Tuesday

Washington D. C. Dec 16. 62

Dear Mother

I received your letter on the 12th inst and was glad to hear you were all well we have had two cold nights here but I was Not on Guard then I was in the Tent Both nights we have a skip once a week of one Day I am not on Guard to day or To Morrow we do not go to the Regiment any more But mount Guard here we are all Glad of that for it was a good deal of work to get ready and we had to look jest so or the old bd Did not like it we had to stand while up there as still as a Mouse and not dare to move your Head with was hard to do when the Band Beat off there was nine or ten Drummers in the Band they have changed the time to

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Mount Guard we used to go on
Guard at 12 Oclock now the old
guard Stands till four in the afternoon
then the new guard goes on for 24 hours
it is not so cold as you think
it has been nice and warm for
four or five sunday it was warm
as it was in Meadville when
I left I am sorry that Mc Clelland
is sick for he must be by this time
some man
it rained some this morning
But the sun is shineing now we
have Better times now than we
did we have four relieves now where
we only had ~~four~~ 3 so we have 6 hours
to sleep we see some Big men here
Billy Hallowdy was here last week
he is in camp across the Potomac
bill Boslow was here sunday I got
the stamps and the one spot and
have got the Boss and that is all I
have got now I was down in the

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City to day and got weighed
I have gained ten pounds in less than
3 weeks, Bob Hannah was never
sick or in the Hospitol I guys little
tilly Knows more about this Co
and about other folks Buisness
than she does about her own
there is news in the city that
General Burnside has Retreated
there was 40 or 50 Officers went By
2 abreast all at one time all the Boys are
while I was on guard well at present
that is all at Present
so good By Willard. A. Cutter

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