

(Appointment as Capt.)

Battalion 6th W. Vols.

In front of Petersburg Va
Dec 25th 1864

Dear Sister

Your letter of the 19th came safely to hand, this morning and so I consider it as my Christmas present and now I will try and answer it - I am well as usual excepting a hard cold and a disagreeable headache which you know is not pleasant, but I am feeling well and how can I help it when we are continually hearing such good news from our arms. The prospect of a speedy end of the war and thorough crushing out of the rebellion is growing brighter and brighter every day and I hope to be able to be at home by another Christmas for good. Such are my hopes and I think that they are not without foundation. Yesterday we received news of the fall of Savannah and the capture of 15,000