

Washington Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1862

There has not been any thing special  
is going on in camp since the 12<sup>th</sup> until  
to day we had a regimental drill  
which was a change in the programme  
and is more active than the labor drill  
for this cold weather Jan 19<sup>th</sup> I was

on guard duty to day and had some  
fun with the officer of the day and  
played a nice game with an thief

Jan 20 I did not go on drill this fore  
noon this after noon we drilled in  
the marches and wheelings Jan 21 when

we was on regimental this morning the  
Lieutenant Colonel got us paraded

and then he thought he would put on a  
little style so he clapped his spurs  
to his horse (which was a little black  
horse that belonged to one of the Captains)

and drew his saber and off went the  
horse into the woods with him. The  
Jan 2 snowed all day

the last we see of him was his red hair  
flying in among the trees, he was gone  
about an hour and he came back all  
mud. I thought he had discovered a  
secret what made him leave so quick  
how far the horse run with him I do not  
know. We drilled as usual Friday  
The colonel's woman arrived in camp today  
and we had to put on our haversacks and  
canteens and go out on parade to let  
the Colonel's wife see us. after the  
parade was dismissed Captain Kennedy  
run and jumped on to the major's  
Saddles horse behind the Major and the  
horse reared up and kicked and threw  
the Captain off into the mud which  
made him feel rather cheap Jan 23-24  
we drilled as usual or in the no horse  
cavalry drill, it stormed last night  
or most like old Chautauqua than it  
has before since I have been in Dixie and  
one of my comrades that was on guard was  
taken sick at seven o'clock and I went

and relieved him and stood his  
guard in the hail rain & snow until nine  
o'clock this morning then I was relieved by  
the new guard & the Captain excused  
me from drill to day except parade  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup> I went on review to day and  
went to meeting and went on dress  
parade Jan 27<sup>th</sup> we had a tip top  
regimental drill to day there was  
two or three regiments of infantry practic-  
ing at loading and fire now it was  
a grand sight Jan 28<sup>th</sup> we drilled as usual  
to day Jan 29<sup>th</sup> I wrote a letter to Messrs  
Thatcher to day and drilled as usual Jan  
30<sup>th</sup> It rained to day we did not drill to  
day we had a bible class in the evening  
at our tent the first sergeant & second <sup>and</sup> lieutenants  
was present we had a tip top time too  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup> I was on guard to day and was  
stationed at the guard house to take care  
of some prisoners it happened that there  
was a peddler in there trading with the  
prisoners when I was stationed there the

Seargent told me that I would be responsible for their safe keeping after awhile the peddler wanted to go off I did not know but he was a prisoner trying to play roots on me so when he came out I told him to not go off he swore he would go where he was a mind to for all of me says you pa and I up set him and threw him back into the shanty unfortunately for him I his coat almost off of him in the affair he had to stay until the seargent came and let him out. Commenced snowing about midnight

Feb 1st Today is saturday it rained and snowed we did not drill I got a letter from John Platner dated the ninth of Jan he did put on it the No of the reg it went through very cavalry reg from N.Y before I got it he is well Feb 2d today is the sabbath it was very pleasant one too we went out on review this morning after that we passed the day in giving out an other sentances to write from the Bible in the evening we had a side clap Lieut B J Coffin took the lead Feb 3d I was on police duty today and got a pass and went to the city it commenced snowing this morning