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Emory Hospital
May 25th 11 1863

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 that I am 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 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 Meade — It was a most splendid sight — ~~Almost every~~ Upon almost every house in the

Stars and Stripes were flung out to & float upon the 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 lovely-ness and beauty — About 9 o'clock the of ~~head~~ head of the column ~~com~~ commenced moving through pennsylvania avenue consisting of ~~Gen~~ Gen Meade in succession his staff and escort following were the Cavelry corp, Provost Marshals brigade, engineers Corps, ninth corps, one Division of ninthteenth corps 5th and 2nd corps — It took untill ~~nearly~~ three o'clock before the last of the column passed through the ~~of~~ city. ~~New~~ Numerous banners are with various incription on them were flung out to the ~~bre~~ breeze where the brave troops might see ~~them~~ them The ~~followed~~ following inscript

ions are some that I noticed
in particular — "The brave hero
of our republic" — "Honor to the brave"
"All honor to the brave soldiers"
"All honor Grant and the defend-
ers of our Country" — I saw
a great many more beautiful and
appropriate inscriptions which
I have space in this letter to men-
tion, many of those brave boys have now
never before stepped upon the pave-
ments 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? — But the question is easi-
ly answered — Some are
lying sick in hospitals —
I think few have discharged and
last home — And many have
been laid low upon the burning
sands of Virginia by the

whistling bullets or the bursting
or the bursting of shells — while no
Small number have died by star-
vation with in rebel ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
dungeons ~~or~~ prison houses — most
of the ensigns of the different
regiments had ~~[illegible]~~ been tatered and
to ~~[illegible]~~ torn by the rushing bullets
~~[illegible]~~ Every banner carried by the dif-
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ iments and thesos floating
~~[illegible]~~ from the house tops and
windows were decorated with
~~mourning~~ mourning — Amid
all the pomp of military ~~[illegible]~~ array
there was a solemnness which no close
observer could fail to notice — But some
may ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ask why is this demon-
stration of sorrow among the soldiers —
for the loss of ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ a great and good
~~[illegible]~~ President — A man who ~~[illegible]~~ for
over four years carried our nation
through the greatest perils and trials
our nation has ever seen — ~~[illegible]~~ But
just as our armies were in the very
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ of triumph and the prospects
bright and seedy ~~[illegible]~~ peace had

review was over the street
were crowded with people
and the washington crowide says
"that ~~hotel~~ hotel and boarding
house is ~~a~~ full an many will
have to ~~wander~~ wander ~~to~~ about town with
no place to lay their ~~his~~ head — many of
the troops will be immediately
discharged — ~~all of~~ while I was
down to see the review I saw several
of the boys that ~~belonged~~ belong
~~ed~~ to my battery and I learned
from ~~him~~ them that ~~Atho~~ All of those
whose time expires before the next
of October have got their discharge
made out and they will seek
pay them of and musted them and
the service they are discharging
the men as fast as possible from
the Hospital I presume & if
nothing happens & I will be home
three or four weeks — After the
review I went to the New York
State agency to the ~~changed~~ bill
that you ~~state~~ sent to me
changed for national currency as
all the banks were closed and I could
not use it untill it was ~~change~~
changed — when I arrived

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began to make the peoples hearts leap for ~~of~~ joy, he was attacked ~~by the ass~~ and murdered by the assassin ~~in~~ at night in ~~of~~ a public place — I believe you stated in your letter previous to this that made light of the presidents ~~mur~~ murder — All that ~~that~~ I have to say in regard to it is simply this — Any one that makes light ~~of the presidents~~ or sanctions ~~the ass~~ in any manner whatever the assassination of the president is no friend to christianity or civilization — and is as bad in my estimation as the one that committed the crime, ~~an~~ and are much more cowardly than most of those that have been in armes against the government for the last four years — I have digressed some from my ~~tut~~

On the second day of the review there was much more interest manifested than upon the first day. The reason of this I presume was because the army of Potomac has [illegible] around the capitol [illegible] and many of the corps have passed through it before— And it always been in close communication with the people while the army of the west under Gen Sherman Travelled through the miasmic swamps of the south and fighting upon the mountain peaks— marching through hundreds & hundreds of miles through the heart of rebellion, seldom being heard of Save in connection with the taken of some rebels strong hold— Distance seems to make it more of a romance— writers

Daily papers and possaic writers have seemed to notice this army more than the army of the potomac — Those that had the good fortune to witness the scene that transpired within the city ~~of~~ during the past ~~a~~ ~~two~~ two days will ever remember it — For six hours during each day the tramp of armies were ~~heard~~ heard upon the pavements of our national capitol —

~~they~~ ~~Thousands of~~ Hundreds of ~~and~~ thousands of our tried and honored brave passed through the streets with their well cleaned muskets glisting in the bright sunshine and were welcomed by cheers of cheers from the people —

~~Beautiful bouquets were~~

Beautiful wreathes and and beaquets prepared by the hands of brave ladies were bountifully bestowed upon both officers and men — ~~Aft~~ After the

He asked if I was ~~in~~ a New York state man — and I replied yes sir — he ask me to step that way and I done so and he shoke hand with me and replyed that he was glad to see a man ~~w~~ from his own state — he He asked what part of the state I was from and how long I had to serve yet and I to told him ~~and~~ He said I would ~~too~~ be discharged soon — He asked were I was ~~stoop~~ stopping and to told him in the Emory hospital He said that he was coming down to see us in a day or two — I told him that ~~New York~~ we would be transferred to Philidelphia and ~~as~~ he said we would not but would receive our discharge here and be paid off —

When we had finished our conversation I turned to ~~good~~ go away he says good

day & I returned the comple-
ment as ~~was~~ went out the
gentleman who I met in the
door where I came in stoped
me and asked me if I ~~new~~ &
knew who I was speaking with
I told him I did not and he
told me that it Rubin R. Fenton
governor of the state of New York.
You may imagine that I
was not a little surprised to
learn that ~~gooour~~ the governor of
Fenton ~~of~~ was such a pleas-
int and sociable man — I shall ever
remember that kind look as long
as I shall ~~ar~~ remember anything
connected with ~~me~~ man —
I have written now until I am quite
tired and will have to close
my letter — I do not know
wither or ~~#~~ not I will be trans-
ferred to to the ~~##~~ City of Phil-
adelphia — There is nothing ca-

at office I saw a gutte man stand-
ing in the door — and ~~at~~ asked
the man if that was the office of
the new York state agency —
and he replied it was — and
I then asked him if he could
change me some new York state
money and give in national
~~cu~~ ~~w~~ currency and said step
in to the office ~~of the New York~~
~~State agency~~ and he would
see — ~~co~~ I stepped in and handed
him the bill and he steped up
to a col' (I presume it was col'
Goodrich ~~of~~ the NY state agent) and
spoke to him and the turned
to ~~and~~ a man who writing by a desk
in one corner of the ~~room~~
office — He was a pleasant looking
man with a beard and ~~hair~~ hair
and about fortfive years of age

tain about it — I truncated that those under medical treatment will be transferred to ~~Philadelphia~~ Philadelphia — As I am under ~~[illegible]~~ the care of the doctor I may posibly be transferred but there is ~~to~~ no certainty of it — there is generally all kinds of rumors in camp and you can place no confidence any of them — you may write to me as soon as you get this I will probably receive it before I leave here — I shall be very glad to ~~see~~ ~~you~~ hear from you —

Your Affectionate Son

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