

Camp Griffin Va

Dear Father

Tuesday P.M. Dec 31st
drill

This P.M. as there is no Brigade
I will try & write another letter to you, hoping that
I may be able to get it done before the week is
out, & 2 or 3 others too. I was sent off last Sunday
morning with 20 men from our Co as our detail
on picket guard & when I got in to camp Monday
I found a letter from you & was of course glad to find
You say that you are driven to straits for news & it is just
so with me, you get more news & particulars in the Pal-
ladium than I can find here yet as to the minutia
& minor details of camp life, of course I am situated to
inform you on such matters to a greater extent probably
than the papers can, except what the letters from the
soldiers afford. And another thing many people
suppose that the boys here have as much as half
the time to write if they had a mind to mix with me
it is no such thing, for I write when I can a fewy, but
to give you an instance of my chances, Sunday I was sent
on picket & then I wrote part of a letter to Nanie, came in
Monday at 1/2 past 11, & as the pickets were excused
from drill the rest of the day I thought I would do
some washing so I went to work & washed a pair of drawers