

Washington, D.C.

Nov. 13th/62

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 flyround round the Camp on tuesday afternoon the News was we were agoing to march the President 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 knapsaks at the Orders to fall in in I fell and liked to of broke through the ranke for I had three or 4 quarts of hickery Nuts in my haver-sack that me and McDowell got in about twenty Minutes my knap sack had three 4 shirts in and 4 pair of stockens and a pair of drowers besies three shirts I had on and a pair drawers that was in my knapsack in the haversack the hickery Nuts and soap and halfa candle and sugar and my dishes Canteen Catridge box and Cap. Con was with the over Coat Blanket and ruber blanket made out my load so we started and marched to the President's Yard the first place we halted was to the Colonel House where we gave three cheers or 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 gav 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 mad because they could not get the chance to get there but Com K is all right every time what Old abe sas is so the Col Did not know that we were here till the next Day and was mad as the D. in about it for he has been for along time trying to get us in the Field he wanted us to go to Yesers with Bank's Division but he could not come it these 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 House 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 to blankets for to cover over us we lay fist 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 Afternoon at 5 we got our tents and soon got them up I went on at two and of at 4 and then on at ten for they had two many pickers out and so the first 2 on the guard we 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 3 times. we will come one every other day.