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Camp Shanks Jan 14th 1864

Dear Father

You must think by this time that I have forgotten you as I have not written to you but one short letter since I came up but I have a very good excuse

Ever since early Monday morning I have been making out the Muster in Rolls and Bounty Rolls of the Company and a hard job it has been as there is so much Red Tape here at present it is hard to get things to suit the officials. after several times I think I have them all right now - I have not been in camp since Monday morning until last night as I had to go to the city to make out the Rolls -

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Yours Son L.B. Safford

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JBS

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