Transcribed by Terry Crooks. The original letter is in the Porter Family Papers, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Rochester Libraries.

> Munsons Hill Va.¹ HdQrs 2nd Division May 18th

Dear Mother

It is so long since I wrote you, that I thought I must send you a few lines at least assuring you of my good health. We arrived here on the 13th inst after a long and tedious march. I of course suffered very few of the hardships endured by the line officers of the command but still was very glad to see the spires of Washington. I am at present busy as usual & if pour time of service was not nearly out should make application for some position where I should have more leisure. I am as I said before very well & anxious to rejoin you. Expect me at the first possible moment. The Genl ²has just sent for me. I honestly intend to write a long letter home tomorrow.

Sam

Endnotes:

¹ Munsons Hill Va. Was the location where the 108th NY was mustered out on May 28th 1865. They arrived in Rochester at 7:30 pm May 31st 1865.

² The General was now Francis Channing Barlow.