

Bath Aug. 8th 1861

Dear Col.

I yesterday recd. a letter from
Lieut. Watson of Co. C. 8th Regt., in which he
tells us of the condition of his Co. All their personal
effects were lost. He says they very much need
"Rubber Blankets" also shirts, I will quote from
his letter. "Rubber Blankets are much needed immediately
and the government does not furnish them, I have seen
our Quartermaster, he says that it is very uncertain
when we shall get any shirts; They are much needed,
most of the men not having a change, one shirt
to each man would prove most acceptable, stockings
too would not come amiss. The people of Bath have
done so much for us, that it seems like imposing
upon them to ask for any thing more, God will bless
them for their kindness to us".

I have seen some of those most interested in our
troops, and they all feel that these wants must
be provided for. But many think the State should
do something more for them, I am told that the
State furnished Rubber Blankets to all the Companies

in the 9th except the ~~Bo.~~ A. and B. which were supplied
by the liberality of our citizens, Can not the State
now be induced to make up the tops to those
two Co's. Will you ~~also~~ also see if those two Co's,
can not be furnished by the State with one
shirt for each man. Please on the receipt of this
answer by telegraph to Saml. L. Allen a saying.
Our War men must not suffer, They have enough
to endure at the most. If the State will not
furnish these articles, we must procure them by
private subscription.

Our boys do not write in very good spirits,
something seems to be wrong there.

Yrs. very truly
Fred. S. Small

Maj F. S. Sewall
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