

Washington, D.C.
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Dear Mother

Having some time to spare and it being some time since I have heard from you so I concluded to write a few lines to you How are you all by this time we are having nice warm weather here at noon yesterday or all day I might as well say was very warm and at 8 oclock last night we had a thunderstorm the wind is nice and cool to but the sun is warm the men here are cutting the grass here in the park again the Marine band plays here every Saturday afternoon from 4 till six there is a great many people here to hear the music and more to see the fashions what the most of the folks go to church for like one of the cōrecruits he said he had only been to church once and he had to pay ten cents our com got two months pay monday the next time we get 16 a month instead of 13 tos lowe is in Washington with his balloon the balloon went up about 80 feet with only the basket he is not ready yet to go up but will be in a day or more that name seems to me to be the same man that went up on the diamond the news from the army is good Grant is driving old Lee everything goes lovely and the goose hangs high all the boys are well at present write if you get this letter and let me know give my love to grand mother and Eliza and her family write from your son, Willard A. Cutter