

Camp Casey, On Capitol Hill
Washington D.C.

Oct. 17th - 1862

My Dear Wife:

Your letter written Monday
& Tuesday the 13th & 14th was received yesterday &
it did me a good deal of good. You must
have received two letters from me before this:
and Laura one. I have also written to Charley
Harding - I have thought of you very much, still
as we are now situated I can hardly wish you
here. We have nothing but tents and are so far
from the city that I could be with you but little.
When we are encamped so that you can be in
camp with us then I shall be glad to have you
with us - but I ought to stay in camp all the
time - But there is no use in speculating now
for we are not permanently located & it would
be useless for you to come here now -

I am very busy all the time - We have had
about five hours bottation drill today - had
a review yesterday by Gen^l Casey and are to
be reviewed by Gen^l Banks tomorrow. I have
been in the saddle five hours today & if you
could see my horse you would think there
was some work in it. He is a magnificent