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Please excuse this bad writing

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for I was ^ a great hurry and I place to write it was right under the fuse part of one of these large guns on the in the shade

Fort Greble Aug 25/862

Dear Mother

You will see by, this letter that I have landed in dixy for it is, right in sight of what they call dixy I suppose you will all want to know how we stood our march It was a long and tiresome journey but I stood it better that I expected I finally I think that I got along, as well as most of the soldiers we left Portland Thursday morning and arrived here Sunday night which was last night

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Description: Daniel Webster Brown, a private in Co. A of the 17th Maine Infantry Regiment, wrote to his mother, Jerusha, from Fort Greble describing the regiment leaving Portland and arriving in Washington, D.C.

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 didnt have to lay on the ground  
 but one night and that was the  
 night that we arived in Washing<sup>n</sup>  
 and I expected nothing but I  
 should get cold for I ~~was~~ had  
 marched six miles after leaving  
 the cars and just as wet with  
 sweat as I could bee, but I find  
 myself well yet, I will finish this  
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