

## Outside the Box

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Camp before Sebastopol  
Febr<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1855

I send you  
a small sketch of  
the way we get  
our things up from  
Bala Klava

My dear Father and Mother

I received your letter of the  
31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> as well as the invoice from  
Hayter & Howell The ship has arrived but  
have not got the things up yet. We  
have had beautiful weather this last  
10 days but it looks rather rainy  
this afternoon. During this fine  
weather they have been getting up  
the guns as fast as they can  
as the guns that had been used  
before are almost all unfit  
for firing & directly the guns  
are all up they are going

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to set to and fire away incessantly  
for 2 or 3 days & then in we go  
this time without any humbug  
I believe but then if bad weather  
comes or we cannot get the guns  
up we may be two months  
longer here. We are getting very  
comfortable now as we have not  
half the duty that we had. I have  
now had about 60 hours off duty  
instead of 24 that we used to  
have. I am glad to see that those

desponding letters in the papers  
are getting less. ~~They~~ Some of  
those horrible amateur fellows  
come out here & write a lot of  
humbug home. I hate the sight  
of them. There was a spy  
in one of our batteries the  
other day & at last he

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sneaked out and was fired  
at by our men whereupon  
he tumbled down and made another  
bolt & so on till he got to  
the Russians who came out  
& received him with open arms.  
I wrote to Cumberbatch the other  
day telling him not to send me  
any warm clothing as I had plenty  
of it. I always carry that little  
testament about with one in my  
pocket & generally manage to have  
an opportunity of reading  
somewhere or other. I am still  
in very good health although  
I have fallen off a good bit in  
flesh. We are putting our wooden  
houses up ~~by the~~ very fast  
We have got five built &  
materials for more.

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I really do not know what  
more I can tell you about myself  
except that I am getting on very  
well & am in very good health  
all the rest is about what goes  
on here. I dined with Colonel  
Jeffreys the other day he has  
got his B<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colonelcy scince [sic] he  
left Brussels. The ordely [sic]  
will be coming round in  
a minute or two for the letters  
so thank Charlotte for her  
letter & Best love to all at home

Believe me to remain

Y<sup>r</sup> Ever affect[ionat]e son

G H Waller