

Camp Griffis New
Yer 4th 1861

Loved ones at home we
left Bethel at 12 and
arrived in Washington Tuesday
at 12 Am all safe found it very
Cold we got over stages &
arrived in Camp about 5
the same night we had a joy-
ful meeting, the boys have
all got bad colds I bunked
with Ed & George Marsh & others
to day we have been busy
looking the grounds over
Wester & I have made Ben
Ward a report this eve
he has got a hard cold
I like camp life first I
think I shall stop a few
days with them