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Dear Father & Mother

This morning finds me trying
to write a few lines to you
to let you know that I
have not forgotten you all though
I have neglected writing to you
but I hope you will excuse
me for this time and I'll try to do
better here after I am somewhat
tired and sleepy this morning for
I have just came off from guard
I ~~am~~ have to be on duty 24 hours
out of 48 I only have to stand

Two hours & off four out
during the 24 hours consequently
you see that it is not very hard
I saw uncle abe go by this morning
he rides in a carriage & ten guard
ride on black horses by his side
and behind him he lives in sight
of here he lives at what is called
the soldiers home I supposed ~~that~~
that he lived in Washington
he lives about 8 miles from the
city he passes every night & ^{morning}
he is a very homely man &
dresses according to his looks his
old stove pipe hat lamed down
on the top of his ears something
similar to Sam rooker i have
seen generals Banks & Mc Dowel
but little Mack has not made
his appearance yet I have one
thing to say for little Mack
you cant find a soldier but
thinks he is a perfect man

When the rebellion is taken away
if he, ever is, you will ^{see} the army
go to pieces very quick i hear
that there has been some talk
about removing him they had
better not there is a good many
sick in our company but none
have died we numbered 83 when
we first came here but
now we have hard work to find
fifty men fit for duty ^{considering}
health has been very good ^{considering}
I have not been so but what I
could go on duty upon a pinch
V R Champney is in the hospital
he was getting ^{better} & heard
this morning James Farley is not
perfectly well but on the
gain I had a letter from Fife
Wood a day or two ago the boys
were all well I should like
to be in mamas cupboard
for we dont get anny thing fit

I have to stop rather short for want of room
a dog to eat. If i was at home
i would kick a dog that would
eat the rations that we get
here I can tell you what we
have here a little burnt beef
and pork the rice the same hard
crackers & sour bread coffee
that would kill anny man
we get sugar very good some
times molasses the poorest kind
a little vinigar that will eat
a mans in side out & a few
beans that taste so smokey that
the smell of them is enough for
me I wish you would tell
Henry Craft that I want him
to see to things for me. I have
written to him but got noans
wer perhaps he didnt get it
I cant find out anny thing about
the monny that i sent by
John Ben except 10 dollars
I would like to have some one
see to it for lind I sent 24
dollars by him if it cant be got
I want to know it write soon as you
get this good by. J & Barnes