

Army of the Potomac.
Camp Griffin M.

My dear Homer—

Feb 7th /62

In the first place I will ask your forgiveness for not writing you sooner. I rec^d your letter a long time ago, when we were at Camp Advance I think. Since that time I have thought of you, and of writing you I cannot tell how many times, but for some reason I cannot tell why, I have not written. What are you doing this winter? I am doing the same that the rest of this army is, and you know what that is as well as I can tell you. We have been here now nearly 5 months, and thro' we have not seen a battle I think we have lost our share of men. There is, and has been all the time since we