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Dear Brother & Friends

I wrote a few lines
with pencil early this morning that
you might know as soon as possible
of my arrival again in the land of
the free and among friends and
my pen fails to express the hope-
fulness that I have experienced the
few hours that have passed
since my arrival here and I have
every reason to hope and trust that
I shall soon be winding my way towards
the old fire side. The last letter
that I received from Home was dated
sometime in Nov and I hope
that I may learn that you
are all well as you were at that
time I have already sent in

an application to the
War Dept^{mt} for a leave of
thirty days which I shall probably
hear from in the course of a week
or ten days We arrived at the Wharf
yesterday about 7 P.M. six hundred of
us (all officers) on the steam
Propeller Entope We left Wilmington
on the 2^d March and had a very
pleasant trip ^(considering) for the term of the
year my health was never
better than at the present
time although I am not as
shaky as I hope to be when
I have lived on W. Rations a
few days We left some five
hundred ~~persons~~ officers
at Wilmington who will
be here in a day or two
I have never heard any thing of
my Uniform which I left packed
in a trunk with Capt Stone

and I left at Alexandria Va
last spring If tho it is in your
possession I wish you to forward
it immediately to the Howard
Hotell N.Y. City. Care of John
Ainsely - Military Cape, Dress
Coat and Pants is all you need
to send but I knew the Cape more
than all I have thrown off my
old raggs and batt a cheap
suit for him being We were
paid for two months this
A.M. If you have not my Uniform
direct a letter as above and also
direct one here as soon as you
receive this Hoping this may
find you all enjoying the
blessings of life and health
I remain as ever your affct
son and brother with much
love
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