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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
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of these large
guns on the in
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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.

we kept ^{on} the road day and night
 for four days and night but we
 didnt have to lay on the ground
 but one night and that was the
 night that we arived in Washingⁿ
 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
 letter now for I have just been relieved
 from that duty ^{as a guard} it was my luck
 to be first on guard this morning
 but I guess it aint going to be
 very bad not half so bad as
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and we are in a bout two miles
of where Col Elsworth was shot
at Alexandria, they say that
this is about two hundred ^{thousand} soldiers
in camp with in ^{right} of here
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see up and down the Potomac about
ten miles the rebel army has been
within a few miles of here on the
other side of the river but they say
the rebels aint with in reach of
our big guns this fort has ¹⁵ ~~15~~ ¹⁵ ~~15~~
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