



[PHILIP & SOLOMONS, WASHINGTON]

THE CAPITOL.

Camp--Meridian Hill, Washington, D. C. June, 30th 1861.

My Dear Parents;

I have now an opportunity to let you know where I am and also to give you a few particulars concerning our whereabouts. Our Regiment arrived in Washington Friday at eight o'clock P.M. tired enough I assure you. From the depot we marched to two large buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue where we stopped all night camping on the bare floor without food or drink. It was hard to assure you but we bore it like soldiers. Yesterday we went into camp where we are surrounded by some fifty thousand troops. I will proceed to give you a little history of our journey. From Portland to Boston we were greeted all along the route with cheerings waving of handkerchiefs bayonets and all sorts of things for the men more or less young ladies at the windows presented me with a last bible and then with a wealth of smiles and well wishes and pleasant smiles.

