

PRESIDENT'S GUARD,



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Dear Mother

I received your of the 4th and was glad to hear from you hoping the next time to hear that all the folks have got well there has been rain every day this week but I hope it will soon clear up but it dont look much like it this morning Monday Morn it thundered & got cold but is getting warm again Gen. Hooker has crossed the river again he had to recross on account of the rainy

weather but he has gone back acrossed
again we will soon have Richmond
or else I will be mistaken gen Stone
cavalry has torn thirty miles of their
Railroad up and his pickets have
been within one mile & a half of
Richmon the President secretary of war
& General Hallack went to see the Army
Wednesday Night & got back Thursday
night. Everything is nice and
green here the leaves have come
~~at~~ amazing fast for the last two
weeks this is a nice place now
to what it was six weeks ago
the citizens used to be here every
day & the big bugs we had Orders
to keep them out we took the guard
off that was at the camp to stand
at the gate in the day time we

dont let any one in but them
 that are on buisness I seen rich
 Dmail here last week old Stone
 Wall Jackson got wounded
 & had to have his arm taken off
 A. P. Hill got wounded the Rebels told
 our Pickets once that before Gen
 McClelland could get to Richmon he
 had to climb a stone wall 2 Hills and
 a long Street old Joe Hooker will
 show them how to climb them
 there is nothing like trying here
 was some more Prisoners arived
 here yesterday about 100 what do
 you think of Mr Kepler for a
 Corporal tell George to see Charley
 Gollager & get him to fetch my
 Spy Glass, it will be nice when
 we are at Soldiers to look at
 the Potomac & see the steam
 Boats I am well and on Guard to day
 & I must close give my love to Granny &
 Liz & Eva & the rest of the Family from W. A. Cutler