

Washington, D.C.
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Dear Mother

I received your letter one hour ago and I thought I would answer it for the last two days it has rained nearly all the time and has not cleared up yet I was on guard yesterday and it rained every time I was on or all the time I might say for it rained the eight hours I had to stand since I wrote my last letter another of my Com. has gone to his long home his name was Mart Allen he was taken sick and left here the 8th of March and was taken to the Hospital and died yesterday morning he was about 18 yrs. old and weighed before he was taken sick 171 lbs he went by the name of Heenan he was a very stout hearty boy his brother was sick a long time he was taken sick at soldiers home and Mart took care of him his brother got so to be around and come back to the Co. and got a furlough and went home and has not come but had left home he has deserted or been killed on the way I was up this morn to see the Corps I would not know it was him he was altered so the Capt. telegraphed to his folks but has not had any answer that I have heard of he will be burried to morrow morn if not sent home by that time the Pennsylvania Reserves have come to this city for to stay for the present the 9th, 10, 12 they come on the 20th they will do guard duty I was up to see where they were but could not find out where they were camped till to late Mc went along to there was a rebble spy captured last Saturday James Addison Chief Clerk of the Adjutant General Office War Department and Anthony Addison his brother Chief Clerk of the Pension Bureau they both were arrested by order of Col. Baker Provost Marshal of the War Dept. the former number of yrs. and ever since the war broke out he knew every movement that was made and when to be made that is the way the Rebels knew just when we made a move and how amany men we had and Co. I think your house costs you a big sum but better saved than gone you can take what money I have sent for the first payment I dont know when I will get paid off but I think we will soon there was a darkey here yesterday that was in the Rebel Army he was on the gun boat Cotten that was captured by our men I thought I would burst laughing to him take of the rebs running in the woods and crawling in the Hollow logs when the Yakkies attacked the city he said they went out in the woods and pulled them out of the logs.

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