

Camp Seward Virginia Oct 8th 1862

Dear Friends at Home,

I take this opportunity of informing you of my whereabouts, one week ago last monday we received orders to shoulder our knapsacks, Haversacks, and one days rations and then were marched to the depot at Jamestown and about 5 oclock took the cars and started for Elmira where we arrived the next morning. There we received our cartridge boxes, Bayonet belts, cap boxes, and guns. We started from there in the afternoon and arrived in Baltimore the next day (wednesday) about noon, about ten oclock P.M. we started from there to Washington where we arrived the next morning. the cars had to run very slow in Maryland, the road has to be guarded all through the State of Maryland. We stayed in the suburbs of the city of Washington till about 5 ock when we marched through the City and across the potomac river. we crossed on the long bridge about one mile long. we are now Stationed on an eminence in plain sight of the smooth waters of the Potomac and also in sight of the City of Washington. My health has been and is now very good, I enjoy myself very well, and do not regret the step I have taken, hoping that these few lines may find you enjoying good health, and requesting you to write immediately on the receipt of this I Remain your Affectionate Son and Brother

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P.S. We are Stationed in sight of two forts whose names I have not learned and the country for miles is almost covered with tents baggage wagons, artillery, &c

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