

Fort Pocahontas Va

April 17th 65

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that
I sit down to answer
your kind letter which
I received last night it
found me in the best
of health and I hope
this will find you
the same we received
the bad news of Lincoln's
death yesterday the flag
was lowered to half mast
and it is at half mast
to day and the gun
boat fires a gun every
half hour

it is so bad that
he should be murdered
when the rebellion is
so near at an end
we have got old Lee and
his whole army and ere
this reaches you I hope
~~they~~^{we} will have Johnson
and beureguard it is
a very fine morning
and every thing looks
very nice the war is
about over I guess I
shall enlist in the
regulars I was a little
surprised to hear that
morris had got to be
such a hard boy but
I must close so good
by

George F. Hill

don't send but one
pair of socks at a time

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