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Dear Brother Bill

I received your letter today and was glad to hear from you the last time I heard from you you were sick on grunting around I believe I am glad you are able to write you say you have a wood s and a barn to put up between this and the first of April I will try and see if I can get a furlough to come and help you put them up you gave me sutch a polite invitation taking all things under consideration I will stay a little longer before I come home times are good here at present weather nice and warm but it is agoing to rain before long I have just come off of guard the roads are most out ragoon muddy and a fair prospect for a little more what do you think of Bill Lorkin strike I think he done finish rate for I would not live so near the railroad so he did when we were in Harrisburgh the cars run one both sides of us and made and devil of a noise day and night we are not so near the track now but can hear the cars when they croys the long bridge which is not more than one mile and a half from here since wirting it has commenced raining and by the appearance of the weather I think we will catch it tonight there are two of us at the camp we can go in out of the rain one in the guard house and one in the comisary General Hooker was at the White House yesterday that is all at present Willard A. Cutter cut wood and set by the stove .