

Washington, D.C.  
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Dear Mother

I received your letter and I was very glad to hear from you since my last we have had a death in the company one of the last recruits was taken sick and died very suddenly his name was John Graham one of the recruits John Stockten started home with the body on the morning of the 5th the weather has been very dry here we have had several little showers but not one 10th part what we needed I got a letter from Sim yesterday she said Bill got off she will not have to come out and leave his Mammy yet awhile and tell george for me to stick to his trade if he knows when he is well off and not to sack what other boys say if you cant make a fortune in 3 years wait a little longer that is my advice last week some of the boys took a reb he was sneaking around here and we took the Johnny down to the city and handed him over to the Provost Marshal we also took a deserter on the fifth or 4th one or the 3 the Boys are as well as usual everything goes well in camp at present give my love to all the family tell George to write if there is any news for there is not much here write soon Rebs in Hagerstown from Willard A. Cutter