

[Dec. 14, 1862]

Camp Green Affatta Road Md,
Sunday eve ten o'clock

My Darling one

I have just got around to write you a few lines to go by the morning mail. I have been in the saddle most all day as "Officer of the day" - I do not know how it happens, but most every Sunday I am detailed "Officer of the day" - I hope it will change, for I like to have a quiet and peaceful day for Sabbath; a day of rest. We have just got the news this morning, of a big battle at Fredericksburgh. You will get all the particulars in the papers before we shall - so far we hear our side is successful, and the boys have been ^{doing} some big cheering. I hope it may prove true, for every big battle brings me so much nearer the end, and the time when those that are left can see their loved ones once more in peace and happiness.