

W. J. Wood  
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Camp near Alexandria Va.

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Honored Uncle

I recd your letter a short time before we left Annapolis Md. & will ans. it to day. I am well but feel quite sore & lame from the hard march of yesterday.

we left Annapolis at 6 A.M. the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. we passed through Washington at noon yesterday & 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 laid out through a drenching rain & had marched 10 miles through the mud besides fording a stream that morning.

Quite a number of men died yesterday on the road. we are about 5 miles from Washington & 2 from Alexandria

The wether is warm here the peach  
trees are in bloom & trees are leaving  
out. I had a letter from home  
a short time since my folks were well.

Daniel had been sick with a fever.

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 Mifflin.

we have eleven batteries with us of 496  
guns each with good horses & they look  
as though they would do good service  
they are all new pieces manned with  
veteran soldiers.

our Corps now has 4 divisions the fourth  
one is of Colored troops.

I am now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division  
first Brigade. You will soon hear from  
us some where in front of the enemy.

Yours Respectfully

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