

## Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Thomas Reynolds, September 29, 1861

Camp Kalorama Sept 29th, [18]61, Sunday noon

Dear Father,

Yesterday we got our orders to march and packed up our tents got as far as Washington City and the orders were countermanded When we turned round and came back to the same place. I wrote to mother just as we were starting and as I was In Such a hurry I could get no postage stamp. I directed It to you but I suppose It will be no difference as mother Is asst Post-Mistress. We are still under Marching orders and will likely start tomorrow or next day. We have got an order for [150?] Rifled Muskets and will get them as soon as we start for Alexandria. They are the best Weapons thats made. I tell you now it does not take long to tear down 125 tents. When the orders came Every man was ready to [start?]. In a few minutes the Waggon came. Soon after we ate our dinners and we left In a hurry but came back In a hurry also. It was almost night when we got back but we set up our tent and was ready for supper In 10 minutes after we came. I Stayed in Uncle Orlandos tent last night. It was a very cold night but I had plenty of Blankets and I layed very nice.

Uncle Orlando has got the appointment for Adjutant which I suppose you have heard ere this. It Is a verry good office and he will make a good officer. We have shade trees planted before our tents which makes It look very nice. There is word here now that they are fighting over at the St Pauls church now. There was a man here for an ambulance to carry the Wounded to the hospital. We could here the cannons last night but I did not know but what they were just practising but they say they are fighting. We will also get Knapsacks, Heaver Sacks, Cartridge Boxes, Canteens &c when we get our guns but no uniforms yet. I am on guard to day but I guess I will get clear of that after this for I will may be get to be

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Regimental Clerk. But I must close. Write soon but not till I tell you where to direct. With love to all I remain Your Affectionate Son.

Tilton Reynolds

[P.S.]Thos Teynolds. Dinner is just ready.