have a dance. We have several different kinds of musical instrument within the battery such as the Consortena, Chrdin, Jember flute, and two violins. We have first rate times while in camp. But I suppose we shall see rather rougher times when the campaign commences. It is rumored that the sutters are to be allowed to come back to the army but I can hardly believe it. I presume the that the army will not be still much longer if the weather continues fair and the roads keep in good order. It is expected that there will be a grand review of the second corp this afternoon or to morrow. Our battery will not go out but will be used to hold the position of two or three batteries along line. About a half a mile from here the lines of the of the two armies are so near together that the pickets can converse with each other. The rebels seem to be very much disheartened and large numbers of deserters come into our lines every night. When one takes close observations of the national office it is plain to be seen that peace is near at hand. A few more decisive battles I feel sure must prove that this great rebellion is a failure. Nothing more to write I will close hoping I may hear from you soon. Give my respects to all inquiring friends and write all of the news. There is nothing in the army that seems so good as to have plenty of news from home.

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