

Capitol Hill Washington D.C. Aug 20th

Gen. Washburn Dr. Sir - We arrived in Washington Friday Morning and proceeded to join our Regt^{mt} on Capitol Hill, Capt. Smith with fifty of his men are stationed at Fairfax Court House on guard duty. They rejoin the Regt^{mt} Tuesday. I found Col. Allen quite low at the Astor House. He will not be able to join his Command for some weeks.

I recd an Order yesterday from Gen. Mansworth to send one Bellin of our Regt^{mt} to Harpers Ferry immediately, I issued a general Order to that effect and this morning at six a clock they were on their way under the Command of Maj. Dury.

I recd an order from the same, about one a clock P. M. through Gen. Hatch in person, to whose Brigade we are to be attached, to be ready to march for Strasburg Va. on Monday of this week, to join Gen. Bowers Division there. I have issued an Order to that effect & we are now busy making preparations to march.

Cheer after cheer went up by our boys as the orders to move were published, we have received our arms, Sabres - Pistols (Colts revolvers) Carbines &°

Our Regt. stands high in the estimation of all who have seen it; thus we being this bandest around us one yesterday, we have the only Mounted Band in Washington, when we marched up the Avenue by the Capitol it is said Gen. Torney noticed us (the last Battalion) and sent to know what Regt it was, and afterwards said that it was the best Battalion of Cavalry he had ever seen in Washington, we were escorted by the Band.

We are the only Regt. in Washington, who drill in Cook's New Tactics, Gen. Hatch was very much pleased find us so nearly ready to move whilst so many other Regiments have been so poorly prepared.

Col. Hight has resigned and joined his Regt. in Virginia, Col. Allen sick, with these two vacancies, my duties are quite responsible, Capt. Mathew - Capt. Price, Lieut. Berthel & Weston with one vacancy in Co. A make us quite short of Officers, please fill our vacancies as soon as is convenient.

I was very much surprised on the afternoon
of my arrival to meet not the Col. Hight of Augusta
dignified, and thoughtful; but the Capt. Hight
of former days, as he was wont to be; he attrib-
utes his fall to his disappointments in not being
promoted to the Command of his Regt: but his
appointments to a well balanced Mind serve
to bring out its beauties, as the fine touches
of the Chisel bring out the beauties of the Stat-
ue, Steamer Material, can alone, least
successfully the beauty & Chivalry of the Derizo
State. We are bound to make our Mark
or leave our bones to bleach on the Rock
Sella of the South.

Every suitable arrangement was made
for us in Boston by Capt. B. C. Pinn, in two & a half hours
after arriving at the Worcester Depot, we were on our way
to New York, we were delayed there six hours by
not having transports sufficient to discharge the Regt. they
were told that we should not require so much trans-
port as the other two Battalions, our freight was
nearly double the quantity of theirs. No transportation
was ordered in Baltimore - I was obliged to
draw orders for transportation at midnight -
after waiting three hours. Yet we made

better time by forty hours than either of the
other Bottellows. We met with no accident
and made our journey much easier than
we run anticipator - it is said that one
hundred & forty thousand troops have left Wash-
ington & Alexandria in the last three days, your
patience must be very much taxed by reading
this long letter and I will close,

Gen. Washburn } With much respect
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 (Mr) }
 } You are, Sir,
 } J. P. Howell

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