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Head Quarters Camp Griffin Dec 25th

Dear Parents and Friends

Sunday afternoon gives me time to write a few lines. which time I have not had for a week between five in the morning and ten at night. and after my days work I don't feel like writing after that time. Yesterday we were inspected by Inspector Gen Davis and stood in the Ranks four hours without Overcoats in a temperature that froze the ground four or five inches the night before and did not thaw at all in the sun next Day. The result was that all the men got thoroughly chilled and most of them took cold and are grinding and limping round with Rheumatism &c. This is the worst part of Soldiers life worse than the fatigue. Many times on marches men will get sweaty and then come to a halt and stand perhaps two hours in the Ranks with no extra clothing. for here a man cant take his Overcoat on his arm. but if Overcoats are ordered all must wear them if not none can. So that with all the Chorus of Military there are some things unpleasant even to a Civilian some tough This morning we had the usual Sunday inspection at eight o'clock