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Savannah, Ga. January 15th

Dear & Mother, I set down to write you a letter
 & let you now that I am well at present & I hope
 these few lines will find you all well & enjoying
 good health. I was in hopes that I would hear from you
 before I wrote this letter, but I guess you did not get
 my letter I wrote to you the 18. of December last before
 we got Savannah. we are to work at fortifying the place
 throwing up breast work & I think we shall stay here
 till spring. Savannah is a large city it is dry sandy
 level ground it is 18. Miles from the sea coast Atlantic
 Ocean, boats come up the Savannah River & bring
 in provisions from New York. we did not have much trouble
 in getting the place. the Rebels left the most of
 their left for Charleston I think they will soon get
 to the end of ^{the} road. we have our winter tents first up.
 the winter four men in a tent the tent is made of
 plank 7. by 12. four feet high, then the Rebels
 on & the top tents on for the roof & we have a little
 fire place in the side a door in one end & the bunks
 are made in the outer end ~~are~~ two bunks one
 a top of the other we can live in them very well
 but they are very smokey if we go one day with
 out washing we look black as a nigger.
 the weather is some cold & windy but it don't
 freeze much it is some thicker here we lost a
 man out of our company he was begred to say
 he had a sneeze that hurr him down to death