

G. P. Chenango. March 28th /64

Dear Father

I Received your letter yesterday
sunday, at the time i was having a good shake
over the stove as i had the fever and ague

but im all right again to day the doctor gave
me som pills, quinine, and a S. powder

you say you have some books for me and
how you shall send them i guess you had better
send them by express as the expres man comes
on board every day ~~i will try and get a pass~~ i
could get a pass for next sunday but i suppose
you will not be in the city then i dont when
we will leave we may leave in a day or two and
peraps not in two weeks,

theres plenty of work on board all the time while
we lay here they allways find something for us
to do but when we go to sea they will have things
regulated i guess, we are turned out every day
at 2 bells (5 o'clock) then we desc. down deck's, at
8 bells we get ^{5 o'clock} breakfast, ^{food} Chackers and coffee at 9 o'clock
we are called to quarters when we have to clean

Breakfast on our guns at 12 O'clock we get
dinner fresh meat and vegetable soup, at 5 o'clock
we get supper hardtack and tea, such is the bill
of fare every day regular, Hammocks is piped
down every night at seven o'clock and we can
turn in any time between that and 9 o'clock
when we must be in and all quiet for the night
we have to stand a two hours watch every night
iam glad you have part of your things moved
up i suppose you will be all comfortable up
there by next sunday

I would like if you had time to call up
at ~~104~~ ¹⁰⁴ Bowersy and see if they get any letters
from us as Billy as wrote 1/2 a dozen and
got no answer yet as i have nothing more at
present i will heave too and let her went
give my best wishes to Acorn

Yes
J.