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 wanted to he
 thought it a
 hard case for
 them to fight with
 Governor was
 in their rear
 and other forces
 were advancing
 to meet him
 so as to completely
 cut them off
 So he had to
 retreat this morning
 I find in what
 division we go this
 morning and I should like to see you all

Md. Oct 3^d 1862
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 Hill two days. Went into camp on
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 orders to leave, but did not start till Tuesday
 morning then only got as far as Washington
 here we learned we were going to reinforce
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 air a few rods from the Capital. I with some
 others went up to the Capital we could not go in
 but went round and looked ^{at} over as all filled
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Sandy Hook Md, Oct 3, 1862

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I received your last two letters in camp in Arlington Heights. We only stayed on East Capitol Hill two days. Went into camp on A. Heights the 16th. Last Monday morning we had orders to leave, but did not start till Tuesday morning then only got as far as Washington here we learned we were going to reinforce McClellan on the Potomac at Harpers Ferry We stopped in W. over night camped in the open air a few rods from the Capitol. I with some others went up to the Capitol We couldn't go in but went round and looked it over it is all filled with the wounded at the late battles. The new wing is not yet finished. It is a splendid edifice. Wednesday at 8 AM. got started for Frederick. On one long train we went most

back to Baltimore. Then turned on the B & O. B. R. west towards Frederick we stopped two or three times an hour or two in a place. We most all were off the train when they stopped some places we found apple trees they were quickly cleared of apples the corn is most ripe on the way from P. M. the crops look well. On the B & O B. R. we saw fine scenery almost equal to the White Mountain scenery. The road runs through a ravine on the bank of a crooked stream the road is the crookedest I ever saw our long train of twenty cars looked like a huge snake twisting around. We road on till the next morning about 4 o'clock when we arrived in Frederick. We found the city pretty well ransacked of everything useful for an army. Jackson was through the city and camped on the very ground we camped on last night, only three weeks ago a battle was fought only 4 miles from the city. A man told us where we went to get some water that Gen Burnside dressed when

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old clothes and went all through the Rebel camp
Then placed his batteries so as to robe them
This morning we found a train waiting to
take us to Sandy Hook we got here at
1 o'clock and finding a Post Office here
I thought I would write a few lines
My health has been very good. I have gained
in flesh a good deal and never felt better in
my life. We were ordered to leave our knap-
sacks at Washington and so we have
to roll our things up in our blankets
we don't carry much for we shall
probably have some severe marching to do
The government has done pretty well with
us so far if we had had to march
the 100 miles we have just come it would
have been very hard. We came this forenoon
through a pleasant country there were some
fine residences on the road but the negro
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shells but we did not find any. The Indians
did not know much but what they said
for. They thought there were more Bebeles in
Md. We passed by ^{at Point of Rocks} a massive ledge or
rather through it. This ledge towers up like
that rock some 500 feet above the water.
They say the whole plus a piece of this
ledge on the land is a single piece of rock.
The water is very deep here. The
Potters river is 1000 feet at some place
and we have no orders yet we must camp
out here to night. We are now on the ground
where our army blundered their bottom. This
is a splendid country for mountains and
the Blue Ridge is in sight only one or two
miles distant. Middleburg is only two
or three miles from here we will probably
gain him on Burnside to-morrow. We are in
sight of Maryland Heights where Miles
surrendered ignominiously. Evening. I have
just ^{got} a pint of molasses and had a good meal
of molasses and bread for supper. We have
been busy since five o'clock pitching our tents.
We have tents for two made of two pieces of

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shells but folks here say that Jackson's army did not take much but what they paid for. They thought there were more Rebels in Md We passed by at Point of Rocks an immense ledge or rather passed through it. The ledge towers up above the track some 900 feet about perpendicular. They say the rebels blew a piece of this ledge on to the track as [indecipherable] it is now five and we have no orders yet we must camp out here to-night We are now on the ground where our army planted their batteries. This is splendid country for mountain scenery The Blue Ridge is in sight only one or two miles distant. McClellan's army is only two or three miles from here we will probably join him or Burnside to-morrow. We are in sight of Maryland Heights Where Miles surrendered ignominiously. Evening I have just pint of molasses and had a good meal of molasses and bread for supper We have been busy since five o'clock pitching our tents. We have tents for two made of two pieces of

of cotton cloth each one takes a piece
with his bundle and then at night we
button them together and make a
tent. It is rather tiresome to be out here
every day. We have been camping and
moving since Monday every day and
probably to-morrow we must
move again but we are contented with
most anything since we have not
had to make long marches. We have
the name of being a crack Reg. we are
all Yankees not more than two or three
 Irish in the Reg. I guess we are as well as Regts
as is usually found. We have some fun
however there are no guards round our camp
to-night. So about 20 of Co D broke formed
themselves into a ^{false} guard and would not let
any out or in without the countersign.

I got a letter from Mary Ann and one
from Josiah to-day I am very glad to

hear from you all. I hope you are all well.

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I got a letter from Mary Ann and one from Josephine today. I am very glad to receive letters from N.E. for I don't have time

to read the news in the papers and much
less find cash to buy them they cost 5cts each
at Washington and I suppose we shall
soon be where we can't get them at all
When you write you can cut out a picture
interesting and send in the letter or
something send a paper that would at
the same time as I shall know you send it
You must not wait for me to write for
I can't get the time. If we were in one
place all the time I could write more
I would like to have you send this letter
home for I shan't get a chance to write
for some time. Please find out how
badly for change must all have
bills enough but no one any change
We can't buy any thing because we have
no change. I would like to have you send
me out about 50cts in scrip or if you can
get that two dimes and some postage stamps
I will buy and pay you sometime. I
would like to see you sometime
fast You can direct all letters to Washington

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to read the news in the papers and much less to find the cash to buy them they cost six cents each at Washington and I suppose we shall soon be where we cannot get them at all. When you write you can cut out a piece if interesting and send in the letter or sometimes send a paper [indecipherable] at the same time so I shall know you sent it You must not wait for me to write for I can't get the time. If we were in one place all the time I could write more I would like to have you send this letter home for I shan't get a chance to write for some time. We are pinched here dreadfully for change most all have bills enough but no one can change We can't buy any thing because we have no change. I would like to have you send me about 50cts in scrip or if you get that two dimes and some postage stamps. I will try and pay you sometime. I would [indecipherable] may be lost You can direct all letters to Washington,

D.C. Co D 11th Reg N.Y.V. and as long as
I am in the Union Army they will
find me.

Saturday morning. It is a
beautiful morning and we slept in our
tents last night without any covering
over us plenty warm enough. Since
yesterday at 1 there has passed five
sic Regiments. This morning an Artillery
and a Cavalry ^{Reg.} have passed by. I guess McClellan
will have an overwhelming army before he
moves again. I have learned to day that
our papers were all made out to go to
Charleston S.C. but instead were sent
here. I hope we shall have enough
and Generals competent to command so
as to be spared the disgrace of a defeat.
We all are pretty confident that victory will
perch on our banners for the Rebels must be
greatly demoralized. Our Col. has gone this
morning to get orders from McClellan and
or Burnside when he gets back we shall find
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Saturday Morning

I want to tell you what a cavalryman told me he called up here to fill his canteen had been out scouting so I asked him if the Rebel army could get away if they wanted to he thought it a hard case for them in Seigal with 80,000 men was in their rear and other forces were advancing to meet him so as to completely cut them off I shall have to put this in before I find in what division we go Kiss Emma and Franky for me Oh how I would like to see you all.

Saturday Morning. It is a beautiful morning and we slept in tents last night without any covering over us plenty warm enough. Since yesterday at 1 there has passed five or six Regiments. This morning an Artillery and Cavelery Reg have passed by. I guess McClellan will have an overwhelming army before he moves again. I have learned today that our papers were all made out to go to Charleston, SC but instead we are sent here. I hope we shall have army enough and Generals competent so as to be spared the disgrace of defeat We are all pretty confident that victory will perch on or banners for the Rebels must be greatly demoralized. Our Col. has gone this morning to get orders from McClellan or Burnside when he gets back we shall find out under which Gen. we shall be placed.

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here and McChelans about three just across
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milk for my breakfast which went good
with hard crackers as long as we keep moving
our rations are mostly hard tack and whenever
we get a chance to buy anything else it goes
and. Our food is as real sweet and good
to what the army used to have. We found well
at Frederick after getting our cook tent up
we had two meals of sweet potatoes and rice
Mr. Clapp's cook for our Co. and everything
as cooked nice. An old gray headed man he
just road up here where I am writing to
has been telling us a long story about the
rebels. I should like to tell you write you
a short story of what he told us but
have no time. He said he saw them
through here and a fugitive set he never saw they fled
his house in a few minutes after appearing and
eat everything eatable they had him give him \$10.00
some silver and had any quantity of "scrap" He saw
saw such a looking set of things no two clothed
alike all sorts of coats hats &c and their shirts
those that had any looked as though they had
been wanted for months. He said they looked
as though they had been wallowing in the mud
for a week. and you don't know what mud is
in C.V. it is just the matter whenever there is a
little spit of the ground.

Burnsides quarters are only ten miles from here and McLellan's about three just across the river in Harpers Ferry. I bought a pint of milk for my breakfast which went good with hard crackers as long as we keep moving our rations are mostly hard tact and whenever we get a chance to buy anything else it goes good. Our hard buns are real sweet and good to what the army used to have. We fared well at Fredrick after getting our cook tent up we had two meals of sweet potatoes and rice. Wm. Clapp is cook for our Co and everything is cooked nice. An old gray headed man has just road up here where I am writing he has been telling us a long story about the rebels. I should like to write you a sheet full [indecipherable] a hungrier set he never saw they filled his house in a few minutes after appearing and ate everything eatable they paid him some U.S. money some silver and had any quantity of C "scrip" He said he never saw such a looking set of beings no two dressed alike all sorts of coats hats &c and their shirts, those who had any, looked as though they had not been washed for months. He said they looked as though they had been wallowing in the mud for a week and you don't know what mud is in NE it is just like mortar wherever there is little spilt on the ground.