

Camp Griffin Va  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1861  
~~Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 61~~



Dear Father & Mother.

This Friday P.M. I will sit down & use the pen holder & pen which you sent me & let you know about my box &c. I promised to write you soon as I got it & doubtless you will expect a letter this week certainly. but I did not get the box until Wednesday night, I had so much drilling to do yesterday that I could not write until now & I do not think that I shall get this off until Monday.

I do not know how I can sufficiently express my thanks to you for your kindness in making me up such a box of things. I do really think that you care more about my comfort & welfare out here than you do about anything else in the world. & I hope that I shall get some time to do as much for you if I can. The box was a long while on the way owing probably to teams from our Regt not going to the city for some time & it was laid back & fresh animals were heaped onto it & so it hesitated there. that is what I think. but lately boxes have come up at the rate of 4 to 6 loads a week. & boxes that started lately here come in 5 to 6 days out to Sergeant Stone from Desoville in 3 days.