

Boys that are to be examined  
a gun if that is the case there  
will be help at our Regiments  
throughout B. G. John Reed says  
he hopes this will be But I hope  
I shant I want to see the end  
of Secesh

Write and let me know  
how you get along now  
I can't think of anything today  
give my love to the gals  
and tell them I will write  
to them

All all the folks  
to direct to

Astorian Arms  
~~Washington D.C.~~

Company C  
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Dear Mother

I expect you are anxious  
to hear from me and how  
how I get along in the land  
of Dixie. We started ~~Wednesday~~<sup>Friday</sup>  
noon from N.Y and got to  
Washington Sunday about 4  
o'clock in the Morning  
we got aboard of a steamer at N.Y  
souht to Elizabeth City, and  
then took the cars and came  
to Baltimore. We marched  
through the same street where  
the Massassits Boys was  
fired upon. We took supper at  
Baltimore and about 10 o'clock  
we took the train for Washington  
we staid at the Soldiers  
Retreat until noon Sunday  
then we were ordered to sholdes

our Knapsacks and fall in  
for a march we marched about  
two miles north of the city  
where encamped there is two  
Batalions of Cavalry here  
and there is two encampments  
in sight of here Fash King  
is here But their Regiment  
comes from Harper's Ferry to day  
We are in sight of the Capital  
When we was in the City  
I went into the park front  
of the Capital and all around  
it But did not go far  
Sister de Garet I saw a lot  
of Rebel prisoners they had  
looped up there in a large  
Brick building they looky  
like Satan seed for sin  
ragged and dirty as hogs  
I did not see Uncle Abe  
near the house he lives in

our guns are here they  
are the Russian Rifle they are  
tip top guns we pitch our  
tents last night and slept  
in them it is not very warm  
here yet so but we wear our  
over coats most of the time  
I slept first rate last night  
there was 4 of us in <sup>one</sup> tent  
our cattle draw come to see  
shall cook our own grub  
John Reed and the Boath's and  
Lith & day and myself shall  
stay in our tent to night  
We havent got our pay yet  
nor I dont know at we ever  
shall I dont know how long we will  
stay here I can write as often as I please  
here But if we go a east the Potomac  
we cant write at present But  
I dont think we shall they  
talk is among some of the