



Headquarters Camp *Regiment*
2nd Reg't *Co.* Volunteers, Comp H
January 27th 1862
Dear Friend Amanda:

I received your pleasing
note a few days since and
was proud to hear from you
it had been some time since
I heard from you. I should
write before but have had
a visitor, who used to belong to
our company who had just
been released from prison at

at Richmond where he had been
held since the late battle
of "Bull Run". He told
some very pitiful stories concern-
ing the rebels and how they used
them. I cannot begin to tell
half in this letter but the
whole account is in the works
Cham's Journal. He said
that the rebels had shot
many of the innocent prisoners
for merely looking out of the
windows. Frank Greene (Gen.
Simon H. Green's son) also came
with the rest of those whom we
released, but could not come here
in camp to visit us, he had to
be left in Washington, his leg
was in such bad condition. His
brother has come in here and
no doubt he has taken him
home by this time. John
Lyalls is well as usual. I see
him nearly every day he looks

about the same as when at
home, only, he has whiskers on
his face. I should like to
have been at that funeral
you spoke about very much
but it is of no use for me to
think of it yet, but when
I do come home I shall make
up for lost time you may
depend. I suppose you are
enjoying yourself very finely
by attending to the papers
and papers. You must take
all the comfort you can
for we have not got always
to live, and while we do it is
best to take all the comfort
we can, honorably. The way
we are situated here is
that we have plenty of men, you
thousands and hundreds of them
and some of the very best
looking ones too, but no women

They are all left at home. I
suppose the case is just the other
way at home. plenty of women
and not many men. is not this
so?

Well, if anything reaches
me we shall all be at home
soon. And you may look out for
big things being done just as
soon as the weather will per-
mit us to "march". Then the
whole "Army of the Potomac"
will make its "grand march" and
it will be one of the greatest moves
the world has yet seen.

I must now close. It is getting
late. And I am getting sleepy
too. Now write me a little soon
as convenient. And I will try and write
you next time.

(Mrs. Amanda) Respectfully Yours
(Phillips) Prof. Maria Sweet