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No – 152  
Mrs. Andrew Upson  
Plantsville, Conn.

*(Yellow envelope postmarked Washington, D.C., Sept 18, 1863 with a 3-cent stamp.  
Letter is on a sheet of lined stationery and is written on two sides in ink.)*

Camp of the 20<sup>th</sup> C.T.  
Near Kelly's Ford, Va.  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1863

My Dear Wife –

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> came yesterday – I have no news to communicate – We have no orders to move – The report prevails that Gen Meade's army is mostly over the river – The Chronicle of Monday Morning contains a brief account of the crossing which I described to you – Pleasanton instead of Kilpatrick it seems is in command of the cavalry – They were successful – But doubtless you read it all in yesterday's Tribune – This morning we were notified that Gen Slocum would probably inspect our camp & quarters to-morrow – Consequently today will be given to just such a fixing up as often takes place in kind when a district school is to be examined – The boys hate this work – but there is no escape – I understand the Gen also proposes to review his whole corps – Hope it is true; for I want to see the whole body together –

The boys got their green backs yesterday – Payments are regular now – Every two months we are sure to behold the officer who dispenses Uncle Sam's pictures – The boys are not as flush as heretofore – They had to settle up clothing accounts with the government – The allowance to each volunteer is \$42 worth a year – Those who (**Pg. 2**) lost their extra clothes in Chancelorsville battle were credited a fair valuation – The average amount deducted was about 18 dollars – But none of Co. E. had so much overrun their allowance as to exhaust the two months pay which was ready yesterday – Some in other companies had only a few cents due – It illustrates the difference in care & economy which characterizes different individuals –

The company will send home 295 Dollars – That amount has been paid in & today I shall forward the check to Ed. Hotchkiss – You are not a favored one this time –

A squad of the engineer corps encamped near us last night – They will lay a pontoon this morning to facilitate the passage of supply trains – What else may follow I don't know – I wrote you something about the operations that took place in obtaining a chaplain for this regiment – Some facts came to light this morning that un-riddled the whole thing to me – I wish you to be very cautious about any remarks on the matter if it excites any comment at home – But you know I was absent from the regt. & knew nothing of the affair until everything had transpired – The fact is Ross did a very unfair thing with Mr. Fletcher – He is alone responsible for the disappointment – I have no time for more – My unruly conscript is docile as a kitten – He has just come up to the tent with

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a large bundle of American Messengers – Some one of the Missionaries met him & away he started on the new errand – A curious boy – Sunday morning he was fractions as a wild bull & it took three men to put on his knapsack – But 12 hours walking took the stiffening out of his stubborn neck & I verily believe the best thing that has happened to him was this firm discipline – We shall see –

Hastily yours,  
A. Upson