

Captain William A. Barnard, 20th Michigan Infantry, 1862-1865

[To Miss Emily Barnard]

20th Mich. Infty.
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Dear Sister

I have received your letter & will answer. I am with my Regt. & have been through all the fighting the 9th Corps has been engaged in since the 5th of May - & so far am safe & well. We are now seven miles south of the Pamunkey river - have just flanked the Rebs. & expect orders to move this afternoon towards the Chickahominy - and nearer the Rebel Capitol. We have driven Lee's Army from the Rapidan so far & think soon we will have him inside the works of Richmond. Grant fights him everywhere he can find him & makes no retreats towards Washington. I have very little time to write but want you to write as often as you can. Remember me to Mrs. _____ and the other Willsboro girls at the Seminary and tell them we are ending this War as rapidly as possible & intend to celebrate the 4th of July in Richmond.

I got a letter from Ellen & one from Father a short time ago - but have recd. but very little news from any source since this Campaign commenced. We are having pleasant weather though quite warm - & the country about here & most of the way from the Wilderness - is a perfect wilderness. Write soon.

Yours &c

Wm. A. Barnard
Lieut Com'dg. Co. "H"