

Camp 9th Regt N.H. Vol.

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Dear Mother and Friends

I have tried several times
 today to find an opportunity to write you a few
 lines but have been obliged to defer it until
 now (9 o'clock P.M.) When we first came here we
 drew, A, Tents for the men and wall Tents
 for us (officers) with the expectation of remaining
 here for 5 or 6 weeks but last night we received
 orders to be ready to start tomorrow morning (23^d)
 and today we have turned the Tents all over
 again and tonight again find us occupying
 my little shelter Tent together with the Capt.
 and we have done so with business preparatory
 to another campaign, In fact I have been at
 work night and day settling up with my
 accounts with W.S., while I have been in command
 of the Company and I haven't got half done yet
 and I was in hopes that should be able to get
 done before leaving here but I think I shall come

out all straight with W.S. when I get time to do
attend to it I was in hope to have had time
to have written you a long letter giving you a history
of our Camp and the many different ones that
surround us that belong to the 9th A.C. but
time forbids me now. We have been reviewed
since we came here by Gen W.S. Grant and A.C.
Burnside. It would have pleased me to have had
you all here to have seen it. It was a grand
affair give me old Burnie yet
I have received your last of Apr 10 with Marys of the
same and Stephens of Apr 14th And was happy
to learn that you were improving in health
I do hope that you will be careful I should liked
very much to have been home if not but a few days
but it is impossible now as leaves of absence are
furloughs to officers and men have been prohibited
and those home ordered to report to their Regt
at once if able I should judge there was going
to be something done ere long, but when we
are going on what is our destiny is a mystery
to us all as yet but I fear we shall learn our
destiny as fast as we shall wish too
I could write much more of interest to you all

I think it is a little strange that you do not receive my money
write as soon as you do

if time would permitt but you must
excuse this and wait until another
time. And you can rest assured that I shall
improve the first opportunity but I am not
able to say when I shall be probably many
miles from here I have often wished that
I had put in my resignation as soon as we
arrived here but it is too late now, but I am
happy to say that I am feeling as well as
ever now and I don't know but that I am
in as good condition to start on another
campaign as I ever have been but I must
close write soon and often
In hast from your affec son and brother
C.W. Wilcox
1st Lt. Co. F, 9th N.H. Vol
P.S. I shall feel quite relieved on this trip as my
Capt and 1st Lt are both present
I received a letter from Miss B.C. a few days since
but have not had time to answer it
Much love to sister Helen and tell her I not
to wait for me for I should be happy to hear
from her own pen
Good night