

Captain William A. Barnard, 20th 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 9th 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 9th 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