

Camp three miles from
Washington April 24

Dear mother

We are now in camp
about three miles from Washington
on the Maryland side of the
Potomac but we don't know where
we will go to night but there is
some talk of our going home on
half pay and stay until we are
needed for they don't exactly know
where to send us.

We started from Summit Point
last Thursday on the cars and
arrived here on Friday noon.
I hope we will stay here for
we get enough to eat we get
nine loaves of bread a week and
large ones at that.

There is a report that they have
caught Booth the murderers of

the President has been caught
I believe this morning in some
woods a little way from here.
I hope it is true.

About every house in Washington
is draped in mourning on the
outside and the people look
as though they feel bad about
the President being killed.

We have not had a mail for
four days and we ought to get
the whole soon. I suppose I shall
have some letters by it.

Have you got that company
roll that I sent home to you if
you have I wish you would tell
me how you like for some of
them were nothing but a roll
and I don't know but what that
one may be for I have not
opened it.
I would like to have a little more

if you could send me some for
I have no writing nor envelopes.
Has George got home yet I don't
see why they are so slow about
muster~~ing~~ him out all of our
men were mustered out the
very day their time was up.

We do duty on this side of the
Potomac and also do part of
the patrol in the city of Wash-
-ington

Tell George that he had better
not think of going into Hancock's
veterans for that corps I think
is the meanest thing that has been
got up since the war commenced
with the exception of hundred days
men and Hancock he has has
nothing but reviews inspections
company, and brigade drills all
the time and we all glad that
we have got out of his clutches

and he was going to make us
throw away all clothing but
what we drew from govern-
ment and so far as to make
us have two pair of shoes.

There is a story that a lot of
Nesby's men who have given them
selves up have been sent after
Nesby and I guess they will
get him if anybody can.

I shall have to close now so good
bye for the present.

from your son

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