Washington Jan 1863

Dear Grandmother

Having a few Moments to spare I thought I could not improve the time better than to write you a few lines to let you Know how I am getting along, at the present time we Meadville Boys make Good the times we have, we have lots of fun and as for the fighting quality it is first rate for one of our Boys was savage enough to Kill a warp Rat in a bayonet Charge one night while on Guard and his life was lost Spite of all he could do to save him by a mother in the ribs so went Scotch

we are encamped within
one quarter of a mile of
the Potomac we can set in
the Door of our tent and
see the steam Boats go
up and down the River
some times as many as
20 go past in one Day I am
not Home sick yet nor
do not think I will very
soon as long as the war
lasts I am in, so let this
wicked world go as it will
I will be gay and happy
still there was a battle not
long ago & our men Whip
the Rebs they took a fort & 6000
Prisoners there is a big expected
Before long for the Officers
have left Washington
well rid of them
in a big hurry and we are

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I am on Guard Every
other Day and stand
eight hours out of twenty
four for a month or so
we had four releaves and
we were on only six Hours
but now we have more
men on a Relief and three
relief's we are one every 4,
hours where we were off six
I am well at present and
hope these few lines will
find you enjoying the
same Great Blessing
all at present
so i must come to
a close so good
from your Grand son
Willard A Cutter
escuse the
Bad writing done in a hurry
for it was

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