

Sept 15th ✓

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through the principal 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
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to be sure there are some nice buildings
but the fewest I ever saw in a city.

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Capital Hill, a distance of two miles
from the city we got here at 10 AM
The heat was very oppressive, but we
made us a shelter by stacking our guns
and ~~throwing~~ our blankets over them
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in preparing our quarters we have
small tents here like the officers tents
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11 oclock AM. Have

just been washing I thought likely I
was washing at the same time you
were. Alden Ferrar and myself are
now watching our clothes which we
have hung up in 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~~
heard this morning heavy firing in
the direction of Harpers Ferry. probably
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completely. Tuesday morning
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Send & sking of black silk in letter
I received a letter from C. Coates
saying he had sent the babies
the Coggswell with pig gun
& gun and 20 dozen quads
I will write more next time
Direct Billingsgate at 106 N
Co. D. Washington D.C. To follow
the bag.

Yours in haste

Sept 11th at Ft. W. J. D. Coates
I had no chance to send this year-
liday 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 some but I rolled myself up
in my rubber blanket and slept on the
"sacred soil of Viri" quite comfortably
We marched about 8 miles so that I was
tired enough to sleep well. I signed a
paper agreeing to have ~~my~~ \$9 of my
monthly pay go to Father, we are all
in a bustle this morning so I can't write
much more. I write a letter for Clark

I send some money

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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 got 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