Washington D.C. East Capitol Hill Camp U.S.

18th of Oct

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We are armed with the Springfield rifle.

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James M. Templeton