Camp near Alexandria Va.

April 26th 1864

My dear Uncle,

I read your letter a short time before we left Annapolis Md. and will answer it today. I am well but feel quite worn out from the hard march of yesterday.

We left Annapolis at 9 A.M. the 26th inst. We passed through Washington at noon yesterday and was reviewed by Genl. Burnside & the President as we passed. We made a good appearance but it was very hard work after marching for two days & the night before we landed through a drenching rain & had walked 10 miles through the mud besides fording a stream that morning.

Quite a number of our men died yesterday on the road. We are about 5 miles from Washington & 2 from Alexandria.
The weather is warm here the past few weeks are in bloom & trees are leaving out. I had a letter from home a short time since my folks were told of Daniel's death but with a letter.

I do not know where we will go from here (I think to the front) but it is rumored that we are to go on transports from here to Fort Rip Monroe.

We have eleven batteries with us of 4 1/2 guns each, with good horses & they look as though they would do good service. They are all men picked men with veteran soldiers.

Our corps now has 4 divisions the first one is of colored troops.

I am now in the 3rd division first brigade. You will soon hear from us some where in front of the enemy.

Yours Respectfully,
W. Irving Wood