Washington, D.C.
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Dear Mother

I received your letter on 23 and was glad to hear from you that letter I showed to the boys as for bob hannah I told him it was a lie for I was not such a fool as to write anything like that home the weather is nice and warm here this week Gen. Burnside was at the White House yesterday Christmas Day I have just got up from dinner we had 6 turkeys and 12 chickens which made a bully dinner for Christmas we had some left and I think we will get it for supper cannons are booming all the time I was on guard last night and come off at ten today we see some big generals every day some days to many we have to go up to the regiment again but we are getting so we like to go. Arch Dixson come here last night he went all round to the tents where he knew the boys and waked them up and shook hands and then left to go down to the city for lodging he said he would be back today to see us but has not got here yet mother you think I was worring my self about what Miss Tilly wrote here but I took it from whence it came as the boy said when the kicked him I got them stamps I must come to a close wishing you all a merry Christmas give my love to Grand Mother and all the rest of the folks so good by Willard A. Cutter