

gets it tell the girls
 the boys all send there
 love to them and say
 that they will kill a
 fresh piece for them to
 pay for the housewives and
 if we go to Richmond they
 will get Harry and send
 him home by express
 we have got the best Col
 in the field and he takes
 the best of care of his men
 the boys fairly worship
 him and he does them
 and our old Chaplain is
 one of the best me I ever saw
 well I must close this scribbling
 for I have got to make my report
 give my love to my dear sisters
 and the children let me know
 if Fels is with you yet I have
 not heard from home since I
 left Det or the girls or the
 boys send their love to you
 Your Brother R. G. Robinson

R. G. Robinson
 Oct 18th 1861



Annapolis Oct 18th 1861
 Fort Stevens

Dear Brother

Having a few
 moments to spare
 I thought I would
 write you a few lines
 for I know that if you
 are as anxious to hear
 from me as I am to hear
 from you it will do
 you good. I was very
 sorry that I could not
 see you before I left Detroit
 but it could not be helped
 we are quartered in the
 naval school the best quarters
 we have had since we
 left home there are twenty
 of us in a room about the
 size of your sitting room

and all six footers except
myself we have a
fireplace and gas pipes
but no gas we have
plenty of good food to eat
of course it is not composed
of pies and ice creams
but grub that sticks to
the ribs. for meat we have
good Bacon you know what
that is for you have been
south and plenty of hard
bread. I heard from John
before I left Washington I
saw one of the privates of
his Company and he sent
his rps to me he is
well we are laying here
expecting to leave on some
secret expedition every
hour we are ready to leave
in ten moments notice
you can imagine our feelings

when we expect to get orders
to embark every moment
there are some six or eight
steamboats laying at the
docks to convey us on board the
fleet it lays outsid about
sixty miles from here there
will be about twenty
thousand troops leave here
and enough more from
other ports to make up
seventy thousand all to
go down the coast
somewhere so the Major
told me we have got
in a very healthy place
we are on the Chesapeake
Bay we can get all the
Oysters we want for ten cts
The nights are very cold
and an overcoat feels good I
sent my likeness to Nell
yesterday let me know if she