Head Qrs. 13th o.v.c.
Dec 26th 1864

Dear Pet,

It is raining this morning. I have concluded that it would be better to write you a short letter than to go out and get wet. The surgeon and I intended to visit army headQrs. today on business but

think it doubtful if we will run the risk of getting a good wetting unless there is some necessity for it. I expect that two or three of my letters will reach you by the same mail. They all will not be more than an answer for one of your good long loving letters.

I wish I could see you this morning. I could tell you a long letter in a short time a great deal shorter than I can write any kind of a one. I expect you had a fine time Christmas. I was not away from camp as I had no place to go but had plenty of fried mush and other good things to eat so that I done very well. Lt. Connway forwarded an application for a leave of abscence (sic) this morning, if it is granted you may expect to see him in a few days after this reaches you as I supose (sic) he will "stop off" as the boys say, to call on Mag. Joy to them is all I have to say.

I expect to get a letter from you this morning and shall feel quite disapointed (sic) if it dose (sic) not come.

Give my love to all at home.

Your loving husband
Steve