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Camp 20<sup>th</sup> Mich. Vols.  
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Dear Sister

Our regiment mustered out of the service yesterday and will leave here for home tomorrow morning. I have been promoted to Capt. since I have been here & am now out of the service. I wrote you that I should be home soon but think now I shall go to Michigan with the Regt. I have been busy most of the time since my return settling up with the Govt., we have to account for every thing we have been responsible for as officers before we can receive final payment. I shall go to Jackson Mich. and see the Regt. disbanded then go to Lansing & try and get work in the State Offices until Oct. If I was to go to Willsboro I should be obliged to stop there until Oct. & do nothing. If I can get work in the Land Office it will be much better and help me along with my Law course. I can get a complete set of the State Laws - of the Sec. of State for nothing.

I will write when I get to Lansing & let you know whether to express my trunk there or not.

I was present at the grand review here - saw the President - Grant, Sherman and all of their generals.

The Armies are encamped about here - in a circle around the City of Washington with the exception of a portion of Sheridan's Cavalry who have gone to Texas.

All the troops that came out in 62 under the 300,000 call will be discharged with us - some regiments have already gone.

Write as soon as you get this & direct to Lansing & I shall get the letter.

Yours &c

Wm. A. Barnard