Sept 15th

We arrived in Baltimore at 9 o'clock Saturday evening, but our reception was just the reverse of that in Phila., a few cheers were given by the mechanics at a machine shop, but in our march of half an hour through the principal streets not a cheer was given or received, just as soon as we came to a halt we were invaded by a swarm of peddlers with everything to sell at enormous prices, but they did not make much out of it, for our boys bought more than they bought; in Phila. we treated the peddlers well for they sold at fair prices. We had a fair supper at 9, but not equal to that in Phila. At 9 o'clock we started for Washington, owing to a single track and so many trains running over the road, we did not get to Washington till 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Washington looks more like a large military camp than a city. The streets are very dirty, the houses old and
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We arrived in Baltimore at 6 o’clock Saturday evening here our reaction was just the reverse of that in Phila. A few cheers were given by the mechanics at a machine shop, but in our march of half an hour through the principle streets not a cheer was given or received just as soon as we came to a halt we were invested by a swarm of peddlers with every thing to sell at enormous prices, but they did not make much out of it, for our boys stole more than they bought. In Phila we treated the peddlers well for they sold at fair prices We got a fair supper at B. but not equal to that in P. at 9 o’clock we started for Washington. owing to a single track and so many trains running over the road we did not get to Washington till 7 o’clock Sunday morning. Washington looks more like a large military camp than a city. The streets are very dirty, the houses are old and
dirty and everything has a shabby appearance to be sure there are some nice buildings but the fewest ever saw in a city.

After breakfast we marched on to East Capitol Hill, a distance of two miles from the city, we got here at 10 A.M. The heat was very oppressive, but we made us a shelter by stacking our guns and blankets and kept them.

The remainder of the day was occupied in preparing our quarters we have small tents here like the officers tents in bonnard 5 or 6 occupy a tent Alden takes my place and 4 horses keep occupy our tent. We make ourselves very comfortable, the climate here is very fine the air very clear and the heat not greater than in 8 while the nights are not near so damp and chilly, we are on a hill where we have the best of air and I never felt better in my life than since I came here. 11 o'clock A.M. Howe.
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11 oclock AM. Have
just been washing I thought likely I was washing at the same time you were, Alden Thomas and myself are now watching our clothes which we have hung up on a tree to dry, we are each of us seated in the among the branches of a great peach tree both writing home, there is a beautiful air up here and we enjoy it much. We have heard this morning heavy firing in the direction of Harpers Ferry, probably a great battle is on progress people seem to think the Rebel will get bogged completely. Thursday morning.

Last night just at dark we heard heavy cheering in the distance. I was ordered off in drill and now we go to Great Falls Camp. Chase with orders to leave immediately don't till anyone see this letter for I have written it in a great hurry and no time to write more.
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Tuesday morning. Last night just at dark we heard heavy cheering in the distance.

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Send 9 skein[s] of black silk in letter I received a letter from [?] saying he had sent the table. Mr. Coggswell will pay you $3.25 and 39 cts in gurds I will write more next time Direct to W.J.T. 11th NHV Co. D Washington DC. To follow the Reg.

Yours in haste.

Sept. 17th AM

I had no chance to send this today so I write a little more. We got to Camp Chase about 7 o’clock and camped on the ground without any tents. It rained somewhat but I rolled myself up in a rubber blanket and slept on the “sacred soil of Vir,” quite comfortably. We marched about 9 miles so that I was tired enough to sleep well. I signed a paper agreeing to have $9 of my monthly pay go to Father. We are all in a bustle this morning so I cant write much more I write a letter for Clapp he sends some money in it

You can let Mrs Clapp read this if she wants.

Direct as requested WJT