

Camp Griffin
Jan. 15th 1862

Dear Sister. Last Sunday night I reciev
a letter from Father & he wanted an immediate
answer but I knew he could not have got
a letter which I sent off. Saturday morning
& I thought that I would wait until tomorrow night
as I then hope to get an answer to one of my oth
er letters. I wrote half a sheet of my last letter
to you but I have not written a regular letter
to you for some time & now I'll go in for regular
epistle to you. I can write no war news of any
amount for right in this vicinity we do nothing
but drill fire blank cartridges attend to
roll calls eat our rations & go on picket which
last is the most laborious duty we have to
do. I believe had we then gone right into a
pitched battle at Manassas if we by so
doing could settle this war up at once than
to fool & fuss around here apparently by doing
nothing but we have got to wait patiently & see
what turns up but I hope that the ^{war} expeditions
that are on foot now will fix matters so that