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warm, sunny day, and  
the goose hangs  
about 10 ft high  
at this  
writing

Camp of the Old Guard  
Washington D.  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Sister

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your letter would not be answered  
for a thousand years hence. but as  
I am not inclined to take pattern  
from your negligent style in  
relation to answering letters - perhaps  
yours dated Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> - I mailed May 9<sup>th</sup>  
stands a slim chance to be answered  
sometime during the present year.  
Although the job is commenced  
at this early date - it may not be  
completed before the year 1901. . . .  
Well I perceive that you & J. C. are  
into it big as ever, (Don't know as  
you are ever out of it) By the way  
you spoke about J. L. Y. & M. L. Y.

now I cant believe that M. L. F.  
was married to the one armed  
Jack, if she married him - its  
quite evident that she has got  
<sup>him</sup> to support, for I very well know  
that J. S. F. cannot support a fly  
However, if she is satisfied, it is all  
right, it is nothing to me whom  
she marries. - Reckon I can find  
something shaped like a feminine  
(or at least something that wears  
coriolines) in course of time;  
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write to charming Mr. P. -  
think it would be running too much  
risk, I have no less than 20  
lady correspondents in New England.  
- most of them however are total  
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be (if not quite) played out.  
Suppose some of the Volunteers will  
be discharged soon, I hardly think  
that Hancock's regts will stand much  
show to get out of the service  
before their year expires. I have  
something less than 8 months yet  
to serve to complete my year.  
My Regt left Winchester on Sat-  
urday Thursday, & marched to  
Washington via Thoroughfare Gap.  
Distance 100 miles. Took us 5 days  
to make the trip. — Expect to  
be to the Grand ~~Review~~ Review  
which is expected to come off one  
of these days. . . . .

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yes; & the Nation <sup>our</sup> mourns the loss of  
its greatest Statesman & Ruler, &  
the people both North & South  
<sup>our</sup> mourn loss of their truest, best-  
friend, President Lincoln was like

a Father, & Brother to us all, & the Nations  
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Freedom shall live in America

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little else get another sheet the  
latter will not pay, for I haven't  
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this time. You must try & answer  
this right off. Remember now right off.  
Let me know about farming affairs to  
address as before

C. B. 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Vol. Inf.

Harrocks Corps

Washington D.C.

Yours in great haste

W. H. White

P.S. Regards to all  
inquiring friends

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Camp of the Old Grand  
Washington DC  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

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Address as before

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