

Camp Griffin - Smith's Division
Oct. 26th 1861 -

Dear Sisters:-

I must write you a few words to night tho. I have scarcely time to write you much. You see we have made several advances since I wrote you last, tho. I cannot tell now possibly when I wrote you last or where I was, the time passed along so swift. We remained at Camp Advance near Chain Bridge about ten days and were getting along very well in drilling and getting used to camp life in Virginia when we one morning about 2 o'clock; we were ordered to have everything in readiness to march at sunrise with 40 rounds of cartridges and 24 hours rations and at that time we marched - all