

Camp Smith
Montpelier Oct. 15 [1861]

My Dear Father

Thinking that
as I had a few moments spare
time, I would write you a
few lines. When I returned
I found that a great many
of the officers were buying
some nice boots as I
had nothing of the kind
I thought would not object
to my having some so
I went to
Herrick & Page's
and sighted the other pair which
will be \$6.00 and bot this
pair \$5.50. I am now all
right shant have to aske
any thing more.

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Five companies are to be
mustered on this P. M., the
rest tomorrow morning.
Ours is Company K.

I do not when we shall
go but hope soon.

Well I do not think of any
thing more now so good
bye for the present.

Horton

On board cars about or rather having just
crossed the Susquehanna.

Oct. 21st [1861] Monday morning

Havre de Grace

My dear parents think
ing that perhaps you might
be somewhat anxious
to hear from me I will
Write you a few lines.

We started from Montpelier
Saturday morning. All right
traveling all day & night and

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Sunday morning before light
were in New Haven. After a
long delay started for Jersey
City where we arrived about
two o'clock remained
there some time but
finally got started and
at 11 o'clock came to
Philadelphia where a
nice supper was awaiting
us which you may believe
was most acceptable.
We soon finished and
then came the most trying
of all time. For four long

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hours we stood in the
cold waiting for I do
not know what. I got very cold but kept
moving and come out
all right this morning.
Friday night I was the officer
of the guard and had
a 79 man up all night
in a drenching rain. That
night I caught a slight
cold but it has disappeared
now. The boys are all
well and in good spirits.

We number 99 men all
told. Cheering has greeted
us on all sides since we

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started. I have had
about 24 hours good
sleep in 72 hours and
stand it well. Love
to all. Will write as
soon as I come to
my journeys end per
haps before. Excuse
paper and writing
the jolting of the cars
does not materially
beautify my usually [good]
hand.

Washington, D. C. Oct 22, 1861

My Dear Father

Arrived here all safe
and sound last night and
went immediately into barracks.
After we had seen the men well
tented & Lieut. Green [First Lt. Lucius Green from Highgate, Co. K, 6th Vermont Inf.] &
myself went
up to a hotel and staid all night.
I had not been in the barracks
more than five minutes before
Robert rushed up to see me.
I have been and am with him
Now. He is much better. Where
We shall go from here I cannot
tell yet. But when we get per
manently fixed I will write.
I shall not write again till
Sunday. So do not expect any.

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Guy Martin [Corp. Guy C. Martin of Swanton, Co. K, 6th Vermont Inf.] left us in Phil
adelphia. Where [he] is I do not
know. If you get wind of
him arrest him. Dexter
Davis [Pvt. Dexter C. Davis of Montgomery, Co. K, 6th Vermont Inf.] we left in
Baltimore hospital
quite sick. The rest of the company
is all right and comfortable.
Major Tylor [of] Brattleboro, Mr.
Laurence of Middlebury and
Mr. Hodges of Rutland. I had
Mr. Johnson of berry [Barre] introduced
to at dinner today. You probably
know what station they occupy here
so I will not tell you.
I must go down to the
Barrack now so good bye
Horton

Camp Griffin Oct. 25 1861

My dear Father & Mother

For the first time I sit down to write you a letter. Hereafter unless something of importance happens I shall write only Sundays. As I told you before we arrived in Washington Monday night. Staid in the barracks that night and in the next went into a building about a mile away retired there over night and the next day till about three o'clock P. M. when we went up to Capitol Hill about a mile and a half out of the village got our tents pitched about 9 o'clock and next morning while drilling about 11 o'clock word came that we must pack up and be ready to march in twenty minutes. I tell you that I was just a little mad. I think that just as we had every thing nicely arrange[d] we must packed & be off. But such is the life of a soldier.

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Well but that was not the worst of it. As we were commanded we were ready in twenty minutes men out and all ready but they were not ready so we had to stand still or be marched around in battalion drill till half past three where we started not knowing where we were going but on we marched through Washington Georgetown to Chain Bridge to Lewinsville with the rest of the Vt. Regiments and others so that in the space of three miles around there are supposed to [be] some 100,000 men. I tell you what it is splendid. We are ordered to have three days rations cooked all the time now and be ready to start on at an hours notice. I think the next move we make will be on to Vienna for we are a strong guard then then to Leesburgh and I think that these advances

will be made with in a few days.
We advance every day and then return.
I forgot to mention that we made
that march from Washington here
14 miles in three hours. I have
seen John Smally [Pvt. John Smalley of Fairfield, Co. C, 5th Vermont Inf.]also the

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rest of the boys. Slept with Capt.
House [Capt. Thomas F. House of St. Albans, Co. H, 3rd Vermont Inf. ?] last night. We
have a nice
Cosy tent with a stove and every thing
to make it pleasant. I feel first
rate as do most of the boys though
some of the boys took the march
hard. We found ice an inch thick this morn on the pails that
stood out doors. We have no straw
here and have to take the bare ground.

The call has come for dress
parade and I must stop. Have
no fears about my health unless
I tell you. I shall write as often
as I can. Dr. Woodward [R. C. M. Woodward of St. Albans, Surgeon, 6th Vermont Inf.]
has had
to leave. We were very sorry to loose
him. Love to all
Affect. Your Son

Horton
Adress Lieut. A. H. Keith
Co K., 6th Regt. Vt. V.
Washington
DC