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Dear Mother

Having A few Moments to spare I thought I would write a few lines to let you know I am well and hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same great blessing we had a fly round round the Camp on tuesday Afternoon the News was we were a going to march the Presidend Moved some on Monday and the rest on tuesday our Captain said he was waiting for Orders to march every Minute so tuesday at four Oclock Orders come to be at the white House at five so we got packed and ready to sling Knapsacks at the Orders to fall in in I fell and liked to of broke through

the ranks for I had three or 4 qua
of Hickery Nuts in my Haversack
that me and Mc Dowell got in
about twenty Minutes my Bnap
sack had three 4 shirts in and 4
pair of stockens and a pair of
Drowers besides three shirts I had
on and a pair Drawers that was
my Bnapsack in the haversack the
hickery Nuts and soap and half
candle and sugar and my Dishes
canteen Cartridge box and cap box ma
with the over Coat Blanket and rupe
Blanket made out my Load so we
started and marched to the Presid
s Yard the first place we halted
was to the Colonel House where we
gave three Cheers for the C, and then
stoped to the Old Soldiers Home
and gave three Cheers and
marched to the next House and
then to the Dr and gave him

three Cheers and then broke for
the White House little Brady
Come with to Drum for us and
away we went for the City
where we got at half past five
every body was out to see the
famous Com, K, and some was
in mad because they could not
get the Chance to get there
but Com K is all righ every
time what Old abe sais is so
the lol Did not know that we were
here till the next Day and was
mad as the D... about it for
he has been for along time
a trying to get us in the
Field he wanted us to go to
Texas with Bank's Division
but he could not come it these
he wanted to get us in some other
tight place so we would have
to fight but he sliped up on
that

now we are at the white H,
as a guard for old Abe
tuesday Night we had to lay
on the ground two lay together
the Rubber blanket on the ground
then the Over Coats to lay on they
make a good bed then we have
two blankets for to cover over us
we lay first strate it was a
warm Night and it took 21
for to go on guard as soon
as we got there I went on guard
in the Morning in the After
noon at 5 we got our tents
and soon got them up I went
on at two and off at 4 and
then [illegible] at ten for they had two
[illegible] many picked out and so the
first 2 on the guard rod did not
have to go on for 8 hours and
I was the first one on the list
so I was off for 8 Hours but I had
to come one 8 times, we will come
one every other day