

Washington, D.C.
Feb. 15, 1863

Dear Mother

I have a few moments to spare and I thought I would write a few lines to let you know how we are getting along all of us boys are well at present and hope to hear you are all the same yesterday orders come at five oclock to be ready to march at 6 I was on guard at the time we were taken off and only three were put on we went to camp and packed our things and got packed all ready for to march wnehn orders came to be ready by six Sunday morning, Mrs. Lincoln and Old Abe were at the window and seen us all packed and together she sent down for to know if we would stay Old Abe said if we could not be his guard he would have no guard one of the men come running down to see the Liew. if he wanted to stay Lieutenant called the Com. together and took a vote on it and it was stay by a big majority all but one for to stay. So the lieutenants went up and seen the President and he sined his name to note and it was taken to Gen. Martendale and fixed it so we got detached from the Reg. this morning the Col. come to the White a bareing Lieu Col. Hudekoper come there to see if he could not get two go to but could not do it the Cols said they would not go without Com. K. but they did, the Regiments left at three so we are left behind to guard the president as long as he wants a guard the rumor is here that Gen. Lee is in the City of Disguised last Friday night a 8 oclock Gen Thurm and wife was at the White H_ouse till 9 I was up and seen them tom had a big plug hat on his wife was about as tall as Ev a but not near as heavy that was the smallest couple I ever seen that is all at present so good by our Captain come late last night from Willard A. Cutter.

Do not answer it till I send the Reg. Directions or they will go to the wrong r.

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