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Dear Mother I now take  
my pen in hand to  
rite you a few lines  
to let you know that  
I am well and I hope  
this will find you  
the same we left  
Camp at Summit Point  
the 19<sup>th</sup> and came to  
Washington and we are  
now about 5 miles from  
Washington near Blair's  
Mansion and the same  
place where the rebels  
tride to get into Washington

Well Dear Mother we  
Have lost our Chief  
Magistrate and it is a saluam  
loss to the People of the  
Differant States there  
was never such a  
Man as Abraham Lincoln  
Lincoln I will not  
except George Washington  
but He is gone and  
I wish we could catch  
catch the villain and  
alone and regt to take  
care of him I think we  
should not let he long  
of putting him out of  
the world

May well we  
Have all kinds of  
Reports Hear some is  
that we are all going  
Home on Thursdays  
up or down and then  
if we have wanted in  
that time they will  
Discharge us and I  
don't credit one of them  
they well I have been  
looking for a letter  
from Home for some  
Days I think it  
will come along before  
many Days well  
that is ~~return~~ so  
moment of any.

Importance of it is  
will close by bidding  
you good morning  
Give my love  
to all I will