Camp Near Rapidan River
Sept 28th 1863

Dear Mother

Not long after
I had write to you from Camp Lidribition the other camp for the 2nd
quiry to get their Reqs and thus it was I was try that I had write
to you and told you I thought
a letter might get to me before
I left, but if one comes up until you can account for it in that way.

I came here a few days ago and from
the boys all quite well, Charley North
will now be promoted to a Sergeant,
they are not expect one back to cord.
I need a line from that boy not long
time he was getting along find them but
I supose what keeps his Mother in tow
and me that case you would know
more about kind than I could, as was also getting quite well, his games leg alone as well as the other one. The boys in the 4 are all the time talking about what a fine time they had for furlough, they would fling up the force for the privilege to visit Brooklyn in the city of N. S. They were treated to a nice dinner and invited out in squads to fly to vine with the patriotic people of it, and the Regt. had the name of being the most orderly Regt. that was theirs, all most impossible to keep the people from taking the flag (which has been through a godly number of fights and presented a very colored appearance) for keepsakes, but what numbers of letters the top weekly receive from the fair ones of Brooklyn in which they express their tender regards for the gallant 1st. I saw Lieutenant Ball the other evening, he is quite well, all the Chaplains, he says Mrs. Eg is at home, that is the first time I have
had any reliable information, I knew
she was going home but I could not be
what might turn up to keep her in
Philadelphia. I hope by this time you are feel-
ing quite well again, the Chaplain
receives a letter from T. Simpson and
he did not say anything about your
being sick and I concluded you were
getting some better. There was some sick
hospitals when the boys first came here
but since one of our Neighbors got hurt, we
are now under the enemy's guns but
as masked behind the wood that they
cannot tell where we are. I and one
off duty get, have no gun

Our Sergeant is healthy and strong
better known as young Sergeant but
known as the Co. E killing jack
Please give my best respects
to all of my friends especially Eliza
Wilcox if she is there that I have really
neglected my friends. Remember me to
Goulie Willard, little Francy & all the little
folks
One more of the boys that left the Co. and included in the Cavalry has been killed. Horace A. Bliss is in one of the Hospitals around Washington. Tell Aunt Edy that I could not get my picture taken in Phila. But the first opportunity I will get it taken and send to her. My love to Brother, Crew, and yourself.

Your Son,

C.E. Graham

To
his
Mother. C.M. Graham