

Captain William A. Barnard, 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, 1862-1865

Envelope: Rev. S. A. Barnard, Willsboro, Essex County, New York

Opposite Fred'bg Va.  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Father

I have received yours of the 3d enclosing \$2.50 and will return it when I get some money from the Govt. Enclosed please find a picture of myself in "Uncle Sam's" clothes - it is as good as they can take here. I sit cramped down on a low seat - & bent over a little but you will see that it was not caused by my growing poor & round shouldered. Edward sent for the picture & will probably claim it - & I want him to take care of those pictures that he found in my trunk. It is rumored here that the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps will relieve us & that we will go back near Washington - but we do not like to believe so good news until we get orders to march.

I would like a few more postage stamps - that tippet - & the pr. of stockings in two or three weeks - I have stockings at present that I can wear.

I can get paper & envelopes here.

We have had fine weather here so far - and remain here as usual, drilling continually & having a grand review every two or three weeks. The first Grand Division was reviewed day before yesterday by Burnside & is the Grand Division of the Army.

There is no news to write - the fighting now is in the South West.

Yours &c,

Wm. A. Barnard