

Sisters of Charity Hospital
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Yes, the assassination of our beloved President was a most atrocious deed. It was a great shock and loss to our nation yet I think it will prove a more severe blow to the rebellion than as in reality as our people are more than ever indignant and traitors have not merciful "Father Abraham" to deal with now.

I wished you could have been here after the sad news reached here and more especially the funeral day(11) The city was completely draped in mourning by hanging black crape on the exterior of the buildings. The flags which a short time before were waving in triumph over the glorious success of our armies were now at half mast and over them was hanging a streamer of crape.

Due respect and honor was paid to the memory of our noble President here on the day appointed for his funeral.

There was a large and magnificent hearse constructed for the occasion which was drawn by six white horses shrouded with crape. There was a procession more than two miles long composed of Soldiers Citizens and all kinds of Societies and orders too numerous to mention. Besides the streets were densely ~~eer~~ crowded with bookers on for miles as we past. Invalid Soldiers like myself had the honor of riding in carriages a little ways behind the hearse. There was a continual tolling of bells kept up and at regular intervals the firing of cannon. As we halted a prayer and speech was made, The whole scene was marked with Solemnity and the day one long to be remembered by me and all who love the name and memory of Abraham Lincoln.

I am certain we have a picture which I will try to locate and send to you later.

We will be here until after Christmas. If you should visit in this area over any of the holidays, we would be pleased to have you come and see us.

Sincerely,



Frank M. Bushnell