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Dear Mother

Having a few words to say and dam few too for I have not time to say much wat I have to say in this there is a rumor here in camp about what I have written home about Company Starving to death there was a friend of mine got a letter yesterday and come in mysterously last night in my tent and wanted to see me I was on guard at the time he had the letter with him so he read it to the boys it said I had wrote home how hard up Co. K was and we did not get enough to eat and was nearly starving to death I want you to look that letter up if you can and see Bill Lorkin and lize to see where the story started I want to know who it was that tole any thing that any one could get a yarn up like that Bob Hannah was the one that got the letter and come to the tent he said his wife wanted to know what we had to eat here for you said Com. K was all most starving to death God damit write the words you told her or lize or find out in my letters if you can All the boys are well at present I have not time to write much so good by from your son, Willard A. Cutter