Washington, D.C.
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Dear Mother

Having some time to myself I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am well as usual. We have good news here, Johnson has surrendered to Sherman on the same terms as Lee to Gen. Grant. Rebelion is about played out, the soldiers will stand a good show of getting home when their time is out if not before there was 250 guns fired this morning for the capture of Johnsons army both the murderer of President Lincoln is taken his body arrived here Thursday morning at one oclock I seen the Serg. that shot him I wish he had been taken alive but it is as it is and so it was to be Carroll was captured alive and he is telling all he knows that is concerned in the murder there will be hundreds concernedin it that he will make known the weather here is very fine the trees and flowers are gay our camp is in the best place in Washington just one hundred yds below the Treasury Building our barrack is surrounded with nice maple shade trees that will make it a nice place fr to put in the warm weather, that very soon will be here and it is nice and warm today Everything looks mournful around the White House the posts of the Portico are all draped in mourning there was hardly a house in the City but what had crape hung out, Monday the first Brigade 2nd Cavalry Division passed through the city and Wednesday the 9th corps went through where bound more than I know but I suppose they will Camp out side the fortification till mustered out there is an order to muster out the troops in June that are not wanted some of the boys think we will be home before our time is out but that is hard to tell, how is Grand Mother by this time I hope better than when you last wrote, how does george get along with his trade does he like better than he did some time ago, when he thought he was not making money fast enough, how does Bill get along with his work I begin to think he is doing a land office business shure pop, I was just out to see some more of the 9th corps, several batteries just went by I think belongs to the ninth give my love to granny and this picture is for her all theboys had their photographs taken and we bought a fine album and are going to present it to Tad Lincoln the whole thing costs some thing like 80 or 90 dollars give my love to all the folks from, W. A. Cutter