Md June 1st
Camp Aberdeen. Hartford [Harford] County

Dear Mother

We arrived here about one o'clock at night, and have had a pretty easy time in some respects, but pretty hard in others, we slept several nights in a freight car without straw and have had nothing to eat but fat pork hard biskets and a small quantity of fresh bread we do not get what the government allows, they say the fault is with the Quartermaster, the different messes have got to buying things to with their own money, about 40 of us went to work and put up 20 tents and we are going to move in to them this morning, the People here say we are the most respectable set that have been here yet the were some Company of Philadelphians here but they have left they were a hard looking set of fellows and had been living on fat pork and biskets for 6 weeks, I went into a Shop here and made a sun dial out of wood, the wheelright that had the Shop thought it was a great thing, we have several violins and have music every night so we would have a nice time if the living was good, we thought we saw some sesessionests drilling the other day so we sent out scouts to see but they said they
they could see nothing our fellows were greatly disappointed for they were anxious to see what they could do,, the People say we beat all the Companys drilling that have been here and at evening they all turn out to see us drill, They were all sessessionests once but now they wear the national Collers and go for [underline]the Union[underline],,

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