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Ever Dear Brother

your of the 16th is before me and I am happy indeed to hear that you are getting well again and your family is recovering from its affliction (ca. 10 words) John I wrote a letter to you I think that you have received it before this time but I will write you a short letter this evening yes John President Lincoln is dead and gone and his remains are on it way to its last resting place in the far west Springfield Illinois they left here at eight oclock this yesterday morning I seen his bodely at the White House last tuesday on Wednesday it was conveyed to the Capital the crowed of People was great the procession was large and on thursday his boldy lay in State at the Capital and an emence swarm of People was

their all day to get a last glimpse
of the once famious ruler of these
United States and our unhappy Country
I went on Guard yesterday morning
at the old capital Prison and come
off this morning in this Prison nothing
but Rebel Prisnors of war are
confined and mostley all Rebell
officers from Second Luentenant
to Generals and what little
opportunity that I had to speak to
them they all felt sorry and sayed
that to their opinion that the best
man for peace had gone and
did not think that the So called
Confedrate Goverment had enything
to do with the assassination and
was afraid that we would use them
pretty ruff we heave allays used
prisnors of war well and I think
that we allways will as long as they
will behave themselves two hundrid
of them was sent off this morning

for Johnson Island Ohio one Gen
was with the lot Gen Payn was
his name those two hundred was
all Officers

Well John I dont know that I have
much more to write this time
there is a rumor now that the
V.R.C will all be Mustered out Soon
and if they do I will get out of the
Service but if the war continues
I will get in the Cavalry if I can
I have one good arm yet and I can
fight it out I had thought to quit
when I got out but this last Cowardly
Murder is enough to arouse every
Patriots heart and fight as long as
he can raise an arm

Hoping that this will finde You
all well as it leaves me I will close
for this time My health is good at
present Remain as ever your
Devoted Brother
Serg't Reuben Garick