

Washington D.C. Sept 22nd/64

Dear Mother

Having a few moments to spare I thought I would write you a few lines. The weather is beautiful yesterday was a fine day I heard day before yesterday the 211 Pennsylvania was in the City some of the boys were up here I learned that John Shaveknocker and a lot more that I knew were there so yesterday I was off of guard and went down and seen the Boys John Shaveknocker was the first one I met he looked as he used to John Barber was there and was all right not any bigger than when we left Alvin Louis looked and felt well I seen the young Thuides Koper steping around ^{life} as

I was with them a couple of hours
they all fell in line while I was there
They were ordered to sling knapsacks
and then unslung. they were waiting
for their guns which had not come
when I was there there was some talk
of going to the Arsenal for them but
I have heard since that they come
after we left. Bill. Glover was down
along for fear you will think I call
my ^{like Shifty} ^{used to} ^{be} we. There was more of our
Boys down also, we left at 1 o'clock
some were there till night, and
while they were there, the regiment
left our boys say they seen them
get on the boat they started for
City Point when they marched up
Penna. Avenue there are several flags
across the street the first one they
come to was George McClellan written
on it in big letters the boys gave three
grants for it the next was for Lincoln
a bigger flag with Lincoln & Johnson

They gave three rousing cheers for
 Lincoln & Johnson we rode as far
 as the cars run going down and
 back. we fell in with one of Mass. Soldiers
 so we started a cross the fields together
 his com. is at fort Steun he was telling
 of an accident that happened ^{to} 3 of their
 boys the other day. They were out on
 Picket and started a fire to make some
 coffee there was a shell there, so to keep
 the sticks off of the ground they laid
 them on the shell, which as they supposed
 was not filled but it happened to be and
 went off wounding all three one fired
 his gun twice when they come from the ft
 and ^{got} them one died that night
 of the other 2 one lost a leg and the other
 an arm. all for being too reckless
 I have just signed the Pay rolls so
 much toward getting Paid, next week,
 we will be apt to get Paid off,
 or at least I hope so, all the boys
 are well at Present how is Grammy.

by this time, well I hope. how does
George get along cubbing. tell him
to stick to it for three years is not
so very long after all, well I must draw
to a close give my love to all the
folks write when you can.

From ^{your} Willard. A. Sutter.

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