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Washington D C  

Dear Mother  

I arrived at this place this Morning after riding all night in freight cars without seats. I slept pretty well lying on My back with My feet above My head for We were packed like sheep and Many had to sit on the top of the cars, And as I was standing by the Railroad waiting to get into the Refresment Saloon, I got a Letter from home with 1$ just what I wanted there was about 4000 of us but at last I got in And got some coffy and a bit of meat. I then went up to the capitol And showed a party through They were astonished at its size And still more astonished at Me knowing the
building so well. They said I must have been born in it. I took them through passages and halls until they were bewildered. When I went to Camp there was another Letter from home with another Dollar for Me, the letter said there were stamps but there was $1 instead which suited Me just as well, And I thank You for them that ointment does what I want And keeps everything off Me, before I got it We moved into an old tent which was dirty but we cleaned it out,, We are encamped near the capitol And can see the Mighty Dome towering above everything, When the Boys went through it today They said they would fight till They were all killed before the south should have it, I don't know how long we will stay here nor where We
will go to. Any Letter directed like the last will find Me no matter where we go to,
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give My respects to all My  
[underline]friends[underline] We are not in Banks [Nathaniel P. Banks] division now. We  
are in Burns Brigade [William W. Burns]  
Sedgewicks [John Sedgewick] division and  
Sumners [Edwin V. Sumner] Corps,,

I met John Steptoe this forenoon up on the  
Dome of the capitol,, He thinks it is a great thing

Anna [Anna R. Fulton] might write sometimes  
for Sarah [Sarah C. Fulton] must get tired  
Yours affectionately
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