

Camp Brown Sept 28th 62

Dear Father & Mother

we have recd our bounty & Equipag except our fire arms and have orders to leave for washington tomorrow Horatio went home friday night and is to come back to day I sent by him \$60. to send you from machias and you may do as you see fit with it I have recd \$20. from machias and am to recd \$30 more that D. S. Tilden will take or let out for me I have also sent \$8. per month of my wages to you that is signed a paper so that no one can draw that but you and I will receive it after this every pay day and will send it to you. I will write to you when we get settled give my love to all and except these few lines from your son

Benj Andrews

P.S. our Regt is the 154th N.Y.S.V. Co. D and when you write direct to the same in care of Harrison Cheny be sure and write Harrison Cheny be cause there is a nother Capt Cheny. H. and I had our pictures taken and have sent them to you

Sept. 29th Horatio has come back and he & Dan thought that they had better get a check & send it to you & he left \$55.00 and bought me a pair of Boots we leave at 1 o'clock to day go to Washington

yours truly

Benj Andrews

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Company D H. Cheney Capt
Washington Oct 3d 1862

Dear Father

I now sit down to pen you a few lines to let you know that we arrived safe and sound commencing at the commencement we left Jamestown monday afternoon got to Elmira Sunday morning and their got our guns. we have a nice gun they are the Enfield Rifles as good a gun as there is in the service and are light to cary Tuesday night we left Elmira and got into Baltimore about noon Wednesday left thare Wednesday eve and got into Washington Thursday about 9 O clock in the morning & stay thare untill about 6 o clock and then we went about 7 miles into camp whare we are now but dont know how long we will stay there is a good many soldiers hear and about 20 thousand left this last week have you recd that money I sent you yet by Horatio he give it to Dan to get draft it was \$55. now write soon so that I shall know from your son

Benj Andrews

P.S. when we you write direct to follow the 154 Regt. N.Y.S.V. the rest you will find at the heading of the letter

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