

Washington, D.C.  
July 22, 1863

Dear Mother

Having a few spare hours to my self I thought I could not spend them better than writing you a few lines. Lt. Dixson arrived here this fore noon he said old Meadville was there yet he said he seen William and Mr. Greene sent his best respects to me bully for Mr. Greene. You can give him my best respects in return the weather here is very fine being nice and warm in the day time, and cool at night. Mrs. Lincoln started Monday morn on a s trip over the mountains to be gone a month or more. Mr. Lincolns oldest son is here now on a visit Judge Pettis on Sunday I suppose you couldnt sleep any when you heard of the Rebels being in Pennsylvania day before yesterday there was a General inspection witch went off very well how does George like cuging by this time I would like to see Soger Barber about this time to see how he looks in uncle Sams Uniform if he has one we have quite a band now in Com. K two drummers and one fifer Lee Berlin is fifer we have a call for Guard mounting in the Morn and for Breakfast and dinner and sup and a matter of course roll call night and morn the Reble Gen. Morgan force is taken but he made his escape after surrendering allhis men so the paper states Com. K has a two horses and a waggon so our quarter master sageant can go to tow when ever he wants to I never told of Scotts nine hundred forty of them are camped just above where we are in the woods, they are for to Guard the President while on the road from here to the City and back they come the Monday after we did I was not out of Money that was not the reason I did not write I was waiting for you folks to write I like to get letter but dont like to answer them when it is so warm I was just out in line for to get some Christian Papers and a Testament the missionary gave them to us and then made a short speech when he was about to leave we gave three cheers for him the news boys just came running in camp crying out Jackson Evacuated and 5,000 prisoners captured. I must close good by to you. Willard A. Cutter