



Headquarters, 2nd Regt., Co. H
Camp Brighton Oct 28th 1861

Miss Amanda Sewall,
Dear Mother:

I now seat myself to address
you a few lines to inform you
of affairs here at Camp Brighton
Va. I received a letter a few days
since from my folks, in which in
which they stated that you wished
me to write you a letter and you
would return the compliment. As I
now avail myself of the privilege.

We are all well and in good spirits
at present the only object is
the weather is becoming rather cold
especially nights and morning,
during the day it is quite com-
fortable, we have nearly all good
fireplaces built in our tents so

we keep ourselves comfortable during
the night, as we build a large fire
just as we go to bed, and it burns
till morning. We have been in the
Camp about 3 months, and begins to
seem very much like home to us
but that probably is now, that we
shall soon be compelled to move
into winter quarters before a great
while. There is not much prospect
of our marching into Virginia this
winter, although we expected to before
this time. I wish you could
just see all the soldiers there
are quartered around Washington
and among whom are a great many
very nice looking young men who
have left their homes, their fathers,
mothers, brothers, sisters, and sweethearts
to come out here to fight for the
Stars and Stripes, and many of whom
no doubt will never return. I have
a very good position, here in our

Regiment. I came here as a private
and am now Corporal of the Color
guard,

I would like to come home and
attend a Quiver once more on your
Pasture, and no doubt before a great
while I can. I do not think the
war will last over a year longer
for there are such large bodies of men
on both sides, that something must
be decided upon in the next battle
soon. I suppose Amanda, you
are not married yet, but don't
get discouraged, for the war is
over there will be plenty of good
looking young men who will want
to marry. So you must keep a
good look out for them. You must
not get offended at this for I
like to joke with unmarried women
I was married once myself, but
thank God I am clear from
that woman now, and you may

depend I always shall be from here

Although I do not despise a married life, because I had bad luck, but if I ever return home, I intend trying my luck again, but never with Prostitute Women.

I must now close, hoping to receive an answer from you soon. I will again write to you, and try to write a longer letter. It is now nearly 9 o'clock in the evening and I am getting rather sleepy, and I must go to bed. Give my respects to all the folks in your vicinity and be sure and keep best share for yourself. I suppose you will have fine times this winter at the dances. I will remember of seeing you to all of them when I was at home.

No more this time please write soon and oblige
dear to Prof. Penona Sweet
Camp Brightwood Washington D. C.
Company 36, 2nd Regiment R. I. C.

Yours Respectfully

Prof. Penona Sweet