Little Rock, Ark.
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Dear Lizzie:

I write to you last week, informing you that I had sent some money by Lieut. Ruse Taffner, but I have since learned that he returned having gone no farther than Debacle Bluff. I do not know whether he sent the money along, or not. I'll find out when I see him. If he did not I will forward it by Express. He heard the sad intelligence of the death of President Lincoln, but have received no particulars. The first intimation we had
of this painful event was from the firing of half
hour guns, commencing at
sundown. Shortly, however, an
order from Dept. Hq's, announce
ning it, was received. Every
body is to abstain from acci
dous business, except from neces
sity, office and soldiers to remain
in camp, and half hour guns
be fired from Fort Steele
until sunset. I can think
of no event which caused
create greater gloom in the
hearts of patriots than the
violent death of Abraham
Lincoln. To think of good, honest Abraham Lincoln
being struck down by an
assassin, is enough to make
the nation weep. All are
sad and indeed to day. This
shears the cup of vengeance.
is overflowing. I think, now, that I never shall forget the traitors who have brought about this terrible event. I can adjust them with good will, if I die, if necessary.

Yesterday we had a grand review of the 1st Division by Brevet Major Gener lum, commanding. Our Brigade (the 2nd) consisting of the colored regiments had to cross the river on steamers. It was intensely hot, and the men suffered severely. During the preliminaries I was overcome and had to leave the line and seek the shade; but got better after a while and again went to my place. I could scarcely sit on my horse while the column passed.