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Dear Mother

I received your letter and I take my pen in hand to write a few lines in return the weather has been somewhat cooler for the last few days Sunday it rained some bit today it looks and is quite pleasant I suppose you folks are would of been scared to of seen me come home on a 35 five days furlough there was a great many of the boys enlisted but come to find out they could not go but it had been in the paper all along that two year men could go but it happened that them that had one year to serve could not so some of the boys were disappointed some were all ready to go but I come to the conclusion to put in what time I have to serve before going in for 3 years more from now but there is very good new s from Atlanta and Mobile are ours and Old John Morgan is killed and his staff captured every thing begins to look like the war was fast coming to a close well Mr Hassen it seems found where you lived I am sorry he disappointed you in not bringing that box but am very glad that he did not bring it for we have no room for it an then theres things as cheap here as they are there I can take $2.00 and buy as mutch as would cost you five when here so you need not send any I can look out for my self one year longer Mr. Hassen didnt want to be bothered that is the reason I suppose I know I wouldnt I am well as usual from your son, give my love to Granny, Willard A. Cutter.