

Washington, D.C.  
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Dear Mother

I received your letter on the 29th and was glad to hear from you I was glad to hear that Billy is getting better for I am afraid George is to lazy to keep the fire agoing their this winter you must not be afraid to buy wood when you get a good chance a pay for it with my money the wood is 8.00 a cord here that is the price we pay for our wood it has been nice weather ever since the day after I wrote that other letter e have a good time and not mutch to do we can set in our tent and see the steam boats going by on the Potomac I was down to the Potomac the other day with Mc D but it was a little wet a when we got there it was so foggy we could not see 10 from shore there was five or 6 schooners lying a long the shore some was loaded with coal and some with wood we were up around the city and had a mince pie that was first rats you must not think that we have a hard time here and nothing to eat we can get a pass a go in the city where the market is and get any thing we want there there is more folks at the marville market stand then there is in Meadville on fair days there is about 200 stands where they an every other one selling pies cakes and everything you can think of I was up there the other day and bought butter and cheese witch went first bully I you could go through Washington City you get lost going up street there you would never find the way back if you would go up the streets here Mrs. Lincoln got back day before yesterday she was gone 4 or 5 weeks there was a big sight to see here last night there was signals sights sent up here in the city below here the signals was some of them red white and blue there is a provost guard going the streets and every soldier that hasnt got a pays are taken to the guard house and rep over night Gen Segel went by here today I saw him the alk was oday that Burnside was at the White House last night Edward Osburn was here the other he came in our tent first he said David Jones was not dead he left the Reg two or three weeks ago and David jones was getting well he was in the Hospital Jim Dennis was here today he slept in bob hannah's tent last night he was in the hospital but he was a going back to his regiment George Honeywell was in our camp before we moved from the front yard I did not see him and he was over to fays Com fifty feet from ours co and did not come to see us Ed Osburn said some barns he thought was dead the Dr. said he could not live he was aken sick and was left behind we drilled today for the first time for 4 weeks I wish you would get a receipt from the expres com so I can find what office it is left at we have got our tent fixed with bunks we have got one for two me and Philip in the double bunk Mc Bill young Clover Mc in the lower Bill Clover in single bunk we are on the top one

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