

1stEmory Hospital
May 25th 1865

Dear Mother

Having nothing to do to pass away time I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know where I am and ~~what~~ how I am ~~at~~ getting along,,

As you will see by the heading of my letter that I am still in Emory Hospital ____ † My health is improving very fast ____ Day before yesterday the general review of the armies of the potomac and the armies of the west commenced and ended yesterday,, ____ The army of the ~~potomac~~ potomac passed through the first day under the command of Maj' Gen' Meuch ____ It was a most splendid sight ____ ~~Almost ever~~ Upon almost ever housetop ~~to~~ the Stars and Stripes were flung out to & float upon gentle breeze breeze breeze,, In the morning of the first ~~of~~ the fight day the sun ~~and~~ rose bright and clear not a cloud be seen upon the light blue sky making every thing beam with loveliness and beauty ____ About 9 o'clock the ~~of~~ head heart of the column ~~can~~ commenced moving through pennsylvania avenue consisting of Gen' Me Gen' Meade his staff and escort following in succession were the Cavalry corp, Provost Marshals brigade, engineers Corps,, ninth corps on Division of nineteenth corps 5th and 2^{ed} corps ____ It took until ~~nearly~~ three o'clock before the last of the column passed through the ~~at~~ city,, ~~Nun~~

Numerous banners ~~were~~ with various inscription on them were flung out to the ~~here~~ breeze where the brave troops might see ~~them~~ them

The ~~following~~ following inscriptions are some that I noticed in particular ____ "The brave heroes of our republic" ____ "Honor to the brave" "All honor to the brave soldiers" "All honor Grant and the defenders of our Country" ____ I saw a great many more beautiful and appropriate inscriptions ~~with~~ which I have space in this letter to mention,, many of those brave and careworn heroes have never before stepped upon the pavements of the capitol of our country,, ____ many of the regiments in the army of the potomac Did not average a hundred men ____ A close observer might ask where are they gone ____ But the question is easily answered ____ Some are lying sick in hospitals ____ Some few have discharged and sent home ____ And many have been laid low upon the burning lands of ~~W~~ virginia by the whistling bullets or the bursting or the bursting of shells ____ while no Small number have dies by starvation with in rebel ~~dung~~ dungeons dungeons or prison houses ____ most of the ensings of the different regiments had ~~all~~ been tattered and to ~~turn~~ torn by the rushing bullets ~~ever~~,, Every banner carried the different reg ~~and~~ reg iments and theses floating ~~from~~ from the housetops and windows were decorated with ~~morning~~ mourning ____ Amid all the pomp of military ~~are~~ array there was a solemnness which no close observer could fail to notice __ But some may ~~weirly~~ ~~us~~ ask why is this demonstration of sorrow among the soldiers - for the loss of ~~a good~~ a great and good President ____ A man who ~~for~~ for over four years carried our nation through the