

at which point we entered  
the Delaware & Chesapeake Ship canal  
passing through it a distance  
of 15 miles we entered into the  
waters of the Chesapeake Bay  
we had a fine day & a pleasant  
trip. the sea was a little rough  
while crossing the bay for over  
two hours after night we  
arrived however safe & sound  
at Baltimore at 10 1/2 P.M. and  
remained upon the Boat  
until 7 this morning when  
we disembarked & walked  
to the Union refreshment rooms  
for Breakfast at which place  
I now write. I understand  
that we are ordered to fortify  
Monroe. We will move forward  
somewhere to day either there  
or to Washington.

I made an application  
attempt to get my discharge  
last week. could have got it  
if Col Jones would have given  
me a furlough to go to Harrisburg  
I had my papers all made out  
for the Govern to sign. Col  
Curtis recommended me to go  
without leave & trust to luck  
he feeling sure that the Govern  
would grant the discharge.  
I will now have to get it through  
the War Department.

I saw S. G. Casey on Saturday  
he came aboard of our boat he  
has been elected to Congress from  
N.Y. and was on his way to Wash-  
ington. I shall set him to  
work to get my discharge for  
me & he will get it for me  
we were cheered & the ladies waved