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Dear Mother

having a few spare
hours to my self I thought I
could not spend them better
than writing you a few lines
Lt Disson arrived here this
fore noon he said old Meadell
was there yet. he said he seen
William. & Mr Greene sent his
best respects to me bully for Mr
Greene. You can give him my
best respects in return
the weather here is very fine
being nice and warm in the
day time, and cool at night
Mrs. Lincoln started Monday morn
on a trip over the mountains
to be gone a month or more
Mr Lincolns oldest Son is here
now on a visit Judge Pettis

on Sunday I suppose you
couldnt sleep any when you
heard of the Rebels being in
Pennsylvania ^{day before} yesterday ^{there} was
a General Inspection which went
off very well how does George
like cubing by this time I
would like to see Soger Barber
about this time to see how he
looks in uncle Sams Uniform
if he has one we have quite
a band now in Com K two
Drummers & one fifer See Berlin
is fifer we have a call for
Guard mounting in the Morn
& for ^{Breakfast} dinner & supe & a matter of
course roll call night and morn
the Rebel ^{Gen} Morgan force is taken
but he made his escape after
surrendering all his men so
the hahes state Com K has a
two Horse & a waygon so our
gr Master sargeant can go to
tow when ever he wants to

never told of Scotts mine
 Hundred forty of them are
 camped just above where we
 are in the Woods they are for
 to Guard the President while
 on the road from here to the
 City & back they come the
 Monday After we did I was
 not out of Money that was
 not the reason I did not
 write I was waiting for you
 folks to write I like to get letter
 but dont like to answer them when
 it is so warm I was just out in
 line for to get some Christian
 Papers & a Testament the ~~Methodist~~
 Missionary gave them to us & then
 made a short speech when he
 was a bout to leave we gave
 three cheers for him the News Boys
 just come running in camp
 crying out Jackson Evanted & 5,000
 Prisoners captured. I must close good
 By to you Willard, D. Butler