


 Camp of the 11th Regt Mass
 at Sandy Station Virginia
 December the 24th 1863

Dear wife once
 a soldier I but now I am
 here few things to be hoping
 it will find you in good
 health as the duration of
 this leave, we in at present
 think be glad for this blessing
 Dear wife your friend
 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 holidays
 good night for I have not
 time to write any more

