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Dear Mother

I received your letter this morning and was glad to hear from you I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you all the same we moved in to the a barrack yesterday afternoon and it snowed like forty but still it was a much better time for to move than we had last week for the made was deep and there was just snow enough to make middling good walking to what we have had there is quite a confusion among the boys they are flying and cutting up so that it is hard for one to think of anything to write about last night the keystone brass band of ours struck up and played several tunes very good tunes they have got so they can play quite well there is 17 in the band and they make some music there is to be a reception at the White House tomorrow I am glad to hear that you spent your Christmas as well as you did that is no reason that you should be mad because Bill Lorkin has had a fall out with Rowlands that is no sign that you should not want to go there as usual when invited to go to eat with any one an such a day as Christmas or New Years I would go by all means that is the way I feel about it I am sorry to hear that Eva has got such a sore mouth and she must be careful and not catch cold or it may be a worse thing than you are a ware of it is very pleasant here today but last night was middling cold that is the kind of weather we have here one day cold and the next warm and nice I like this part of the country a great deal better than in old Crawford it is so much warmer and nicer in winter you can work out of doors about all winter with comfort and not have to hurry to keep warm only once in a while give my love to Grand Mother and the rest of the family I received lizzys letter but have no time to answer it e tell William to excuse me for not answer his we are much better here in barracks ta than in the tents for we are not exposed to the weather here for we have a very good house I must come to a close I wish you a happy new year write soon from your son, Williard A. Cutter