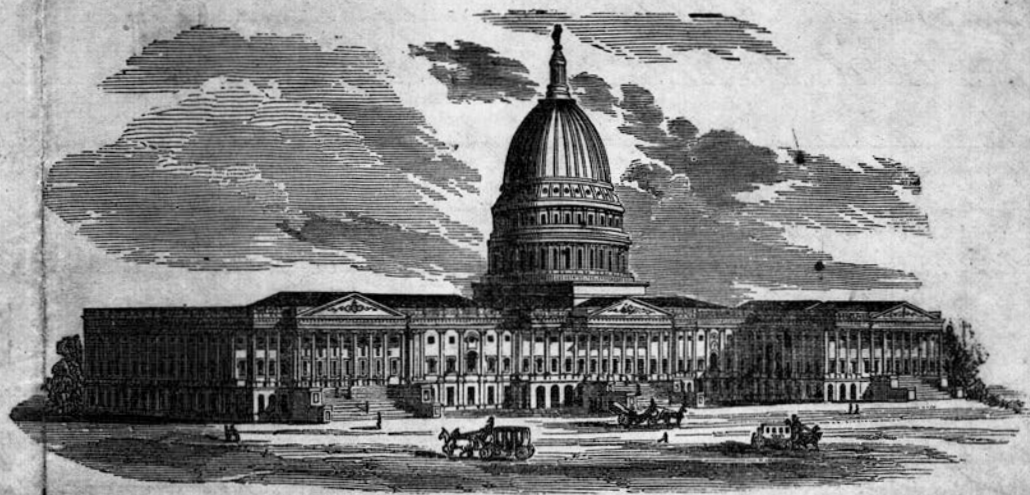




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Soldiers Home Co. R

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Dear Mother I recieved your letter on the 28 and was glad to hear from you that you are all well, but Grammother, you must not let her suffer for anything as long as you have Money tell her not to worry about me for I will take good care of myself, we and Me went to a farmer yesterday and bought some Straw and we had a good bed last Night I am on guard to day here in Camp

We have to guard the Officers
Tents it takes 3 men every Day
to guard the Camp Bill and
George got Behind hind hand
with the corn this year again
If I had been there they would
of had their Corn in 2 weeks
ago it is a nice warm Day
but we will have rain before
long I think I'll tell Bill if he has not
got them Boards up to the Goose
Cot for him to get them if he
has to carry them Home If the
ground would not fetch anything
I would have them Boards for I
knowed when you put them there
they were worth more than the
Crop would be we have not Drill
ed for over a Week and so we
have lots of time to Write or
Play Just as we like we hered
here the Other day that if this war
was not finished in 4 Monts

Old England and France would
Come over and settle it they had
Better stay where they are if they
know when they are well off for
we can whip the South and come
to the pinch old England and France
and the South to we are strongly
fortified Here there is a picket
fence all round the Camp
When we were going through Baltimore
I seen a Fountain that throwed the
water 40 feet high Friday Morn
I recieved George's & Eliza's yesteeday
and I will answer them as soon
as I can all the Boys are well
tell Me Sister that Me is well
and getting as fat as a pig
we Drew Rations yesterday
we Drew Sugar for 8 days
a Big Pint tin full I cant
find much to write about So I
Must come to a close Good By
From your son W. A. Cutler