

Garrison Co No 1

Barrack No 3

Elmira October 1, 1863

Dear Parents,

Having a lesiure [sic] spell. I improve it in penning a few lines to you. I rec[eived] yours of 27th, the next day, and was very much pleased to hear from you and to learn that you were all well as this leaves me at present. you ask me to tell you what duty we have to perform, in the garrison as well as the general movements here. our duty is first called up at sunrise drill one hour before Breakfast, called on drill again at 9 OC [o'clock] continue till 11 OC dinner at 2, called again at 2 ½ OC, drill to 4 ½, then Dress parade then supper. The roll being called each time also at sunset and at 9 OC PM. This is everyday duty, except when Detailed for guard which is more laborious. the guard is mounted at 8 ½ OC now (formely [sic] 11 OC am) they are divided into three reliefs each to stand on post 2 hours and relieved 4 hours during the 24. which makes 4 tours for each. Burch & myself have been on guard twice on Sunday last. & yesterday coming off this morning at about OC which excuses us from drill this forenoon. tell Grand Father I will try to write plainer in the future but the conveniences here are not as good as at home, and we have to do up our business in a hurry most of times. tell him to write to me. And I will try to answer in a hand that he can translate, to Tibbals English.

Tell Addie & Nett I often think of them and would be glad to see them..which I hope to when this cruel war is over. I wrote to Wakeman concerning Stephen Partredge but I write you the same. He left here last Saturday feeling quite well having recovered from his sligh[t] illness mostly, I cannot tell when we are to leave here. the Officers are trying to retain our Co here as long as they need men here. The 2nd Garrison Co is to leave to day. our Co being the only one left except invilid [sic] men to do Garrison duty. the new men are coming in quite slow now, they sent away a detachment this week. Frank Peabody went with them. White has not come here yet. if you know about him tell me. Burch has rec[eived] news from home which worys [sic] him some. he says if the Girl has given him up as he learns all right he will try somewhere else. It is likely to make quite a rumpass [rumpus] if he gets correct news. he says he will tell some things which will make them stare if they keep on. my sheet is about full I must close, hoping these lines will find you all well. I remain your affectionate son A H Tibbals.

Answer Soon.

Write all the news.