Camp of the Old Guard
Washington D.C.
May 11th 1865

Dear Sister,

If I should follow suit, 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 your dated Dec. 18th, I mailed May 7th 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 here come that you try to ask into it big as ever. Don't know as you are ever out of it.) By the way you wrote about J. G. Th and T. K.
Now I can't believe that Mr. T. K. was married to the one armed Jack, if she married him this quite evident that the has yet
not to support for I very well know
that J. T. I cannot support a fly
However, if she is satisfied it is all
right, it is nothing to me who
she marries. Reason I can find
something shaped like a feminine
(ormost something that means
equivalents) in control of him
I have not ventured to
letter to charming Mr. K. I
think it would be wanting too much
with, I have no less than 25
lady correspondents in New England,
most of them, however are total
strangers. Can't tell but what
some of them are blasher than
the ace of spades. I don't intend
to correspond with so many
besides two or three pretty
ones is enough for one
The Rebellion is supposed to be (if not quite) played out. Suppose some of the Volunteers will be discharged soon, I hear that Hancock's Army will stand much chance 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 Va. last week Thursday. I marched to Washington via Thoroughfare Gap. Distance 100 miles took us 5 days to make the trip. Expect to be to the Grand Review which is expected to come off one of these days.

Our President has been assassinated. Yes! & the Nation means the loss of its greatest. Statesman & Ruler & the people both North & South means loss of their finest, best friend. President Lincoln was like
a father & brother to us all, & the Nations mourning no sincere & heartfelt. Booth has been caught, & has paid with his life, for the foul deed. The Souths have lost their best friend. They will be likely to find in Johnson a hard master to deal with... Our County is full of freedom, shall live in America.

I must now begin to taper off a little else yet another sheed. The letter will not say, but I hardly wish of anything more to pen this time. You must try & answer the next off. Remember now right off. Let me know about farming affairs & address as before.

To Bt. 1st U.S. Col. Vol Inf
Hancock's Corps
Washington D.C.

Yours in great haste,
W. H. White

P.S. Reynolds Ball, inspring friends.
Camp of the Old Grand
Washington DC
May 11th 1865

{P.S. This is a perfectly lovely, warm, May day, and the gorse[?] hangs about- 16 ft- high at this writing}

Dear Sister

If I should follow suit, 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. 18th & mailed May 8th 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.G. are into it big as ever, (Dont [sic] know as you are ever out of it) By the way you spoke about J. T. K. & M. L. K.

now I cant [sic] believe that M. L. K. was married to the one armed Jack, if she married him, ‘tis quite evident that she has got him to support for I very well know that J. T. K. cannot support a fly. However, if she is satisfied, it is all right, it is nothing to me who she marries. Reckon I can find something shaped like a feminine [sic] (or at least something that wears crinolines) in course of time! I dare not venture a letter to charming M. C.— 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 strangers, cant [sic] tell but what some of them are blacker than the Ace of Hades. I dont [sic] intend to correspond with so many hereafter, 2 or 3 right pretty ones is enough for me.

The Rebellion is supposed to be (if not quite) played out. Suppose some of the volunteers will be discharged soon, I havet [sic] think that Hancocks rect’s [recruits] 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 Reg D left Winchester VA last week 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. . .

Our President has been assassinated yes, & the Nation mourns the loss of it’s [sic] greatest Statesman & Ruler & the people both North & South mourns loss of their Truest, best friend. President Lincoln was like
a Father & Brother to us all, & the Nation mournings is sincere, & heartfelt, Booth has been is caught, & has paid with his life, for the foul deed. The South have lost their best friend. They will be likely to find in Johnson a hard master to deal with . . . . Our Country is safe. Freedom shall live in America.

I must now begin to taper off a little else get another sheet—the latter will not pay for I havent much of anything more to pawn this time. You must try & answer this right off. Remember now, right off. Let me know about family affairs, etc. etc.

Address as before

Hancocks Corps
Washington D.C.

Yours in great haste

W. H. White

P.S. Regards to all inquiring friends.