

Washington D.C Jan 1st/65

Dear Mother

I received your letter
this morning and was glad to
hear from you I am well
at present & hope these few
lines will find you all the
same we moved in to the
Barrack yesterday Afternoon
and it snowed like fury
but still it was a much better
time for to move than we
had last week for the mud
was deep and there was just
snow enough to make mudd^{ling}
good walking to what we
have had. There is quite a
confusion among the boys
they are flying and cutting
up so that it is hard for

one to think of anything to write about - Last night the Key stone Brass Band of ours struck up and played several tunes very good tunes. They have got so they can play quite well there is 17 in the Band and they make some music. There is to be a reception at the White House to morrow I am glad to hear that you spent your Christmas as well as you did. That is no reason that you should be mad because Bill Forkin has had a fall out with Rowlands that is no sign that you should not want to go there as usual when invited to go to eat with any one on such a day as Christmas or new years I would go by all means. That is the way I feel about it I am sorry to hear

that Eva has got such a sore
mouth and she must be careful
and not catch cold or it may
be a worse thing than you
are a ware of. It is very
pleasant here to day but
last night was middling cold
that is the kind of weather
we have here one day cold
and the next warm and nice
I like this part of the country
a great deal better than in old
Crawford it is so much warmer
and nicer in winter you can
work out of doors about all
winter with comfort and not
have to hurry to keep warm
only once in a while give my
love to Grand Mother and the
rest of the family I received
Lizzys letter but have no time
to answer it - tell William to
excuse me for not answer his

we are much better here
in barracks than in the tents
for we are not exposed to
the weather here for we
have a very good house
I must come to a close
I wish you a happy new
year write soon

from your son
Willard A. Lutter