

Soldiers Home  
Washington, D.C.  
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Dear Brother

I received your letter the 8th and was glad to hear from you we have nice weather here we got some rain yesterday but not much it has been very dry here this summer I am glad to hear that you finished your job how did you come out and all right I hope did you make anything worth while at it you had better ask bigger wages they way things sell there these times you want my opinion do you about the next President well my opinion is old Abe will be or at least I hope so if the war lasts four longer I am not for peace I think we can fight it out if it takes two years I am willing to sacrifice all my wifes relations to put down the rebs I was just down digging a rifle pit for to get in to see where they shoot or hit mornings you see we have got a new targe to shoot at it is four hundred yds off so I or two stay in the pit to mark the shots and see who makes the best shot Peaches and Mellons are plenty here. I will send you some water mellons beeds one of these days some way I have some out of a big one you can stick them in next year the darn flies are worse this year than I efer seen them last week there was 3 big oxen died out of a drove the 3 were not  $3\frac{1}{2}$  of a mill a part all sun struck I seen one when he laid down and died in  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour they belong to uncle Sammy we are going to get some more rain here it is ranning now in the city I am well as common as you say give my love to all the folk write soon from Willard A. Cutter, the bold soger boy.