

Dec 7th 1862

Dear Brother

I received your letter on 5
and was glad to hear that you
were all well The Drafted men
arrived in Washington on Wednesday
I was on guard at the time and
could not get off I come off of
Guard at 4 oclock, had to eat
Supper and by that time it
was most to late and the captain
would give a pass for only two
hours and it was two miles
from our camp. I thought if they
would stay till next day I would go
and see them some way they were
then at the station where we stoped. the
same night they were marched to the river
to go to Fortress Monroe but they stayed
over night in the morning I got a pass for 2
and me and Philip went down to see them
we went down by the long Bridge it was near a mile
to where the men was all along the landing or warf
the scooners were thick I see more them than

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I have since I have been here for ____ of a mile there
was a string of steam boats and sooners the boys were there
Early to go I seen J Petitz and Ed Pentz Cal Coal Cody Byers
and many more that I know some of the took it hard there
Was a drafted man he said I want to go home cis no man
Any more he went a round crying and sprouting

Wine did not care any thing about it but they all said
They did not like to go and have some many stay behind
I stayed 5 hours, when I thought I had better go Back
Bill Young was there he said stay a while longer so I did
some of Scotts Cavalry come to Guard the men they
stationed the Guard and would not let any one of
the Drafted men out not any body else they kept coming
up Closer at last they commenced to drive the men in
the steam boat they rode up saying go on go on with
you they went on driving them along like they were hogs
they drove them nearly across the Bridge which is 30 or 40
feet wide and near a hundred feet long when they
turned and some caught the horses by the heads
and nearly backed them of of the Bridge the
Cavalry turned and run off the Bridge But Back
they come again waving their swords over their
heads the captains of the Drafted men said they
could. Their own men and they put on a Guard
of then men and the cavalry went away up town
the same day the men went down the river
dan Steffon was with us boys all day Sunday
Eat dinner and supper with us he has go to
Go back to Baltimore to take the steamboat for to
Monroe Len Blystone and ___ Livlemans and Dan
Had a furlough dan thinks he will go to Day he likes
Soldiering first Bully, how much did you
Pay a pound for that Butter and Cheese
How many pound of each was they you must send
Me some more money for we do not know when
We will get our pay there was a soldier thing in the
Capital Yard for billing the first Lieutenant he
Run the Bayonet through him. I must come to
A close by Biding you good by. Write soon
Saturday night was the coldest night there has
Been here for 8 Years there is snow on the ground one half inch in places

From your Brother W.A. Cutter

All the Boys are

Words on first leaf

Give my love to Granny and tell her not to buy ____ thinking of me I can sit in my tent and see Gen Lees Horse

Steam boasts we can see when laying on my bunk going up and down the river

Bill Clover tried hard to come home to get a pass or furlough but he could not get any

His mother wanted to see him before she died but he could get not furlough

Do not sell any more corn on Park till you can get a good price for it

Send some stamps for I am out