Camp Wide Awake near Hampton Va. Apr. 2. 62

Dear Sister Amanda

As letters may be a long time reaching as if sent to Washington and as I hope to hear from you before long I will write you a few lines with my portfolio on my knee and my overcoat on for it is a cold dreary day. The camp fire seems the wind blows cold every few minutes it rains so I cannot sit out there. I tend on the march with the Surgeon. The plains are level and thick. I received 2 letters last night from Mrs. Clunet. 2 from Cynthia from Celia Whipple & from my brother George's wife who is a great affliction from the loss of