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# Letter, 1864 December 25, Oscar D. Ladley to Mother and Sisters [Catherine, Mary, and Alice Ladley]

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Wilton Head S.C.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

(Christmas)

Dear Mother & Sister

I got orders  
yesterday night before last while  
in picket at the front.  
I proceed immediately to  
this place. We arrived here  
yesterday morning on the Steam  
"Mayflower". There are a  
great many of Sherman's  
Army here men whose  
term is out and escaped  
officers who come in almost  
every day. Lt Price of our  
Regt came in a few days  
ago he followed in the  
wake of Sherman and  
arrived at Fort McAlister  
in safety. Sherman will

look rough but hearty  
after their long march  
and are the heroes of the  
place, officers of our Regt,  
and myself included have  
been taken for Sherman's  
officers because we are  
at present looking pretty  
rough not having had  
a change of clothing since  
we left Jacks Mills.  
fourteen days ago.

We will proceed to  
Jacks Mills turn over  
our Ordnance & Quartermaster's  
property and then start  
for home.

The afternoon before we  
left the fort the enemy  
shelled our camp and  
attacked our picket line  
but we repulsed them  
that same night we

started for this  
place.

We were complimented  
by many officers of other  
Regts. Her remaining over  
our time without offering  
any assistance. &c &c.

Well this is Christmas  
and we have no way  
of putting in the day  
except just sitting  
still.

Well I will close.

A Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year to  
all.

Affectionately  
O. D. Bailey