

Fort Marshall Baltimore Md

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Dear Parents I once more seat myself for the purpose of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am reasonably well with the exception of a bad cold And I hope these few lines may find you all well.

Now I will try to tell you the news last night about 11 o'clock we got Marching orders to go to Fortress Monroe about 40 miles from here in Virginia what their idea is I don't know yet the boys are about half crazy thinking they will stand some chance of having a fight they were all so tickled they could not sleep, well I believe my letter is begun rong end to

it is supposed now that we
will attack Richmond virginia
or some other place we are
going to join General Burnside's
expedition I hope we may have
a good time and good success

the news come the other day
that our boys had taken Fort
Donelson ~~St.~~ Tenn. And taken 15,000
prisoners that caused joy in our
Camp we fired a salute of 15 guns
42 pounders at that then we
gave three cheers for the Victory
won by our brave boys

we all felt just like fighting
well I havent much more to
write for they want me in
the cork room to help fix up
the weather is not very pleasant
it is foggy and muddy

Now I advise you not to be
uncarey about me for I am
bound to have a fight if it
is possible Oh this war will
soon be over with and then
if I dont get killed you ^{can} ~~may~~
see me once more

all the Regt is going except
the sick and enought to take
care of them Sam is well and
is going along

I recat your letters
to Fort Marshall as before
untill you here from me
again No more yours with
respect my love to you all
I still remain yours

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