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 next 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 Segment 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 the morning in some people a little way from here. Hope it is true.

About every house in Washington is draped in mourning on the outside and the people look as though they feel sad 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 the companions well that you brought to you if you have friends, you would tell me how you like for some of them were nothing but ill and I don't know but what that one may be for I have not opened it. Would like to have a little soon.
if you could send one some for
me to writing pens envelopes.

Has George got home yet? I don't
see why they are so slow about
mustering him out. All of our
men were mustered out the
very day their time was up.
The duty one this side of the
Patrol and also do part of
the patrol in the city of Wash-
ington.

Well George that he had better
not think of going into Hancock
returns for that corps. I think
is the meanest thing that has been
got up since the war commenced
with the evacuation of hundreds
days men and Hancock is the bad
nothing but severe inspections
company and he goes through all
the time and we all glad that
we have got out of his clutches.
and she was going to make us throw away all clothing but
what we drew from government and so far as to enable
us to have two pairs of shoes. There was story that a lot of
Mosby's men who have given them selves up have been sent after
Mosby and I guess they will get him if anybody can.
I shall have to close now to good
bye for the present.

from your son
Dexter Burnett
Co K 30 Aug 1864
Washington
D.C.