Camp Griffin  
Nov 23 1861  

Sister Libby  I with pleasure  
I write a few lines to you hoping you are well and enjoying the best of health. At present we are encamped at this place and are fixing up things to keep us a little warm as long as we stay here. We are not certain whether we will stay here or not. There is talk of us going to Fairfax Court House and if we do we shall have a nice time of it this week we have been on two review. The first one was at Bailey's Cross Roads about 8 miles from here. It was as big a procession as ever you have seen and I know
bigger than ever you have seen or ever will. We were got out of our beds at four O'clock in the morning and at 7 O'clock left camp for the Cross Roads. There was a big crowd of people there from Washington and all around Alexandria and Foll Church are small towns near by.

The soldiers looked well as every body said and Libby

There was some good looking soldiers there for the girls of Williamsville to look at. Their horses all were fat and the way they jumped around made the people get out of the way. You could see the girls smiling at some of the soldiers and then the soldiers would...
How to them. The people were 
in carriages omnibuses and 
horseback and walking. 
They all enjoyed the scene 
very much and said it was 
the largest they ever had seen 
on the road. The Union people 
and who lived in their houses were 
all out looking at us. The 
people talk about the South 
women being good looking especi-
ally the girls but I think the girls of the North are as 
good looking every bit. I shall 
write you from time to time and hoping to 
hear from you soon. Remain 

your affectionate 
Brother Ben

P. S. When I write again I will send you some money to 
help for me.

Yours ever
When you write and let that be soon direct to
Ben Schwartz
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