

Lincoln Guards
February 19 [1863]

Dear Brother

I received your letter
this Afternoon and I was glad
to hear from you I
am well at present and hope these
few lines will find you
the same. Last Saturday at
five in the evening Com K had
Marching Orders to be ready
to march at six we were all
ready When the Order were
Countermanded til six next
morning the Boys were giving
all the things they thought
they would not want away.
Mrs. Lincoln was at the
window seeing all that was
going on. Friday Night when
She herd the Reg had Marching

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orders She sent down two
Bushels of Apples as her comple
ments for the Company
& she said she was sorry we
were going to leave & wished
the Com good luck. that night
Mr. Lincoln cried like a child
and She said if the com did not
leave before Morning
we should not go at all so

when she seen us packing
she thought it was time for her
to say something and
she had old Abe send one
of the men down to tell the
Lieu if the com wanted to
stay to let him know, and
the Com had a vote and they
all went for to stay, and
as tad sayes Ma & me & pa
put our names to a paper

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and Lieu Tenant Carried
it to the Provost Marcial for
to get Detached from the Reg
and he got it done so Com
K 150, we are no more so
to go on with my story I
must tell the rest I know
Sunday Morning Early
old Cap Fay come down
to the white house with his
old Cheese knife out and
went to the door & said he wanted
to see the President the door
keeper told him we could
not sayes old fay if there is
any possible chance of seeing him
I want to see him
sayes the Door keeper you cant
see him old Fay went away
so mad as the Devil. Next

the Col. come and went in

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the House to see the Pres
to get Com K to go with
the Regiment Lieu Col Huidekoper
said if our com did not
go he did not want
any to go. He said it was the
best Com in the Regiment
and he wanted it and should
have it or none he talked
Saucy to the President for
so small a boy as him, but
to no account for our Com
is here and is a going to stay
old Col Wister the Boys all
hate him and always did
he is a darn Coward anyway
he went away with the Reg
but he has come back to the
City aready for to pick up
the stragglers he will keep
out of the fight if he can

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I hear since that he
is here, for to stay he
is a going to be one for
to examine Rebels Spies or
to form a Court to
try them Sunday Morning it rained

But Monday was a nice
Day. Tuesday Morn about
five it commenced to snow
& before Night the snow
was five or six inches
Deep it rained Wednesday
all day & all Night and
all the snow is all off now
we will go to Soldiers
Home next Month
Mrs. Lincoln said she
thought they would move
next Month then we will have
Bully times

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The Boys Bought
aunt Mary a Dress for a present
last Month, worth 10, or 12
Dollars aunt Mary came
to the door the other Morn
I said Good Morn She
said Good Morn Mr.
Fay old Col wanted Com K
for he did not want
to go with a hole in the
Reg So Good By
from W.A. Cutter

It is so dark I cant see

Direct W.A. Cutter
Lincoln Guards

Care of Cap Der
Washington
D.C.