

Letter No. 16

Branch Station Va Jan 1/64

Dear Father, Mother & Breth-

-ers; It is New Years day in Va, & I
^{suppose} it is in W. just the same, I hope you
have got my letter wrote Christmas
day so that you are relieved of some of
your anxiety about me, so that you can
enjoy this pleasant, but I fear that
you are not happy, & I think that I may
be the cause of your sorrowful feeling,
makes me feel bad too, but I hope
that no more letters will be delayed
& I shall be allowed ^{more} time so that
I can write oftener, but we have had
a great deal of duty to do this past
winter, so if you ^{my} do not hear from
me one week or two do not think there
is anything serious but try & be calm
I will write one or two if I can, It
was not decided that we should winter
here until a day or two before I got you