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Camp of the 11 Reg't Mass

At Brandy Station Virginia

December the 24, 1863

Dear wife and children

I sit down to write those few loynes to ye hoping it will find ye in good health as the departure of this leaves me in at present thanks be to God for his blessing.

Dear wife you must excuse me for not writing to you before this. I could not write for I had a sore hand but it is better now. I hope that the children is all well and I hope that ye will enjoy the Crismas.

Good night for I have not time to writ any more.