

to go to my Regt yet & I don't
know when I shall be although
& can use my arm a great deal
better than I was a few weeks
could. But I haven't much strength
in it yet. I should like to get
my discharge well enough. But if I
can't I had rather go to my Regt.
I should be more contented to be
there with the Boys than I am
as quarantined with them I am here
as would be in N. Y. There isn't
a single person here that I ever
saw before all perfect strangers
to me. It would have seemed
awful to me before I joined the Army to be
so far from home & among stran-
gers as I am now but I have
got so used to it that I don't
mind it now. as long as I like
my self I can get along among
strangers well enough.

Will I trust you will excuse me until
evening & then I will finish this squally
looking letter. Yours with much love
Adrian

U. S. A. General Hospital,

SIXTEENTH AND FILBERT STREETS.

Philadelphia, April 30th 1863.

Dear Sarah

I will try and write you
a good long letter & tell you all
about how I am getting along here
in the City of the Deadly Sore. I received
your letter last Monday & I have
neglected answering it because I am
going to be transferred to New York
& I thought I would wait until I
got there. But I don't know how
long I shall have to stay here
before I can go so I will answer
it now & then write you again
when I get there. you would
think I'd like to hear you tell of
all the gay sights & splendid things
that is to be seen here in the
City that I could enjoy myself
here first rate & be as happy as
a clam for there is so many

places of amusement here & curiosities
there is some splendid buildings
in this city there is the Academy
of music is the most splendid
place I ever saw I have seen there
several evenings & then there is the
Academy of artists is an other very
interesting place there you will see
all the curious things you can think
of Birds & skulls & skeletons &
Silver & Gold ear & every thing you can
imagine it is worth a good deal
to go & look at I am going
there a gain to morrow you can go
in free every Tuesday & Friday
Now safe splendid you think
I could be perfectly contented here
nothing to do but to walk around
& see the city & enjoy myself

But I dont enjoy myself half as
well as I could in if I was in
that awful place Shirton
you know it is human nature to

all ways to be wishing for something
that one cant get. so I am all
the time wishing that I was at
home & thinking of what you times
I would have if I could only
be in Gt. Walling I dont know
what the reason is I never cared
so much about being at home
untill since I came a way this
last time can you give me any
reason why Gt Walling should be
any more dear to me now than
it was before I dont expect to
get discharged now they have got
so particular now about discharging
men they wont discharge any more
less they are entirely disabled if
they can do any light duty they
will keep them I guess they will
put me on some light duty
such as provost guard as far as
of that kind & not send me
to my Regt. I am not able

U. S. A. General Hospital,

SIXTEENTH AND FILBERT STREETS.

Philadelphia, Thursday eve. 1863.

Sarah I suppose you think you are worthy of a great deal of notice now since you have got to be Aunt Sallie dont you esteem it a great honor to be called Auntie? Oh Dear Sister I wish I could see you to night it is so handsome here to night it has been raining all day so I havent been out to day I have been reading all the Books & papers I can get hold of untill I got so tired I had to go to sleep & I hope youll make up & I feel now as though I should like to sit up untill about 3 o'clock if I could be just where I meant to be, as when I was an other time Sara if I could be at home this summer I would have lots of fun I would go to school every

a great rate I guess I will change the subject. When you think of going to Ohio this fall to teach? I think it would be much more pleasant teaching with Weston than it would to be teaching a district school like ours Mrs Mills thinks it is a disgrace for young Ladies to teach school; it would be if they didnt know enough to teach a Cat perhaps he will make a grand Lady of his Daughters

Why is it Sister that there is so many getting married in & around Gt Valley what makes them in such a hurry Why dont they wait untill the Ladies come home then the girls will have a better chance perhaps these 2 years men are coming home now & the girls will all get married so there will be none left for the 3 year men But it wont make any material difference with me will it Sister? I guess you will be tired enough before you get this all read so that you wont want me to write you an other so long a letter in a good while But I shall write to you as soon as I get to Gt Falls so to tell you where to direct. I dont think I shall stay here long enough to get an answer from

pleasant day when Irving Sheppard
wouldnt be there wouldnt I be
a good Boy though? & kiss the school
morn too But I am afraid Mary
will how trouble with the school
if I was a school teacher I wouldnt
nt teach in that district as in
any other where I had been to
school all my life for it is sure
that some are get up a pass. But
I wish her good luck. Then Chris
has got married has he? & you
have lost him just your duck
paws Child I am sorry for you

Dont you will pardon me for
not writing you a longer & more
interesting letter when I wrote you
before since you did not think I
was appended at you did you? for
I was not I couldnt think of any
thing that I wanted to tell you
if I could have seen you that
time I could have told you twice

yes twenty times more than there
was in that letter as this letter
you know Sarah I am a very fast
hand to write & you must excuse
me if I make mistakes you will
dont you? when you see Kie Kelly
give her my respects & tell her I
honor her grit for treating Mrs Hammy
with the same respect that I did
that is the way to treat such folks
give them a good name being a
love dont you think so? If you
see Mary willaughley before I do
give her my respects & tell her
I have not forgotten the good mint
I had with her when I was at
home & especially that day ride
that she & I had that ~~day~~ night
she went up to our house. some
home or there I took a great
poney to Mary. perhaps it was
on the account of her cousin
Then Sarah ant I running on at