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## Camp Loockout valy Jan lat /64

My dear Rhody

I revieved three letters last mite one from you one from your father and one from elisabeth they made quite a new years present i would like very much to have a box sent me but i dont think that it would ever get here if you should send one and i do not need it so bad as i did last wenter Rhoda i have a quart cup that i use to coock in but on thanksgiving mite i borrowed a sheat iorn spider that one of the boys in they Company had and i cary a tin plate to eat on I am not suprised that the boys thinks it is fun to drive the rebs but there is more fun in telling of it then in doing it and it is not so quite so hard We have hed no snow here tell last nite yesterday it rained quite hard and was warm but in the nite it turned coal and snowed a little to day the sun shinds but the wind is cold and it from in the shaid the mont of Dec here would make a plesant October to home

Rhoda I am sory if I make as bad work spelling as you do for i can ask men that knowes how to spell any hard word and it is neglect if i spell bad i see that you write no where it aught to be know which books bad pleace try and correct that mistake in your nex

Saterday Jan 2nd

My dear Rhoda

It still contineus cold to day is nearly as cold as it was yesterday i was on guard last nite in camp we have 6 men on guard every nite 3
of them to guard the horses and the other 3 guards 3 deserters who have
been brought back 1 of them deserted at Jamestown the other 2 at Gettysburg they will be courtmarshaled and punished severly if not shot Wm
Chambers hath been court marshaled this week for going home on the way

from vergina and was sentansed to lose 1 munth pay

I sopose that you will see a copy of resulusions which was adopted by our Company yesterday concerning the deth of severall of our company and the deth of Develo D McBrides wife the soldiers air getting forlowes to go home now for 20 days there air 2 men of our company that extect to go soon and when they come back 2 more can go i would try to go if i was shure that the soldiers pay was rased but as it is i an afraid you could not spar the money as it would be taken out of my pay and i think it woyld cost more then 30 dolers

## J D Quilliam

(The following was written at the tops of the paper upside down)
pleace send a peper and see if i dont get it put a 2 cint stamp on it
dont forget that i have no stamps you said that you would send your
likness it is slow comeins