

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

Envelope: Miss Ellen A. Barnard, Willsboro, Essex County, New York

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Dear Sister

I have been here about two weeks and intend to start for the Regiment soon. My foot is nearly well and does not trouble me much. I have been here trying to get on the recruiting service but think now that I cannot do it and shall try & get back to duty via Nashville and Chattanooga to Knoxville.

There is a rumor that Burnside has authority to recruit the 9<sup>th</sup> Corps to 50,000 men & go on some expedition & he is now in New England making preparations to raise the men. His Head Quarters will be at N. Y. City and we think now that the 9<sup>th</sup> Corps will be there before spring and remain until the men are raised for the expedition.

I got a letter from Emily several days ago & will try to answer it soon. Most of the old Michigan Regt. are reenlisting as veterans & coming home on 30 days furlough - The 3d, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 16, 2d, 4th and some other regts. are home and others coming. Write soon & direct to Marshall until you hear from me again.

Yours &c

Wm. A. Barnard