From the Letters of Amy Eleanor Wingreen

Scan of July 17, 1898, letter, page 1:

Washington, D.C.
July 17th, 1898

Dear Mother,

In the city of our country,
I will write you a few lines. I wrote you from the car. The Pere Marquette, I hope you have received.

I was indeed off for Cuba. Our ship sails from New York Tuesday. I hear Washington tomorrow. It hardly seems like Sunday to-day, at 9. This morning I went down to-morrow to

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To the War Department to see the Surgeon General.
he was not there. So no reply but saw the Chief Clerk Jones. He took my name so as to secure my passage & payage.
and tomorrow I have to be sworn to give my oath just like a soldier which idiots.
I asked if it was founding out to what extent. Mr. Jones said "no. you can go when you want to, just notify us." Only we must be true to the cause.
obey orders. That seems real soldier like, don't it? How proud papa would be to know it. Tell you are another I am the one. factors war spirit. don't you think I ought to go?
Scan of July 17, 1898, letter, page 3:

I was met by one of the daughter of Revolution, and taken to Missita Neece's W. D. office, and I am her guest while in Washington. She is a charming southern lady quite businesslike. Her home is beautiful at evening, and come away. Washington is truly beautiful, but I shall not have time to visit any of the buildings now. It is purely business now and I have lots to do. The climate is just a little warmer than at Chicago, but cooler than...
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Letter to family:

We are now at the end of our stay here, having spent a little over a month. It is a beautiful time to have spent it. We are all well, and the children are happy. We are leaving after next week, and there has been some thought of returning. Our coming back to the States has been a constant topic of conversation. The idea of going to Europe was mentioned, but we decided against it.

The weather has been mostly sunny and hot, with occasional rain showers. The heat can be quite oppressive, but it is a great place to be for some relief from the cold months in the States. We have been making good use of the facilities for hospital work, which has been very valuable.

The town is situated on the sea coast with many boats and yachts. The water is very shallow, and there is little indication of the sea. We have had to be very careful with small boats about 1½ miles from the landing. The town is by far the most desirable of either Santiago or Las Palmas; here at Salinas we have the green hills around.

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