A Hutchinson
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Dear Brother

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am in good health & the best of spirits we arrived in Washington last night about ½ past ten & were marched into an empty store which is for the present our quarters last night we slept on the floor with nothing but our blankets we were served with three days rations when we arrived at Harrisburg which we are living on yet they have not given us any chance to see the city as yet this morning I was sent up to the patent office for the Captain it is a splendid building but I did

not have time to look at any of the scenes, we had a very good time on the road. when we arrived in Cleveland Tuesday morning there was a very large crowd of people to receive us they kept up the cheering all the way to Pittsburg we arrived in Pittsburg at eleven O'clock Tuesday night we took the cars from there for Harrisburg we arrived there on Wednesday night camped out there that night in tents left Harrisburg for Baltimore the next morning at eight O'clock we arrived in Baltimore at ½ past five we expected from the reports along the road that we would have to fight our way through but we were very much mistaken for the folks all seemed to be union men we were cheered all the way from one depot to the other distance three miles every one said that we were the best looking lot of men that had past through yet the Ohio folks seem to be very near crazy Old men & women children in fact every one that could walk were waiting to receive us & many were the good wishes that we carried with us to Washington where we arrived safe last night but I will write you a long letter next time for I have to fall in now for we are to pay Old Abe a visit to day Give my love to Maggie Nelly Mattie Georges folks & all my friends not forgetting the Children

Good Bye

From Your Brother

W Henderson