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No. 2

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R.R. Phil. To Baltimore
Sep 12th, 1862

My Dear Wife -

You probably have heard all about our departure from N.H. The Regt. & especially our boys went off remarkably cheerful – We had a very pleasant journey to N.Y. arriving about 4 P.M. A. P. Plant met us as soon as we were out & in line & presented each man with a good new pocket knife – I believe our fellows will help him as long as one of them remains to suggest his kindness. Chas. Walcott & wife & sister were also there & greeted us cordially – We marched at once across to East River & shipped aboard 5 steamboats took on the baggage which was no little & about dark swing off for Port Monmouth 20 miles below N.Y. We enjoyed the ride Exceedingly – There (**Pg. 2**) was some swell & I heard that sundry stomachs lost their contents – You know that I should relish the rolling waves & what little there was afforded me delight – The men had rations on board after which the Com. Officers gathered in the saloon & partook of sandwiches & turkey & reclined until the boat arrived at her port. We were transferred to cars again & after waiting 2 hours for the baggage to be reshipped again moved off – It was now about midnight - The train was very long & our progress slow - Reached Camden opposite Phil. at 5 ½ o'clock & at once filed out & formed in the rain – Shortly were aboard the ferry & marched to the saloon where every regt. passing through the city is treated to a good (**Pg. 3**) warm meal – You may believe we took hold of the coffee, bread & butter & bless the liberality that provided them - The rain poured down in torrents as we passed from the ferry boat & after breakfast we marched 2 miles in a real drencher to the depot of the Phil. Wm. & Balt. RR – The water came down in sheets. The streets were flooded & at one point where the sewer was obstructed we literally waded nearly knee deep. Of course most of us got our boots full – But the rubber blankets were serviceable & kept us dry as a bone – We waited till about 1 this afternoon before the baggage was all right & got under way again with a prospect of clear weather we have now passed Wilmington having a train of about 30 cars – It is 4 o'clock & we shall reach (**Pg. 4**) sometime tonight – The news is not very satisfactory from Washington way but the men are all plucky & anxious to get along – We are greeted all along by cheers & waving emblems – Pennsylvania is evidently hearty in her patriotism & the treatment Phil. gave us will long be remembered –

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Our boys are all well & in good spirits – ours & Cheshire Co constitute the Cols. body guard on this train – I notice as we pass along that guards are stationed at all the bridges & frequently on the road – That is suggestive – But here is the end – Love to all –

Truly yours,
A. Upson

(Written in ink upside down on first page top margin.)

Got to Baltimore about 12 at night-alright