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Wilton Head S.C.

Dec 25th 1864

(Christmas)

Dear Mother & Sister

I got orders
yesterday night before last while
in picket at the front
& 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 McAllister
in safety. Sherman's men

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