



George B. Wright and Family Papers

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way that would make Papa's heart glad if he could have the kiss, I guess.

Mary Kissed me, too, for Papa, before she went to bed. I bought Mary a Primer, a while ago, and she is making very creditable progress in her studies. She knows nearly all her letters, large and small, and in large letters with help of pictures she reads and pronounces such words as C O W - Cow, C A T - cat, D O G - Dog, L A M B - Sheepy. Are you not afraid her brain will suffer from such precociousness?

To-day, lying on the lounge, I have read Wilson's Burns, a Library book. Wilson writes, not what he calls his life, but more particularly to prove his Biographer in the wrong when they represent him as dissipated, and loose in intercourse with women.

Wilson is a Countryman of Burns, and as he gives the better view of him, I will believe it. He tells us his life was not unhappy; but his struggles with poverty, together with constitutional melancholy would make any body but a Genius mostly miserable, and I find myself crying a good many times over him, poor man! It must be for some good purpose, that the Lord leads those, who seem to be his. favored children, through such rough places.

Old Mr. Baldwin died three or four days ago. I do not know what was the matter. Charley says Mr. Chushman they are afraid will have a fever. He has been sick several days.

I won't turn over a new leaf tonight, but stop here. I wonder if my Love is half as homesick for his Love as I for mine?

Oh my dear! I would give all I am worth - my two babies - to you - for only one kiss tonight; My Love, my Love - Yours wife -

[1864?]

Tuesday - 25th. Love - two letters came from you this morning, their value is not to be spoken of. They found me not in very good trim. I have told you I was sick Sunday. Yesterday afternoon I was taken sicken, and grew so much worse we sent for the Dr. late in the evening. I never was so sick in my life, flowing very much, and having labor pains regularly. The Dr. at once thought since I was going to miscarry, but I didn't. He said the same ~~thing~~ symptoms might come from getting cold, and ~~staying~~ not being unwell, which is probably my case. And he said it was not impossible for me to have such an attack, and pass it safely even if what I have thought should be the case. To-day I have been better, but not able to move around nor sit-up much.

I think as it is I shall not dare start for the roads the 1st of Aug. It is such a disappointment to me. But I guess it would be safest to give it up. I suppose two or three months more will go by after a fashion. For Julia's sake my dear, don't kill yourself! Don't you know you will die before you are half old enough to, if you go on in this reckless way? Do try and be lazy, for my sake and the babies, who care infinitely for you than you care for yourself.

I am sorry I was so inaccurate and careless in my statement about Draft. It was sent from Washington, a Treasury warrant for \$64 ²⁸/₁₀₀. I have not used it and shall have no need of it.

Dear me, the children trouble some me so! My letters they invariably blot, and mark. Now Goodbye - I will write again in a few days. Goodbye Love -

Your Love Anna

The Draft from Washington was for your work in the Office as Asst. Draughtsman. I hope I shall get out the concerning the matter by and by. Again - Good by Anna

acknowledge the favor to
Capt W W Woodward

We are having a porch put
up in the yard over the back
door to keep out the cold air
& another door by the great
wardrobe in the upper entry
to stop up the draught, mother
has hopes of keeping warm
thereby.

George & Annie & I went to
a party at the Hall's the other
night - led on by storm duty -
I hated it - but we surprised
the ordeal & are well & hearty
after the trial -

Is there no chance of your coming
home before May? It seems
as if you might - Be sure to
write a word in when you write
& let it be soon -

With much love

Yr always
Did you even get 2 or 3 novels (George)
sent by mail?

Jan 21st 1864 [1864]
I am W W

Capt Doten called this
morning saying he would
take anything from us
back to you as he was
going direct. I thought it a
pity to lose the chance of getting
a letter through direct so I
made haste to write & mean
to carry this over as soon as
written to Mr Hales when Capt
I is going & try to mail it him
before he goes.

Mr Cushing met Annie in
the St the other day & stopped
to inquire for you, as he always
does, very politely & then
said he wished you would
write him a letter wh he could
read to the school boys - you
know they gave up Co 2^d
so Annie said she would
transmit the message to you
He is always interested about
you & inquires frequently when
we see him in Cohasset, He
said he was going to send you
a catalogue of the names of boys
who had been his pupils &
some now in the army.

There is a Mr Gordon in
Studio Building whom George
frequently sees, who has letters
constantly from J B Clarke -
he is a prisoner at Joliet
Island & a thorough seer.
He sent me for clothes I believe
& supplies, has hopes of being
soon exchanged.

We have been studying your
papers lately containing the
proceedings of Court & Johannes
& since those against him -
I wonder if you ever get these
father enjoys the case im-
mensely & has them read over
to him twice.

Aunt Anna has been very
sick indeed though she is a
little better now, so mother
goes out to Roxbury every
day & today she went morning
& afternoon both - Mother
thinks nobody can take care
of her so well as she can, which
indeed is true, I suppose.

Boston has been making a
great parade of welcoming the
returning Regts, the 2^d, 23, 25 &

32nd. Speeches, cheers, dinners,
flags & cheers are the order of
the day, & I rejoice in it
greatly. Buncside has been
in Boston joining in the fer-
vencies & making the men
flattering speeches. I sent you
his last speech - I don't think
too much can be made of the
returned soldiers -

When do you expect to come
back - I wish you would send
us word more particularly what
the prospects are - I only hope
you will never go again in
the 29th Regt.

The last letter we received
from you was dated 28th Dec
I believe, written in a breezy
encampment at Blain's Cross Road.
The rejoiced principally over the
news from the South, I hope
you have got it by this time!

We had given it up. You
look & tried to hope it would
do some body good even if
they were Quakers & I then
after all we are rewarded
for our Christian Resignation
by hearing of it at Crab Orchard.
Mother suggests that when
you receive it you write &

Head Quarters, 3rd Brigade 1st Div 9th Me
Jan 5, 1864 (1865)

Dear Annie,

I received the box by Cook
man, & tasted the cake first at
midnight of Dec 31. Am obliged
also for the watch box also the
monchain. You will pardon me
for delay in acknowledging them
& also the note to Mr Rice, but
what with Reports & Returns &
Rolls &c, the bi-monthly, weekly
monthly bi-monthly, quarterly &
annual trash all combining
together with the fact that the
Braid has gone ~~go~~ crazy & plays
hideously out of tune, & I've
had to try to find where Jeff
Davis' nephew was planted &
rode twenty odd miles to do it
one day & did it. Also I've got a
flag pole without hallowid & a horse
blanket not thick enough & have been
Inspector as well as Adjutant Gen'l

and the 3rd M^d St^o see the Dr's
whiskey & I had to detect & prefer
charges, & make the recommendations for
medals of honor, and see that all the
brigade had badges on their hats
like the enclosed and investigate the
prices of sutters & give opinions on mat-
ters of military law referred to me. So
you see I haven't been idle.

Do you remember Siggis' Chest
was gift years ago, "Sublimis Sewing"
If you could only see my cannon
& anchor embroidered in white silk
on the shield on my cap. Surgeons
silk the loose kind, you repeat
that you hadn't sewed the re-
mark to three times.

I hope to hear from Wash-
ington soon, how soon I can't
say. If all is correct & right
I get a brigade right off.

Good bye
Yours ever
W. T. Lusk

built in the back entry at the
head of the back stairs between
the spare room & the entry
wardrobe, to cut off the cur-
rent of cold air from the lower
regions - It is a serious trouble
to Tip who sits & criss by
the half stove when he finds
his progress obstructed by
such a solid barrier - You
know his way of getting from
the kitchen to the parlor
was to go up the back stairs
& down the front.

Miss Foster inquired for you
today. There is a good time
coming, when you come home
we will try & settle the date.
There is much pleasure in stone
for us all I hope -

When you write be sure to tell
us whether Gaylord is with you
does he know of his father's death?
His mother says she has not heard
from him since last September.

With much love
I'm always L.

Home 31st Jan^y 1864
Dear W^m

I wrote you a hurried letter
to send by Capt. Joten, because
I could not bear to lose any chance
of communication with you, but
since then we have received
the letter wherein you speak
definitely of coming home.

It is of very great satisfaction
to have something to look
forward to & we immediately
held a council of war on the
propriety of blacking & doing up
certain boiled shirts wh. you
will probably consider essential
to yr appearance as a gentleman.
I hope we shall all enjoy
a great deal together - I'll
will make father ten years
younger - the poor man has so
few pleasures - you have no
idea how few - & such a
monotonous, dependent life -

We have been a good deal troubled these last few days by vague accounts of skin diseases & repulses at the very Strawberry Pk where you dated yr last letter. My little notice seems to be taken of it, to my surprise & nothing further has appeared from any authentic source - I wish it did not take so very long for letters & news to come through from I. Tenn -

Do you ever get any of the numerous papers we are constantly sending you? & have you seen yet the two swells? & are there any tidings of the trunk - the ill-fated trunk - I hope somebody will be really benefitted by its contents -

Aunt Anne has been very sick for the last few weeks & mother goes every morning strictly after breakfast to Roybury & stays with her & takes care of her - Today she is reported better & tomorrow is to be allowed to sit up a very little - We have all been very anxious about her but hope she has taken a permanent stand for the better now.

This afternoon we have all been down to Long Wharf to see the monitor Canonicus who has just come from the makers hands at I. Boston & is now in exhibition.

If you please I don't think I will enter the naval service with the prospect of serving on such a craft.

We have had a new door

to go then - Dunham said,
"I only came as a friend,
for if Provost Marshal
Adams hears that you
have overstayed your
time, he may arrest you
as a deserter - I am
going right down to the
island & will see you
safely there, if you will
come now." So the poor
boy went unsuspectingly
without waiting for his
breakfast or taking his
flannel, as I told him
he could come & get
them in a day or two -
a little while after his
sister went to the island
to see him, & formed to
her astonishment that

Boston 8th Jan/64
Dear William [To Thomas W. Clarke]
I have promised to
write to you tonight, &
unfold a tale! In the
sake of those whom it con-
cerns I hope you will get
the letter at once - Do let
us know the latest dates
of letters you receive from
us; for I feel afraid that
you get neither letters nor
papers for a long time -
& pray let us know at
once if there is a hint of
the trunk.

Now for my tale which
is necessarily a long one -
I went this afternoon to
see Farrell's sisters one
of whom is in Consumption,

I found them in great distress. It seems (remember that I don't pretend to know anything about the case, only tell you just what they told me, & the story bears every mark of truth - I believe it thoroughly myself.) It seems that Jarrell was allowed to come up from the harbor to spend a few days at home & at the appointed time he was at the wharf to return but the boat had changed her time that day & he could not go till afternoon. Several men on the wharf, caught in the same way, declared their intention of staying till the next day, & he few meant to make it an excuse for another

week's liberty. & poor Jarrell only seventeen, was tempted to stay too, after one day he found it easy to take the week & at the end of that time received a letter from Lieut. Deane telling him to be sure & present himself at drill the next day as all the men were to be paid - & he made his preparations to do so. Early the next morning before he had breakfasted Provost Marshal Dunham (who is he?) who had formerly employed Jarrell in his fish store came, & advised him as a friend he said to present himself that day. I told him the advice wasn't necessary, for he was getting ready

business partner -

I believe I told you
Harry Sleeper had been
home - quite manly &
much improved. Though
the "Scout of the roses hang
round him still" - I wrote
to him last night. Carrie
wanted me to in view of
the discouraged state of
mind he was in when he
went back - thinking what
was very untrue that no
one cared for the Army, or
for anything but making
money -

Answer. Answer. Answer.
Frank. pamphlets letters -
Woe to the Guerillas!

How is Affly - ^[From Anne B. Clarke] I sent you a
newspaper or two
with an act of a
new matter of
your uncle? ^{Conrad Johannes - hope you}
will get them -
What do you do for clothes? J.B. Clarke is prisoner
in our hands again. Tilden has just sent him on

he had never been there
though Dunham had
told his mother in Law
that he had been living
safely there. When Lieut
Leane was appealed to he
was very much astonished
& indignant, & began a
search for him, assisted by
Sheriff Clark & the result
was the record of his name
ruined off to unknown
parts as a deserter on
that very day. A reward
of \$35 being offered for every
arrest at that time -
Since then which is a
month or two not a
word has been heard from
him -

Now William pray be-
lieve the poor fellow, &
find out the real truth

of the matter, & if you
can write me word
anything about him, I
have promised to let
his sisters know imme-
diately. Do all you can
about it won't you? His
sisters say that you were
very kind to him.

I went to see how Mr
Gaylord was this after-
noon & to carry him some
calfs foot jelly & was
shocked to find that
he was dead, & the family
had gone to Cohasset
for the funeral. One of
the sons, a soldier, was
the only one at home -
he told me that his father
died day before yesterday.
He has not injured long
to suffer; but I had no

idea he was so sick. He
died of cancer.

Sam Barnett has just
been home on a furlough, &
came directly from Knox-
ville. He & he were very
sorry he did not know
you were there. Also Eddie
Edes must have been there
very near you, he is in the
33rd Reg Col Underwood in
merch. Maggi - they, pursued
with Sherman I believe; It
is very provoking to us that
so many you would like
to see just miss you so often.

Longfellow was here
last eve'g - a short but
very pleasant call. I like
him much - he is very
busy - teaching school, &
three houses on hand
to build. Mr Dore is his

will find the household
much changed since you
went & plenty of work for
millings hands to take up.
I am looking forward to
you for a great deal of
entertainment & pleasure for
father -

Do write, even if you have
nothing to tell - We are
very anxious about you
when we do not hear -
besides now we want to
know more about your coming
home -

Yrs always
Lizzie.

Home Feb 7th 1864

Dear Mr ^W [Thomas W. Clarke]

I wrote you last Sunday
& since then have had no
letter. Indeed we have
not heard from you since
you first wrote about
coming home - As we
are expecting you all the
time -

Yesterday we were sure at
least that thanks were being
very soon spoken of & sung
down in the middle of the
kitchen much to the disgust
of the girls who looked upon
them with suspicious eyes
but I ran out to see if they
might not perchance be
yours - though in the life
of me I could not imagine
~~at~~ how you could bring home

such a wealth of luggage -
But after all they were for
some Irish Bridget or Susan
& the disappointed expressions
must have to carry them
off again in search of the
fair possessor.

We have been much
worried at the accounts of
troubles again in 2 Tenn -
I do wish you would write
for we have no idea when
you are now when to expect
you - I distrust this quite
at a venture, trusting to luck
for its reaching you - So
you can get any of the papers
we send you. Is Gaylord
with you now? I ask these
questions every time I write -
We want very much to hear
from you -

Mumt Ann has been very

sick after last fair week
& does not sit up yet even
in bed though mother
thinks her a little better
today - Mother goes out
very morning immediately -
after breakfast & stay
the dinner time so that
the society is quite a
rarity in the family circle
& appreciated accordingly -
of course you know there
is no one but Ann likes
to have take care of her
as much as mother &
mother thinks but that
too old to take much of
the responsibility of nursing.
We have all of us as much
as we can do, with walking
out with father, attending to the
house hold, sewing company,
& reading aloud - You

London Tenn, Feb 31, 1864

The RR at this place waits & I write to day that I don't believe that I'll get home on this hitch. My accurate calculation I have discovered that 20 days leave only covers the necessary time to go to Cincinnati, ~~thence to~~ 5 days thence to Graham's back by way of Millersville 7 days more, thence back to Knoxville, 5 days more leaving only 3 days to go to Memphis, which can't be done. The Regiment will come along in a few weeks, but I'm afraid I must go back to Knoxville first. I'm not very fond of the place, but it is the post of duty when my leave is over. Murfreesboro is there within 12 or 13 miles of the city paying the most pressing attention to our forces & striving to fight us from E. Tenn. which we have held with such labor & danger & on so limited a supply of food. It is snowing fast now,

and the white felt clothes of the earth are already
an inch and a half thick. I must go to Crab
orchard to find my trunk which is probably
there or thereabouts. I am sorry it went so far
as that. I must also attend to Harrell's affair
which will probably take a day or so, as to
do it I must see some general of authority
to order a Court martial & this must all be
done if possible in 10 days. The Cant don't con-
sult with each other on any of these points
I sometimes think the Super of the Roads are
interested in the hotels about the junctions
but this of course Cant be. If this even not
the case how could you account for the prices
charged. \$1 a meal \$1 for bed. \$4 a day & nothing
to be got but ham, bad mackerel, bread molasses
& a shuffle cut. What would

[From Thomas W. Clarke]

Boston, March 2nd. 1864.
Calvin W. Clark Esq.,
Dear Sir,

According to a
unanimous vote of the Stockholders of the New
England Glass Company passed at their meeting of
today, I now present you the following

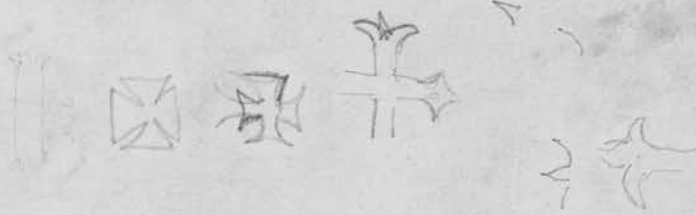
Resolved; - That, as Messrs. Edmund Munroe and
Calvin W. Clark have declined a reelection, the
thanks of the Stockholders of the New England Glass Co.
be presented, them, for their long and valuable services
as Directors; and that a copy of this vote be
transmitted, each of them by the Clerk.

Very resp. Yours

James H. Ellison,
Clerk.

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Mrs. William
Mr. J. Munroe
Roxbury



Boston March 20th 1864

Captain

Respected Sir: - I very much dislike
to trouble you as I judge by your position
that you have many cares and engagements

But it is by request of a Lady old and
infirm Grandmother of a Friend in your
Co by the name of James West aged
14, tall, and light complexioned
Enlisted from Boston at the time the Regt
was first formed. She has not heard
from him for several months although she
has repeatedly written and as he has always
been a very dutiful and gentle boy
she very much fears some evil has
befallen him. Any information con-
cerning him will be gratefully received.

Will you please be so very kind as to
write me ^{immediately} if you know anything about him
and relieve her anxiety

Please address Mary E. Chamberlain
1814 Marion St
Boston
Mass

Rush Creek, Monday Mar 21/64

Lena - All well. I got no letters at T. Falls
Write me at Chugwatana Pine Co, till further notice

Good by - I love you -

Your Husband

Geo.

[March 24, 1864]

Dear William [W. Clarke]

You received a letter
on Monday from Crab Or-
chard, & as it looked
official we took the
liberty of opening it.

It was from Mr (?) Trigg
saying that he had
used every endeavor in
vain to find yr trunk -
He searched the warehouse
& asked of every one -
also that he had one
man for the 29th but could
get no information of the
whereabouts of the Reg -
If I knew your future

I would send on the letter
but it will wait till you
get here

All well -

Affly -

24 Mar / 64 - [From Anne W. Clarke]

Sunday Mar 27/1864

My Love.

Well I'm getting lonesome - 11 days since I left you or heard from you. I dropped a line to you last week just to say that I would hear from you at Rush & Co Chicago Co. I don't know when I will get around then.

I am now on Kettle River 8 miles from the St. Louis - I came here from a camp on Grindstone River yesterday, 14 miles from here - we came straight thro' the woods part of the way - at 5 1/2 P.M. we were in a windfall in the woods 6 miles from here - 10 minutes after we were out to the river must unexpectedly & at 6 1/2 P.M. reached this camp - we fully expected to stop in the same. - Today I feel more uncomfortable than for a year before - I've got a terrible cold & feel irritable all over - my eyes red & sore the ears smart & I can scarcely see - my lips have been sore & blistered all over for a week past - and the hot blaze bakes me all through. I feel - awful! I find a

Monday 28th March - Dear, How do you do
- I love you and am lonesome - I'm away
viciously - I am in a camp on the
St. Louis at mouth of Kettle River
Downing I shall go up St. Louis
to the White River you know I
may get back to Jackson (Arkansas)

Last night I was back to bed again
with all the dear friends of friends
East street together again - they were
all old fellows & old girls & all
back to sleep over old stuff - forgotten
some again - I don't know how
of folks who have made up of several
faces you have known - I made me
feel lonesome & kindly toward all my
old acquaintances - you are there & all
very kindly & others who seemed just as
real but I guess were 'unfamiliar'
characters - I noticed in a letter from Jimmy
before I came away a sentence
affection; - what 'delicate ways' women
have of saying things - All a jewel
of a woman I guess anywhere -

a great deal to do up here - at our camp we
worked 3 days & found them indebted to the U.S.
for 2 or 3 thousand dollars. from here I go up the
St. Croix & then back to Rushcoba. from thence
to Brunswick & up Snake River & thence up
Rum River - It has been very cold some of
the time since I left home - for 2 or 3 days past
warm again & now snowy - you see this sheet is
tear-stained (with snow) - I shall hear from you
at Rushcoba - I hope you will feel more like
writing than I do to-day. I have done some ^{writing}
& mending. I have read your Christmas present
some to-day - the first Sunday we have had
since I left home - How goes on the revival so on
in the Congregational? I hope it may do us
good, but I cannot yet believe it is for our
best moral or mental growth to believe quite
as they do. It looks just as incredible
now as ever before. Tell me about them.

I found on the envelope with your picture
another one unfinished, but I think it a
much better picture than either of the
others. why didn't you have it finished.
write me particularly about the season & weather

If it gets warm I may have to get the
apple seed planted before I get home. Please
inquire of our Chowen's folks & see if Sebastian
Hawkins would not want to plant the
apple seed - send me a weekly paper or
so & tell me the news.

Oh I cannot write - If I
could be taken to pieces & washed &
put together again I should feel better.
Good bye Love, God bless
you - Your Husband -
George

Minneapolis, Mar. 28, 1864.

[George B. Wright]

George — I got a backed envelope from you to-day, on the which you tell me to send letters to Rushaba. Two weeks tomorrow morning — or afternoon, since you went away! You must have been very busy indeed. I would like to know in what region of the world you are in. I can't find a map of Minn. in the house, or I would hunt up the outlandish names you have written. I am glad you are, or were, well.

I read not quite. Vernon has been sick for several days so that I have had to call in the Dr. He has been feverish & nervous. He seems some better this evening. The rest of us are well enough to be comfortable.

Tuesday Morn. Mar. 29. — The baby worried so I had to stop writing. He worried all night a good deal, but seems bright and better this morning.

Mr. Cushman's folk buried last their little one last week. It died of water on the brain caused by teething.

Small pox is all over town. There has been quite a panic, but it has subsided. I have heard of but one fatal case. Capt. Putnam lost a child 5 years old. I have had baby vaccinated, and it is working nicely. I am glad you and Walter have been away for it was all over town before

it was discovered.

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Mr. Huffs home on Furlough, and has taken Hannah and Charley up to their old place. Hannah is going to keep home for Andrew's brother. The probabilities are that the Sixth will go to the Potomac. I will send today's paper, there are several items of interest in it. You may be where you see all the news, I don't know.

You have had a number of letters come. I will send what seems to require most your attention. A note from Mr. York came yesterday. He says he wrote you on the 2^d but got no reply. He says you will oblige him by sending or bringing the deed for certain land by to-day or tomorrow, and he is going away Thursday to be gone several weeks, and wants to settle the matter before he goes. You cannot do that, and I will not send his letter. A letter from

Edmunds, Washington, came yesterday saying "an affidavit covering ~~certifying~~ the objections of this Office to the accounts referred to, was prepared and transmitted to the Surveyor General of Minn. for your signature, and that arrangements were made with him for the Settlement" &c. Chet Evans sent in a note saying he had paid to Cyrus Eddy forty one dollars. A letter from Dr. Miles I will not send this time I have so much to send.

It is about land chiefly, and seems to be nothing special. I must not send out half a sheet. C. M. Willens has been here a gain from Hastings to see you about the Capital business. No word from Papa. What think of Elsie's going to Iowa? I think she could not have a better time, as she has her heart set upon going sometime. Well, I do love you. Good bye - Serena.

Friday Apr 1 1864 - Rushseba^{mine}

My Love.

I have some dirty paper here which I must not waste & so I'll scribble a little for you -

I just got a letter from you enclosing one from Walker - O'Connell - Matthew Capser - & Elsie. It has been broken open & I dare say read, but it matters not if I got all the contents.

There wasn't much sentiment in it - as business like as though you were writing an Official document - Let's see, I've written you - a line from Taylor's Falls - And I twice since. before this. I have got through at the St Louis & am now going up Snake River, - 2 weeks work there I presume - Write me at Brunswick, Kanabec County. I write to Elsie & will enclose letter in this - It seems very proper that she should accept the offer they make - she will never have a better time to go. - Evening - Then I have written 6 other letters & now see finish yours. - I guess everybody has gone to bed but me. - at all events I have the bar-room all to myself. - a good fire & light & all such - I am getting black-tough - voracious - & dirty too I guess. - My clothes are at all events, but

yet I fancy I'm about as good-looking as any body else
in this region of country - Walter is not with me to-day
he has not worked with me for several days
& shall not be together again till he reaches Brunswick
some time next week - We have done on the St Croix
nearly & now have to do on Snake River, (a tributary
of the St Croix) & then on Rum River - have examined
some 20 camps & have about 40 more to
go to yet. - I shall try to arrange so as to
get home as early as possible & let Walter finish
up - but probably I will not be home for 4 weeks
After 10 or 12 days write me at Princeton - you
know where that is I'm sure. - Send papers -
There - that's business - the rest is my Love -
Shant I leave it all blank so you can think nice
things - Baby was sick - I hope not now, but
snuggling snugly up to his ma ma this blessed
minute - and Mary in the crib, and Mai Fran
just sliding into sweet unconsciousness & fancying
her old man home & that she sleeps in his arms again
"Marryin aint for poor folks" sure, especially if
they are quacks & have to wander up & down the
Earth seeking rest, & finding none. - Good bye Love
Darling - Kiss me & squeeze me & go sleep - Bless you
Your Husband &c.

He speaks of himself as able to save to the uttermost all who
come unto him - Why not you and I? He says "come unto
me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will
give you rest". He said to the sick man, "thy sins be forgiven thee". Whether he be God or not I think one cannot
read the new Testament without seeing that marvelous
power was given him in Heaven and Earth. My prayer
is love, that God will lead us, or rather that we will submit
to be lead by Him, and that all necessary truth will be taught
us. These doubts and questionings do not trouble me half
so much as the fear that we shall not live up to the light
we have, and do faithfully the things we know we ought
to do. I think if we will give ourselves unreservedly to
our Heavenly Father, praying daily for his guidance,
and that he will keep our hearts ready to receive and
welcome his truth, ^{as} ~~and~~ he shall see fit to reveal
it. we cannot seriously err in beliefs.

Tuesday Evening - We have washed to day and I feel tired and sick tonight. Elsie and Charles have gone to meeting. Elsie is very anxious to hear a word from ^{Tan}, which will decide whether she goes to Iowa or not. - Isn't Fanny a darling? Bless her dear heart. Heaven is only reached through Penitence. Poor Child's fretted nerves is only the small beginning! But I love you Dearest. I wish you were here now - three or four ^{weeks} more, and then - three or four months, for ought I know. Oh dear. Well, Goodnight and God bless my husband. Your wife, Serena.

Minneapolis Apr. 4. 1864.

My dear Husband,

Got a letter from you tonight-
written Sunday Mar. 28. What a dubious, sad picture
of My Love it gives me. But it is more than a week
since then, and you are better now I hope. I am always
afraid your way of living is rougher and more unpleasant
than you let your Frank know of, here in her snug little
home. Walter always speaks as if it was awful, the things
and ways you go through, in your tramps. And you
will only come home from this to go again, I suppose.
I got a note from H. Frott tonight saying L B was
meant to be G. B. Wright, and that Mr. Litchfield
would wait two or three weeks until you came home.

One line in your letter hurts me a bit. You say I
you hope I feel more like writing than you do - there in the
Smoke and misery. I have sent you only two mean little
letters. I have written more and burned them, for after
getting your little note I felt - as if you were so busy
that it would make me blush for shame to have you read
in day-light amid cares and business my heart
as written out of evenings. Now I have ~~just~~ finished.

But my repentance is deeper than topsy, for I truly
won't do so any more. I have been looking your
letter over again. It seems to me you ought to have told
me where to write. When I wrote last Vernon was
sick; he is better now. We are all of us quite well.

News, there are none. I will send you the Atlas of this
week. There is nothing happening in the Army anywhere
to make a note of, though much of importance, I suppose,
for everything is working toward a grand culminating point
and this, to many, amensous calm must soon end with
a shock which will shake the Country from North to South.
God grant it may shake Richmond from its foundation,
and Jeff Davis into his grave. — Last night I said
good bye to Mr. Bradley who leaves home today for the South.

To-day I was in at Mr. Chomans - George said
about Seventeen was needed to fill our quota. That is
better than I hoped for. I didn't tell you, did I, of meeting
Mr. Skinner at Mr. Chomans a week ago? Before he sat
down, after being introduced to him, he must needs jump
onto his hobby. How disagreeable he is. He said he met my
husband at Mr. Cornell's he believed awhile ago. He said
he believed he expressed himself as one of the brethren with
him. I said no - perhaps - maybe you were in doubt about
the matter. He somehow repels me, and in spite I go to the

opposite pole. What of the Revival. Only good.
Last night three new ones rose for prayer, or rather to
testify their choice of the new life. Mr. and Mrs. Warner,
you know him probably, and a young man, I know not
whom. Since you left there has been only two extra meetings.
There is a prayer meeting every Tuesday evening, and preaching
Thursday evening, and Saturday evening two prayer meetings
at private houses in different parts of the town. Mr. Saulters
seems somewhat better in health, and his zeal is in no way
cooled. Indeed death only could stop his work. He was severely
made "a little lower than the Angels." He always enquires
for you with so deep an interest, and wishes you might
come home. Mr. Harris enquired so kindly when you wrote
come home, that my heart went out toward him - He looks
a different tone since that Sunday he talked with you.

But they all are so much devoted to me than I ever thought
any people could become. I wonder sometimes if it is only
the influence coming from Mr. Saulters which cannot be
resisted, or a deeper and more abiding influence at work
within me. Papa in his letter bids me remember how
Jane Eyre was almost persuaded, by St. John operating
through her feelings, instead of through her reason.

I too have been reading the Bible - I have been reading
the life and sayings of Christ. You read it - I am.

Brunswick, Apr 5 1864

Love - Enclosed I send Letter to H. B. Hancock. Will you
see that it is delivered or dropped in P. O. at once for
him. his Office is over Cushman's Book Store.
I am well - go up Snake River tomorrow - Walter has
not yet got around - he should meet me here ^{to-day}
I wrote you & Elsie from Rushoba. on Sat. last.

Love, Bless you & the babies.

Your Husband George

Wednesday Eve, Apr 6. 1864

My Love.

It was such an unexpected pleasure for me to get a letter from you this evening. I had one ready for Charley to take to the Office, but very fortunately he forgot it - for I had it directed to Rushseba - I sent a letter there the other day too late for you to get it, but there was only one thing of importance, and that I will write over.

Mr. Tratt sent you a line, and a pass, saying Mr. Sitchfield desired your presence in St. Paul as soon as you could conveniently come - He misdirected the letter, writing J. B. instead of G. B. ——— You have a line from Walker this evening, asking if you are offended why you do not write, and asking you to drop a

line immediately to him at Chicago.
Box 2992.

I presume your letter will decide
Elsie to go to Iowa.

What a queer man of a husband,
you are. I don't see how you can
manage it, even by trying hard, to keep
all your plans and business so entirely
to yourself. I didn't suppose Walter's work
and yours were connected at all. And it
seems you do have some idea of what
you will do this Summer, enough to
know you will be very busy. Well,
you are my love, and you say I am yours
and I am pretty well contented, yet
I can't bear to think your Fran knows
less of your thoughts and doings than
some others may. But I love you dear.

You had better write Mr. Tratt, for
I told him you would be away two or
three weeks longer, but you say from
now. But you may know Mr. S. - will have
to wait for you, I don't know - Goodnight - Love,
Your wife Serena.

but he refused to come near him. Poor Carrie - the excitement and romance will soon pass, then I am afraid she will not find it so fine a thing to be Mr. Midstrand's wife, as it would ~~be~~ to be a kind and obedient daughter.

I would not for the world have my happy married life so shadowed by ingratitude and disobedience - and I know Mrs. Midstrand could never be so happy a wife as Mrs. Wright. So it goes, I wonder how will Lucy feel?

Mrs. Churman's little boy is still very, very sick. I think they almost despair of its life. Dear Sue looks like a ghost. Our Father gives her strength to bear what he in mercy sends.

Grandma had a letter from Papa the other day - Fanny has gone home with her Quaker friend to stay five or six weeks - I guess she is feeling miserably sick, poor child.

Elsie plans to start a week from next Monday - she is going by stage by way of Lake Albert Lee. I shall miss her sadly - Charley is getting so he needs a Father's control and guidance very much - If he could only be with you a year or two would be worth everything. He is just as saucy and rude to his Mother all the time as it is possible for a child to be. I have to pray more earnestly for daily patience with him, than for any thing else, and then I fail so utterly. Yet I know at heart he is not a bad boy, only so heedless, disobedient and rude. Are all boys so?

Must I get a letter from you tomorrow - It was late Friday I got your last letter. I know you will write as often as you can - Take care of ~~yourself~~ yourself and come home to your self pretty soon - Good night - Goodbye! Serena

carey

Minneapolis Apr. 9. 1864 -

My Love,

I got such a nice big letter from you tonight, but alas - not for your Fran - only one little word of it.

Saturday night has come around again - How many more before you will come around? The third will bring you, won't it? We are all well - Mrs. Churman's baby is very sick. I met DeLoe tonight - he said they were alarmed for it. Scarlet fever. Oh! I have such a dread of it.

Today Elsie and I have been over the River, down to Mr. Loomis and Mr. Pillsbury's - They had such lots of company at Mr. Loomis, that I didn't enjoy it a bit. I was very glad to ~~meet~~ ^{meet} Grace Phillips there. I never saw her before. What a sweet girl she is. Mrs. David Secomb was there. I never saw her before - She is much prettier than I fancied she was - really quite handsome. But the way she laughed struck me first and most - did you ever mind?

Did you know David Secomb thought of going to Idaho - Mrs. I was speaking today as if they thought strongly of going.

Mrs. Loomis and Miss Dean are as busy as they can be making fancy things for the St. Louis Fair. Adeline is going to have a table to preside over. Our

Never mind what I began and left unsaid the other night.

It is Tuesday Eve Apr. 12 - and I have just come from prayer meeting - such a blessed meeting - if my Love could only have been there! Oh! if you only were at home tonight - but then, 't would be only to go again! What a happy thing 't will be when we are all together, safe in Heaven - there will be no wild lands to survey - no roads to lay out, no trespassers to look after in the City of the New Jerusalem.

I wish you were home tonight, and I could talk to you of all the things there are in my heart. I have just been thinking of the number of men who with their wives have consecrated themselves to God in these last few weeks. ^{as Mr. & Mrs. Sheave} Mr. Brooks and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Snowway, ^{Mr. & Mrs. Warner,} ^{five} new Christian homes, beside the great number only half devoted to His Cause heretofore - now wholly Gods.

It is late. Our Heavenly Father keep you very near him - self - saving you from harm body and soul - & pray you wipe
Serena.

Thursday Evening - I wonder if you expected me to write again that you might have a letter next Tuesday at Brunswick? I hope not for you will be disappointed if you did.

Mr. Walker, T. B.'s brother with a blue coat called this afternoon to see if T. B. had arrived. He said he had just got into St. Paul with his family

He spoke as if his brother might be along every day. He is a young, nice looking man. - Is he the Deceh brother?

Guess the news? Sad news too. Prof. Wilstrand was married to Miss Carrie Harrison yesterday - T. A. or A. T. Harrison's daughter. Mrs. Elsie saw Mrs. Goheen into Mrs. Grahams this afternoon, and learned from the circumstances, but the marriage was in this morning's paper. It seems her folks were opposed to it, and forbad him coming there more than a year ago, since which time he has not been near. Mrs. Goheen said 't was not lack of money, but they considered him entirely lacking in principle, and a very passionate man beside. Carrie night before last handed her father a note at the supper table telling him she was going to leave them next morning - which she did, and no persuading could move her. They went to St. Paul and were married and came back here, and are boarding at Col. Aldrich's.

It seems to me a rather doubtful kind of love a man can have for a woman to desire or allow her to leave her parents under such circumstances, to follow him. And it seems almost folly born of meanness in a case like this where a girl has a good home, and a man at best can offer ^{but} a poor one. Mrs. Goheen said Mr. Harrison sent to him some time ago desiring to see and talk with him

Real Estate near Minneapolis
viz $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 35
T29 R24 - and probably you
can raise a small \$300 on
that - out of D R Barber. Ovid
Pinney - The State Bank - Peter
Malford - J. K. Sidle - A. C. Austin
et als. if you want to.

Whatever you do I will
make Wright when I get back
- I have never heard whether
the Minneapolis Quota was
filled or not.

I wrote you from Polson's
(Rushaba) & enclosed \$30 chks
for Elsie - also a line from
this place enclosing a letter
to H B Hancock wh I did not
wish to subject to ^{the} scrutiny
of a woman Post master, of
whom more anon.

About that Apple suit
If it won't ~~spout~~ hurt it
before I get home - May 1 -
I wd rather it were left till
then. (Please consult Mr
Wm R Smith if you can see

Brunswick, Minn Apr 14/64
My Love - Oh dear I am so home-
sick so disappointed & completely
down that I don't know what to do or
how to get along. I got no letter
from you yesterday when I got back
here & I had been so reckoning
upon it ever since I left here
& had thought sure I should get
a letter last night - I tramped
in the mud all day & sat here
wet & sore & tired enough -
- surely I should have got a
letter if you had been well.
You never failed me before,
and it seems as though you
must be sick - Vernon was
sick when you wrote before.
- And I shall not know
anything about it for 10 days
more - Oh dear it is too
bad - If you knew how bad
a thing it is to be caged up
here I'm sure you'd think that
you ought to have a letter after
walking 20 miles for it.

And then I want to know
about everything below, so badly

and halt to start off in a two weeks tramp & know nothing of where I want to, all the time.

I got a line from Mr Edmund Rice saying that Mr Litchfield had written me at Minneapolis & that they wanted me to do "engineering & other work".

He gives no particulars & evidently expects I will get Mr L's letter as soon as his. If it is some engineering I should post off at once if I knew I were wanted - but if it is their miserable land examining, I am in no hurry.

If your letter is on the way I shall have it sent back to Minneapolis, ~~but~~ for it will take two weeks to get it around to Princeton. A letter for Princeton should be mailed in Minneapolis on Saturday - Monday it goes to Anoka & Tuesday to Princeton (only 1 mail a week).

If you have written me here about anything which I should know write the same & give contents of letters sent here, so that I can get it

if possible next Tuesday, ^{at Princeton} or one week after, sure. - I hope to be back to P on my way home by Apr 26th

I see by Papers of Apr 7. that the draft is to come off sure Apr 15th - I made up my mind when I left home that there would be no draft before May 1st - I enclose here with a check payable to your Order on Thompson Bros St Paul for \$300 which you can use if I get drafted & you think best to.

I do not know as my money has come but I presume it has at all events if they will cash the draft I will see that it is paid to them -

If you cannot get the money on the draft, you are hereby reminded that you are the sole proprietor of certain unincumbered

It should be planted or sown
in drills 4 feet apart - covered
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep & at the rate
of a Bushel of seed for an acre.
There was a bushel of
the seed - how much sand
was mixed with it I
do not know

Be a business woman
now please & attend to it
"as if it were your own"

Whatever Mr Smith or Elliot
will do about it I will
settle for or arrange so as
to be perfectly satisfactory
to them - either sell them
the seed or pay them for
their trouble & use of their
land - I only don't want
the seeds to Spoil.

I can form little idea
how it is below, for
it is winter up here yet

him possibly - & examine the
seeds also yourself; inquire
also of Elliot or Birge if you
have opportunity -

If the seeds are going to
spoil before I get home I
w^d like to have Sebastian
Hawkins plant some, $\frac{1}{4}$ to
 $\frac{1}{2}$ & the remainder set
Mr Smith or Elliot to
take care of, & plant.

Perhaps Mr Smith
could not do it himself
but might look after it
& get Mr. Asa Fletcher
to plant it on my (your)
land in same place where
it was planted before
(Mr Fletcher knows where)
It will have to be ploughed
& harrowed & he must
not plough up my
strawberries nor Locust
trees! Go plant the seeds

before - - but she was just the
style for the lumbermen & I fear
her like they'll never see again

Then my Love - I must say
good-bye Oh how lonesome I am -
I know you are thinking of me
& want to see me just as much
but it would be precious if I
could only know that you &
the little ones are well and all
things cheering, and to hear you
say so even on paper. You have
written of course but the
letter did not reach here.
So far as I am concerned it
might ^{as well} never have been written
- Two weeks more Love & I
will see you God willing.
What care for letters then
I have worked every Sunday
but one. There - now you
are with me. go to sleep in
my arms once more -
Sleep - Good by & by by
Your Husband
George

I was speaking of a woman Postmaster³
— when I went up a week ago. There
was a family here of Maine-iacs
— Geo L. Staples & Co. Her S himself
was away. He is a brother of
the one in the great Lumber
firm of Hersey Staples & Co.

Mrs S & family were at home
since then they have moved to
Orono. — Mrs S "beats all"
Her husband was Hotel Keeper
Store Keeper. Postmaster
County Auditor. Big Lumberman
— Land Agent &c &c And in
his absence & I guess also
at all times, ^{madame} attends to all
the business, beside managing
5 or 6 children — I never saw
a smarter woman — & never
was more disgusted —
So far as manners & conver-
-sation was concerned I
could see no difference
here from a lumber camp.
She was a bully lumberman
perfectly coarse & vulgar.
— such an one I never saw

Princeton Tuesday P.M. Apr. 9/64

My Love — Oh dear — I cannot
bear it — again I am disappointed
— no mail from you — the mail time
has been changed — this week —
Hence Friday instead of Tuesday
I am only one long day from you
— can I go back to the woods tomorrow &
not hear from you — I die thinking of
it — I never was so homesick before
Three weeks since you have written
me — what is the matter?

I shall try to send this so that
it will reach Minneapolis tomorrow
— Wednesday — write at once on night of
it so as to get the letter in P.O. on
Thursday — They say the early mail
from St Paul comes through here same
day — I saw a to-days paper & a
Weekly Press of 14th, here to night
and for the first time in my life I
looked first to see the list of "Deaths"
Oh My Love — it is cruel torture to

go to a post Office than then say
"no letters" - Walter is up 15 miles
from here & I return tomorrow on foot

I shall leave the ponies here.
Probably I shall be back by Sunday
or Monday next - I cannot bear
it longer than that I am sure.

Write me Thursday line & tell me
all what letters you have written, &
what letters need for me & forwarded
& the contents thereof & all news &c.

Oh Dear I never knew what
a large woman (in my heart) my
wife is - I feel a desolation &
void as though she were gone
from me -

I'm sure you never
wrote half so hurried a letter
to me as this is - Do you love
me half as much as I do you?

I'm sure if you do, you must love
me sometimes when you get my
letters from me for so long times.

I always reckoned certainly on ~~always~~
getting 2 or 3 letters from you every
time I went to a post Office.

Oh my Love - if you live &
love me - come, come quickly - come
to night -

Write & tell me everything
Good bye - Bless you Love

Kiss me & kiss my babies
for me & Good bye again

Your pining Husband
George

emptiness. He comes penniless, and I
hope repentant. He has a wife and two little
ones. He has seen terrible times according to
T. B. He called here to see if his brother had
come when he first arrived. I have been
very sorry indeed I did not ask him to bring his
family here, but not understanding anything
of his circumstances then, I did not see it to
be my duty.

T. B. Walker looks like a
ghost. "Married life don't agree with him", as we
women are apt to remark of pale checked brides.

I have written, but do not know
whether you have seen it, of the sickness of
little Arthur Chovan. He died Saturday
evening last. They bear it very calmly.

She was completely overwhelmed in view
of it, and shows marks of suffering in her
face, yet she was bore up bravely & manly fully
at last. The dear boy suffered so much,
she could but feel relieved to see him at rest.
And he was so beautiful in his rest! God
comfort these bleeding hearts! —

Only one Sunday's rest since you went
away! Oh my Love! Do not do so. For
your own sake — for my sake — and most of
all, my dear husband, for our Heavenly
Father's sake, who says "Remember the Sabbath day,
to keep it holy". Goodnight —

Thursday last, the draft ordered not to
begin until further orders — We have been
washing this morning, and I am tired. I
will send this to-day and don't you miss
it next Tuesday — God bless you — which
will be soon God willing — God bless your wife & family

Minneapolis Apr. 20. 1864 —

My Love —

I have just read your letter
written the 14th. It makes me feel so sorry.
Of course I wrote you, and you should
have got it a week ago Tuesday — a week
yesterday; it had ample time to reach
you then. I sent another letter to Pin-
ton, a few days later, but as my letter
to Brunswick was in good part a repetition
of one sent back from Rochester
I did not again go over the ^{same} ground, so you
would not be much wiser, after reading
it, concerning those things you are so
anxious to learn about. You have
been particularly unfortunate — I guess
only one note from me since you went
away. — Well, I will be-gin for

the third time to tell you of certain matters.
Mr. Pratt wrote you in a couple of
weeks after you went away, that Mr.
Sitchfield wanted you to come to St. Paul
as soon as you could — I wrote him you

you were away and would be two or three weeks longer, he wrote back that Mr. L. would wait that time. He did not state the business, nor kind of work. —

The Draft didn't nor hasn't "come off" — They say it will as soon as they can get ready — I sent a letter to Brunswick too. — Check for \$200 duly received — Your money came to St. Paul soon after you left, of which I have before written. Elsie got your check. She is going to start, with Charley, next Monday. I shall be lonesome enough till you come, so hurry up.

Yes — Your letter to Mr. Hancock ~~was~~ I got a week ago —

Your Apple seed. Oh dear! Do you really expect I can carry through such a heap of business? I will send word to Mr. Smith tomorrow to come look at them, if he can. But if they are in danger of sprouting, they are the only things. It has been cold and dry — No rain to do a bit of good. The grass is hardly perceptibly

green. The tulips are just up, but they don't grow much. I will enclose Phoebe's letter, too. What will you do? You can't get word to him in season to have anything sent up this Spring. Will he have written to Elliott? I don't know how you are connected in this matter, so don't know whether it would do any good to show him your letter. If I am to transact business for the firm I must be better posted. I really do not remember whether I sent any letters to Brunswick with mine, or not. I guess not.

I have a feeling that I cannot think of half the thing you will want to hear about.

You have had no letters of any account lately — One sent back from Washington, which you wrote to Mr. Washburn in Feb. and one from Cyrus — I shall tell you what is in his letter? Nonsense, and not much besides — it is not worth repeating.

Walker came Saturday — a day or two behind his Soldier, bro. Poor man — he comes, like the prodigal son, sick and weary, from a land of husks and

Johnson's Island

April 29th 64.

Dear J.W.

I heard to day from Mr Gordon, a friend of mine in Boston, that you were at home on Jubah. So I cannot do less than jot you a line or two in remembrance of our past agreeable connections. You may be sure that I looked for you whenever I saw a batch of prisoners. Well, my boy, you have seen some hard times so well as I, and doubtless have seen the glitter and tinsel wear off the trappings of war. Here is a little history of myself. Home from Europe July '61. Straight to the army, not in time for first Manassas. Went in at Ball's Bluff and was christened. Our reg't then fell back with Joe Johnston to Yorktown: thence to Richmond, - where I cursed your long tow guns for their distressing way of stirring a fellow up in an impudicamentary manner. We had our full share of the seven days battle; suffering most at Savage's Station and Malvern hill. In future I shall object to one brigade's marching on forty or fifty cannon. We marched towards that "fire of hell", and for mere stubbornness dressed the line and marched back in common time. The Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville fights and the two trans Potomac campaigns well nigh used me up. I was captured in Chester Gap Va 24th July '63. Lose a leg, an arm, or half your head, but take my advice and don't be captured to stay in prison month after month. My God, it is horrible. So Barlow is Genl & Joe Hooker a Col. I'm sure you deserve promotion. My health is tolerable. Tilly has been a true friend to me. He's a nobleman. I complain of nothing in our treatment here, though one gets devilish tired of rations. O. for a run at Parker's. May heaven keep you through these grim scoured old boys. This may reach you & may not - at any rate I am to you the same "W.B." as of old, & so subscribe, your friend, W.B. Clark.

Lieut Jas B Clark
Prisoner of War,
Johnson's Island
(Near Sandusky) Ohio.

Block 5. Mess 2.

Office Chief of Police,
NASHVILLE, TENN.,

April 30

1864.

Dear Tom

I have this moment heard
that you was at Lynn and Boston
now you are cutting up in fine
style. Kind Boston well go it old
Boy. Can you know you can do
me a favor. Please send me word if
you can find out whether notice of
my appointment and confirmation
as Commissioner of Subordination has
been sent to the Dept. I got notice
from Major Flecken two weeks ago
but as yet I have received no official
notice from the Department. If I
can get the notice soon enough
I will come to Boston before the Dept
leaves I am well and at present am
serving the City of Nashville
Ever best
Yours faithfully
Chamblaine

My Dear "I.W."

Johnson's Island

May 11th 1864.

Your kindly cordial letter of the 5th Inst, was handed to me this morning. I thank you for it; and more especially do I thank you for the kind services which you - not forgetful of our old friendship, extended to my step-mother in an hour when, in her helpless condition, she must have been overcome by terror. I knew, old boy, that you would do as much should occasion offer, - else manly conflict with danger which sunobles the true soul, had sadly debased the companion of so many untroubled hours. If you should ever be captured, write if possible to me, Co "K", 18th Miss. inf. Reg't. Humphreys Brigade; and, not being without influential friends, it is very probable that with ~~the~~ proper representation of your treatment of a southern lady, I shall be able to procure for you an immediate parole: no small boon when soldiers languish in prison so long. Don't forget this, my friend, and at least let me try to show you how we appreciate kindness shown to our mothers and sisters. Gordon wrote me that you were in Boston, and I sat down and wrote to you. By this time you must have received the letter. Tileston has been a brother to me, and may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I ~~ever~~ forget it I had a hearty laugh over the image of my old friend, "the Goose", which perches quite gaily on the stump. He has lost plumpitude; and where are the "eggs"? ~~His~~ ^{now} many memories is your coat of arms or seal, the key? I know that your hearts responds to mine as the magical lantern flings out in swift succession well remembered College scenes. The "reunion" which you speak of - (meaning, of course, our future meeting at Parker's at a jolly supper when over the walnuts and the wine we shall inter-gas until subtabulation stops the tongue) do I earnestly desire. In the mean time, my boy, soignez vous, for in going where glory calls a fellow, one has to go too where rebel bullets wait him. I see that Joe Hayes is sealed a warrior with a wound. Write again & be a little autobiographical. Answer Y^{rs} Jas. B. Clark.

Address,

Lieut Jas. B. Clark
Johnson's Island

Block 5. Map. 2.

Ohio

Washington D.C. May 19/64

My dear Annie,

We arrived here yesterday
in a falling rain & put the men in
the Barracks at the Soldier's Rest.

This morning have been at work
getting supplies to be worn to the
front to morrow. Many of our
old men are about here. They
are said to have behaved well
in the battle more than half
of them have been hit. They
were brave & full of conduct.
They saved the colors of the 3rd
I am told. The hospitals are
full. Long trains of ambulances
go through the streets and
men with bandaged limbs
and faces & bullet torn clothes
& slung up arms are plenty
as blackberries. The fighting

has been very severe. If anything happens, telegraph to Capt. John S. Slosson. A. D. C. H. Eady wants A. E. P. of Washington. He has promised to look me up & have me seen to. Just remember this.

The country was never so beautiful as now; All through those plains of New Jersey, the various tints of green, from the sombre brownish dead hue of the evergreen cedar to the yellow shade of the new budding birch, mingling with the purple, blue & the eye fields, the rich Indian red of the ploughed ground and the lovely pink of the peach and apple blossoms gave a sensuous feast to the eye all the way from New York to this place that was even at times painful from its long continued & exquisite beauty. And as the farmer whistling behind his team now

turned the sword over in a mellowing furrow and wished us God speed to the war, or his wife or pretty daughter from the window of the cottage with bright and tearful eyes smiled on us and waved her handkerchief or her apron as we thrust our path, I thanked the good God that fence that the vineyard foot had not yet desolated those firm sides and made our Northern people homeless. I prayed it might long continue. I did not then regret the sacrifice of myself to the cause of the nation, for the securing of all these blessings to my friends at home.

Please give the enclosed to Ned on my account. Give my love to the people. ~~Adieu~~
~~Adieu~~ Good bye Affly. W. C. Claiborne

[May 19, 1867]

check -
identification is a waste on the left
can get the body by stage. The only
only he would then to keep the
at the grave - can
Dear William
[To Thomas W. Clarke]

Poor Mrs Hayman
has been here this afternoon
for the second time in great
distress & I promised to
write to you tonight & ask
you if you can possibly
find out any particulars
of his death, & if possible
let her have the body -
She has written & telegraphed
to whoever she ca think
was likely to know about
him but gets no answer
which is not to be com-
mended at. Won't you
at least write me word
that you have rec'd this
& what can or cannot
be done. It made my

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Heart ache to hear
her speak of the prepa-
rations she had made for
him - I can't turn my eyes
said she without seeing
something. I knew he wd
take - & his time is up to-
now. Do try & do something
for her - I can't help thinking
there is a chance as his name
has only appeared once &
that in the Herald (Boston).

I shall write another
letter to you tonight at
Washington, that you may
be sure to get one -

We miss you very much -
W. Waver has again ^{tonight} & E. P.
very much disappointed not to see
you - Sleepily

Annie B. Clarke
1 Kingston St. - 19th May/64

MUSTER-OUT ROLL of Captain Thomas W. Clark Company, [A] in the 2d Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Benjamin W. Pierce called into the service of the United States by Governor of Massachusetts at Boston, (the place of general rendezvous,) on the 21 day of May, 1861, to serve for the term of three years, from the date of enrollment, unless sooner discharged; from the twenty first day of May, 1861, (when mustered in,) to the twenty first day of May, 1864. The Company was organized by Captain Thomas W. Clark at Boston Mass, in the month of April, 1861, and marched thence to _____, where it arrived the _____ of _____, a distance of _____ miles.

NUMBER OF EACH GRADE.	NAMES. PRESENT AND ABSENT. (Private in alphabetical order—the first christian name to be written full length.)	RANK	AGE.	JOINED FOR SERVICE AND ENROLLED AT GENERAL RENDEZVOUS— COMMENCEMENT OF FIRST PAYMENT BY TIME.				MUSTERED INTO SERVICE.				LAST PAID.		TRAVELLING.		SUBSISTENCE AND FORAGE. Furnished by themselves since mustered into service.		AMOUNT for clothing in kind, or in money advanced.		VALUE OF equipments, arms, &c., received from the United States to be paid for if lost or destroyed.		VALUATION, in dollars, of		REMARKS.
				WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.	WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	BY PAYMASTER.	TO WHAT TIME.	To place of rendezvous No. of miles.	From place of discharge Same No. miles.	SUBSISTENCE. No. days.	FORAGE. No. days.	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.	Horses.	Horse equipments.		
1	Jeremiah Mahoney	Sgt	29	Apr 20/61	Boston	Capt H. H. Clark	3 yrs	May 21/61	Boston Mass	St. J. B. Army														
1	John McCarthy	Corp	24	May 12/61	"	"	"	"	"	"														
2	Geo. H. H. H.																							
1	Bacon Thomas	Pvt	23	Apr 19/61	"	"	"	"	"	"														
2	Blake J. H. H.	"	31	" 20 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
3	Brant J. H. H.	"	24	" 18 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
4	Crosby Joseph J.	"	22	" 25 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
5	Garrison Edward.	"	24	" 18 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
6	Hobart J. H. H.	"	30	May 6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
7	Holbrook Joseph E.	"	25	" 19 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
8	Holbrook Joseph E.	"	21	" 12 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
9	Holbrook Joseph E.	"	22	" 20 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
8	Wise George H.	"	24	" 9 "	"	"	"	"	"	"														
8	Transferred																							
1	William W. Davis	Sgt		Apr 20/61	"	"	"	"	"	"														
2	William W. Gray	Pvt		22/61	"	"	"	"	"	"														
3	Alburt Pruba	"																						
4	John H. H.	"																						
5	John Hollis	"																						
6	Joseph H. H.	"																						
7	Joshua Norton Jr	Pvt																						
8	Reynolds as Veterans																							
1	Thomas W. Clark	Capt																						
2	George H. H.	Pvt																						
3	Richard H. H.	Pvt																						
4	Cornell H. H.	Corp																						
5	Frederic C. H.	"																						
6	Holden Johnson	"																						
7	Levy Thomas	"																						
8	Baile Oscar H.	Pvt																						
9	Charles H.	"																						
10	Brady Michael A.	"																						
11	Chickley Lawrence T.	"																						
12	Cunningham John	"																						
13	Cashman Thomas W.	"																						
14	Foley Thomas	"																						
15	Harrell Joseph J.	"																						
16	Hayden Levi B.	"																						
17	Hewes Thomas	"																						
18	Hymen James	"																						
19	Madison Patrick	"																						
20	Morse John W.	"																						
21	Owens Daniel	"																						
22	Pard Chas. H.	"																						
23	Scully David P.	"																						
24	Wash James H.	"																						
25	Discharged																							
1	John E. White	Pvt																						
2	Albert H. Dr. Carter	Sgt																						
3	Solomon B. Smith	"																						
4	Lyndon A. Howard	"																						
5	William Cook	Corp																						
6	Henry Alexander	"																						
7	Charles T. Smith	"																						
8	Charles H. H.	"																						
9	Horace Danforth	"																						
10	William Henry	"																						

Promoted Q. M. Smith Mar. 1862, afterwards St.
" 2d Lieut.
Transferred to battery U.S. Art. Oct 1862
Promoted Hospital Steward February 1862
Transferred to Co. 5th U.S. Cav Oct 1862
Promoted Company Sergeant Jan 1864
Promoted Q. M. Nov Oct 1862

MUSTER-OUT ROLL—Continued.

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Johnson's Island

May 23rd 1864.

My Dear Friend, - your last letter was answered a few days ago, but owing to circumstances which I could not control I did not send it. I hope this effort will be more successful than the first. I see that you have seen much hard service; and (since no one can impute to me a disposition to flatter repeated as we are) I may say that I feel sure we had a steady and determined man to fight wherever we met my old class mate on the field. At Malvern hill our brigade charged towards the extreme left of your batteries; and it was like plunging into the very jaws of hell. We knew well enough that it was a desperate undertaking, but unpleasant things must be done now and then during a fight like this. I have been extremely fortunate, never yet having been wounded, though time and again my comrades have fallen by my side. I have never tried for promotion; and besides it was no easy matter to go up, when three fourths of the regiment were college men, planter's sons, lawyers, and other men of influence and established reputation. What think you of exchange? Do you believe that there is really any reason to believe that it will be soon effected? I thank you again for your kindness to my step-mother, and should you ever be stranded by an unlucky wave upon our "inhospitable shore", it shall not be forgotten. I occupy myself with German, Lileston having kindly supplied me with books. Where is John Green? Remember me to him when you see him. How delightful it would be to talk over old scenes and new with you "over the walnuts and the wine"! My page is out. Write soon. Good bye - Your friend as ever - Jas. B. Clark.

Lieut. Jas. B. Clark.

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Johnson's Island

Ohio

Block 5. Mess 2.

Hutchinson - June 9 - 64

My Love - Safe & well so far -
People here feel just as safe
as in Minneapolis - there is a
line of Posts about 10 miles
West from here - the posts 12
miles apart & the soldiers keep
the whole region patrolled over,
but have seen no signs of
Indians this yr. I shall try
to get Mr Greenleaf of
"Greenleaf" (ride Atlas) to
go with me - oldest
residents here consider the
whole country when I
go as perfectly safe
I shall probably come
back this way so if the
spirit moves much, you
can write me here
In haste
Your Husband Geo

for the last two ~~mornings~~
mornings, waked up with a
hard on they say in about 3
weeks i can put my clothes
which will be verry agree-
able I do not know as i have
anything more to write at
present my regards to all
officers & men i hope none
of them will oblige to ocu-
py one of these hotels wishing
you all kinds of good for-
tune & hoping to hear from
you soon

I am your
Obed Servt
Geo H Taylor

New Hollowell Hospital
Alexandra June 10/67

My Dear Clarke

Thinking a line
from me would be acceptable
I will give an account of my
voyage here the next day
after my arrival at the Dis-
hospital we were told that
we must get up git as the foggy
were a coming so we were
loaded into one of those meat
waggons & rode untill dark &
came to anchor the wind ~~blow~~
ing blowing fresh at the time
they concluded not to in-
load their cargo as they had
not any ballast in so we
laid untill morn when
we ^{were} unloaded put into a
tent where for the first time

I had my ~~hands~~ ^{boots} dressed
we laid at this place untill about
4 o'clock of the same day when
we were shipped on board of
an army waggon and started
for White House landing we
made untill 12 o'clock at night
& have to untill morn O the
son of a gun that had charge
of the train he was a zee zee
when I get out of this I am
going to hit the first one I
meet for they are all alike
about 12 o'clock on the follow-
ing day we made the landing
we were unloaded put into a
tent laid there untill 2 o'clock
was then carried to the bank of
the river laid there about 2
hours in the rain should
have been wet through had
not Levi got me a rubber
George Andrews gave me some

bean soup which stood away
we then put on board of a
steamer laid on the decks
with three & four of hay un-
der me for a bed the boat
was then cast adrift &
dropped along side sanitary
boat for the purpose of take-
ing some of the barn mission
which was a good send for us
bapt you must take the best
of care of yourself for it is
an awful to be wounded I am
afraid you have but poor
idea of it Long is not in the
same room with me he is get-
ting along as well could be ex-
pected Sam Perkins is here
they will not let him leave at
present they are so short han-
ded bapt just imagine your
humble servant lying a bed
but I feel greatly encouraged

I wish you would put one of
your men up to writing to her as
they know about Rebecca it would
be such a comfort.

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I will tell you a new engagement
just out yesterday & a great sur-
prise to everybody — Lizzie
Thackburn the little Charles Grinnell
Directly Student at Yale. & very
much the fashion — considered
a great match — every body
is delighted & I am sure
Grinnell himself ought to be. For
Lizzie is a beautiful girl. So you
see the world goes on marrying
& giving in marriage & the
soldiers there is coming boys
& boys.

Now you do write as often as
you possibly can, for these
are very anxious times & we
depend greatly on our letters. I
wish I could impress it upon you
how much. Tell us what to do
about your coat. & when Sept. 1st
Morse is to be found & one will
pass him over the coats for getting
careless. He sent you two letters from
I to Black etc. came since you
left did you ever receive them?
They were directed to 9th Corps —
with much love Lizzie.

Home June 11th/64

Dear J^m

We have just received
yours of the 30th in which you speak
of being attached to the 5th Corps
so I suppose you have not
got any of our letters directed
to the 19th. The papers report
several wounded in Co A 129th
in the battle of the 5th, among
them Taylor in both legs; poor
 fellow I am very sorry for
him — I suppose he will come
home in the course of time &
I mean to go to Cambridge
before we go to Cohasset &
find Mr Taylor, his mother
& hear about the battle.
Thou & I have no idea
whereabouts in Cambridgeport
he lives — We have heard
not a word from Sgt May
Morse. & have not the least
idea where he is to be found or

We would hunt him up - I
am most afraid we shall
never see Mr. Cross. You did
not tell us anything about
where he lived or what he
he found so we have no
idea how to set about our
search for him -

Annice has gone to Plymouth
to stay till we go to Cohasset &
her mother has one of her
worst attacks of erysipelas
so that she has not been
able to sit up since Tuesday.
But she seems much better
today & I think will be well
by next week. We think of
going to Cohasset Monday, the
20th of June if we can get
away by then & nothing more
will happen. We had a letter
from Annice this morning, she
is having a very nice time
riding about on her new horse
Bessy. I should not be surprised
if she became quite an ace -

Completed equestrienne by the
time you get through with soldiering
& are able to accompany her
or some successor to Pagita.

The same something about a
J. H. Clarke - of the Quartermaster's
department at Regina Creek,
rendering efficient assistance in
forwarding stores for the Sanitary
& Father was convinced it was
you & was quite delighted & easy
in his mind with the thought
that you had not gone to the
front. I never had the least
idea that it was you but did
not care to say anything to
weaken Father's faith in what
you were doing so much comfort, so
held my peace. I wish I had
the happy faculty of believing
what I should like to, as Father
has.

I wrote you two letters about My
Hamer, who is in great distress
because she has not heard any
particulars of her husband's death

On the Railroad within 1/2 a mile
of Petersburg June 21 1864

Dear Annie,

I yesterday wrote another con-
cerning our little affair with the
Army on the 17th you know it was
impossible for New England men to
forget the hills of Fred near Boston,
on that day & the perdition was shown
out to the broken fugitives also driving
them into lines. It was worth, - that
recollection of history - 500 men,

Our loss was severe quite so. In the
29th Mass ^{went into a charge} ^{officers} ^{men} ^{officers} ^{men} ^{wounded} ^{men} ^{killed} ^{men}
21 8 130 28 35 75 75

I was going to give you the list of cas-
ualties, but it is locked up in the desk
the total out of about 800 men was
242. One Regt (179 Mass & its first
fight) carried in 200 & came out
85 carried in 8 officers brought out 8.

The casualties of this great fight were
73 wounded 25 known to be killed & officers
killed & 3 wounded. Sgt Barnes led
the charge, & I was on his right as
Adjutant Gen, An Adjutant Gen is
a kind of alter ego to the Comd officer.
He commands by authority of the Commander.
Sgt Barnes & Col Gould Comd Division that
day both complimented me, but it is of
small consequence that. The total casualties
of the Division were 1200 out of 4000
carried in. Many were slightly wounded,
almost every body was hit in the clothes or
body. Since the 17 we have not been
using the Division. Last night we relieved
Gen Barlow's division 2^d Corps & went to
a position on Petersburg & Norfolk RR
near 1/2 mile from the city. Except skirmish-
ing the times & places are quiet.

The great necessity of my life now
is a couple of flat files, and a piece
of brass/shut about 4 inches long & 2 broad

My courage still holds out, The
niggers haven't fought yet whatever the
papers say. I have been up now for
3 nights & am very tired so good
bye. Give my love to all & believe
me as ever

Affly
J W Clark

P.S. Tell papa the socks
are glowing, Send me a paper
if you see one about the
charge of the 17th or cut a
slip from it. It gave the po-
sition for the advance of the
18th whatever its real success
as a charge was.

— " — " —

Fall River June 21st 1864
Capt Clarke

Dear Sir I thought that
I would write to you about our
Mustering out & Discharge papers none
of us are Mustered out yet only Co.
B & D men. they got their papers in
Washington D.C. from the officers of
their Co. before the rest of us arrived
in that City most of the Boys are in
Boston doing nothing & are very much
Discouraged they not having any
money & some of them are depending
on public Charity that is they are
staying at the Soldiers Home & the
Sanitary if you can do any thing
in regards to these papers I wish
that you would do so & hurry them
along that miserable crowd the 34th
never will take the trouble to do any
thing for us now I suppose as long

As we are not with them I am so
worn to Home I could not do without
some Greenbacks to back me up I see
by the papers that Taylor, Dick Herney
Charley Bassett, Chick & some more
of the Old Boys were wounded I am
sorry for the Boys indeed I read
the papers now day very sharp on the
look out for the Old & Get Boys it is
some safer here then to the front
now day I wish that you would
give my best regards to all the Boys
of our old Co & tell them my Prayers
are that they will all come out all
right & sound I wish that you
would when you have time drop
me a few lines & let me know how
you are getting along & tell the
Boys to do the same

I remain Respectfully
yours
Jermick Mahony

P.S.

My Directions
are, 129 Spring Street
Fall River
Mass

A bit of a birth-day Present, Love - A wife in a
snuff-box, who "will never forsake" you, if you will keep your
pockets whole. She promises to be a faithful, patient -
long-suffering wife; one whose brow the cares and vexations
of life cannot ruffle; whose temper and angels could not
be sweeter, and she will always wear a face than which
nothing could be more serene -

June 21 1864 -

his life is rather an
unsatisfactory one.

I don't know what I
have to tell you except
that I think of you & pray
for you continually, & felt as
if I must write to you -
I wish my letter could
make you cooler - at least
we could in any way
save the Army one sale
from the suffering they
must be enduring -
Parday I know I shall
feel differently & know that
all the suffering was great
gain & then where will
my cup of woe be
me? I can't tell you
how I feel about it. God
bless you & take care of your
body & soul - Affectionately A.
[Anne B. Clarke]

Sunday June 26th 64
Still - Plymouth

Dear William - [To Thomas W. Clarke]

I have had you in
my mind all through
this terribly hot day, wonder-
ing how much you are
really suffering, & what is
going on - It is what Mother
calls real fighting weather,
she declares that a terrible
battle is always raging such
hot days - & we are waiting
anxiously to hear -

I can't be too thankful
that all the family have
gone to Cohasset, & so es-
caped bad air & hot nights
if not a thermometer
at 90 in the day time

I am going over on
Wednesday with a
convention which meets
here & returns on that
day. Have been here three
weeks enjoying myself;
& finding only one thing
in the case, that I ought
not to be having a good
time. Mother has been
very sick indeed since I
have been here, & no one
told me a word about it
till it was all over, & father
has had a terrible sick
headache consequent on
moving, so I suppose
poor Lissie has had a
very hard time, with
the price of my pleasure.
I hope to be able to make
up for it when I go back.

I meet Capt Luten often
in my walks & rides. He
seems to keep up a constant
intercourse with the 29th
though I don't know
through whom. Within
you properly seen
on the point of fulfilment,
that you will be in at
the fall of Richmond. I
think from all we can
gather that Grant is the
successful man at last
& under him the soldiers
are going to reap their be-
ward. I hope so with
all my heart.

I see Morton about the
town continually. He is
in wretched health. Has
complaint, which prevents
his taking any exercise.

Soldier letter
H. L. 2nd Regt
D. C. 2nd Regt
273.1.2.4.8

Help Annie & Mark
Cohasset
Mass

H. L. 2nd Regt 1st Div 1st Inf
Near Petersburg Va July 5 1864

Dear Annie,

I have received your letter, & mother's
of as late as June 20th. I am not the party
who did the Sanitary business & by the way
the Sanitary Commission has been of late helping
the men in the trenches a good deal. They
have given them potatoes & tomatoes & Kew
& pickles & the effect is visible on the
sick reports already. They have learned that
Sanitary work is less curative than conser-
vation, and are in their third year acting accordingly.
We are in the very front our men at pla-
ces less than 400 yards from the enemy. On
the 30th June while mustering the 14th N Y Inf
I had the men in the works for security, but
for dignity & encouragement stood out my
self. But I found that a knot of 4 or
5 rebels were annoying me, cutting the
trails all round & shooting within a foot
or so every time. I couldn't persuade
any of the men to keep them in check
so I had a gun loaded for me & in
the intervals of calling the roll, I
shot away at the rebels. Had 5 shots

Then cut the parapets of the pits when the rebels
heads were, our ricochets just over them striking
a couple of rods in advance & the other I don't
know what became of it. They didn't annoy me
again for an hour or more. We have daily
visitors at our H.Q. from the Reb batteries
in the shape of 30 lb shell, rifled & 24
mortar shell, 12 lb shot & sundry pieces of
rotten shot. One of them we are to return
with this inscription (the usual one when
papers go through H.Q. I and am not like)

"H.Q. 2^d Brig 1st Div July 4 1864
Respectfully Returned Disapproved. The
Colonel Commanding considers the method
of presenting the Communication as disre-
spectful & injurious. By command of
Col Edwin S. Clarke Capt A.A.S."
You are at liberty to publish that if you
choose. We think it a joke here.

The Colonel lets me do as I
please about, and I am happy to tell
you that with the Division Commander
I am on the best of terms. The only thing
I am troubled about is not getting letters
from home, & not having any postage
stamps. Have you sent me my saddle
& horse trappings I have two horses &
only one set of equipments. Levi is now

too orderly at these Head Quarters &
the 29th an Provost Guard scouring
the woods & arresting about 137 shag
gles daily. It is shameful how some
of the men straggle. I have plenty to do,
being a sort of volunteer consulting engineer
for mortar & heavy gun batteries, and for re-
connoitering purposes. The enemy have their
siege guns in position and are bombarding
us daily. We lose from these means & from
sharpshooters about 5 men a day from the di-
vision, say 1/10 of 1 per cent. A very large part
of the Rebel army are here, and Petersburg is a
very strong place. We are nearer the front
than any general or brigade commander
about here.

I must now go down to
Division Head Quarters on business so close
Give my love to all & believe me

Yours very faithfully
Edwin S. Clarke

Heck

A.A.S.

H.Q. 2^d Brig 1st Div July 4 1864

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Minneapolis, July 11, 1864...

This certifies that George B. Wright is
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frequently. They are attended to by the
 Provost Marshall & Capt. Gault & I
 are happy to say the men do not
 get very much the largest part of
 all that is sent to them, at least in
 this brigade for I have found the
 officers & men to share. I send for the
 Sergeant Major of a Regt when the
 officers or Hospital is open & send
 our character & duties and I put
 the stuff in the hands of the surgeons
 hands. The best is usually suffi-
 cient. I shall write to George more
 particularly to that of the two, you
 better not say to him what I have
 written for it was as something
 that him when you don't want it
 him is ready. I suppose with vegeta-
 ble & had better Coffee & lemonade
 we will let the men say that
 about once a week. I don't know
 does the surgeon do it. I don't
 know.

Office of the
 29th Regt
 11th Mass

me always, in a fortnight. From now on
 may be ordered one hundred that will
 send me to the Prison & I want the
 tools of escape with rising hopes. They
 don't make more than a few cents each
 but I am worth having. I have been trying
 to keep the old chain but I thought
 that some poor old might suffer.
 The old, is as for the very purpose. But
 watch every bit of iron. We can trust to
 get for the same, or make one thing
 of wood just like the old
 fashion but I may not use the
 same. I want a piece of light red
 wood as large as this paper "patent"
 rather will do as well. I don't place
 your trip. I send you remain
 what I suppose will be enough to pay for
 them. As much as I want to pay for
 agrees with me, but the cost of the
 sickening just. The Secretary Commission
 has not last communication to give them
 gas to the station in the trenches & we
 receive & distribute vegetables to them



two much ~~that~~, affectionate, deep
honest open chap, a man to be
loved & feared, very undignified
very high spirit. I forgot also
to say that I sent Ned \$100
for Cashman, which I wish he
deposited for him clean letting
me know cost of expenses. Cash-
man wants a little state in An-
ton this right. 23 men of our
Regiment sent home \$34.33 home
to their families. Savings of 4 to 6
months pay. Ought to be known
Good bye

W

Regt. Co. 2nd Brig 1st Div 9th H
July 17, 1864

Dear Lizzie,

I wrote Ned yesterday &
sent him \$90. by express, which I
hope he got. I am pretty well ex-
cept an abscess under such arm,
& some erysipela all over & a bad wound
on the back of the skull got from
a tent pole. My wound of the 30th
which I believe I did not mention
to you is well, hardly leaving a
mark. It was something sharp
shell or what not, I can't say.
Scraped down my upper lip &
chin on the left side, tearing
the skin. My cure for erysipela is
now washing in the fair Soda
Soap you sent me by the box
which at last got safely here
having been investigated by two
gunboats several revenue
agents & a provost marshal

who were anxious to see how much
whisky you were sending me!
The saddle attracts universal admi-
ration but the bridle was evidently
pretty hardly used in Boston, handled
without gloves those white reins so
that they are not so pretty by far
as they used to be. Our brigade now
extends from the Jerusalem Plank
Road to the left, we have about all
our men on duty, and have a jolly
hard time. The patriot Scully has
been twice promoted for gallantry in
action & Jos. Farrell once. Scully
has been twice hit. I think a new com-
missioned officer now who wasn't a pri-
vate when we started from Boston, &
all were made Sergeants & Corporals
for gallantry in action. We now have
a furious thunder storm the same
yesterday & day before the rainy season
has set in. Tell Max Ellis that I am
much obliged for his condolence with
you, but am glad that it was

misplaced. Perhaps one of these days
I may be able to have a chat with
him about it. Am much obliged
for stockings both to you & Aunt
Nabby. Who were the other pair
for I have them on now.
Am glad to know father has
a representation permit. I hope
he'll do a deal better than I have.
And Geo & Ned also. God be pre-
served for rain.

Yours affectionately
W. Clark.

The Cake tea motion was
first vote & was pronounced
so by all the staff who partook.
Green Smith has gone on
~~Coops~~ Division staff. This
much more success has then
been to my tutoring over that
of Norton & Abbott who had
his civil education in charge
I undertook his military &
he advanced at once. He is fine
courses was folly, with Father

Headquarters 2nd Brig 1st Div 9th A.C.
July 25 1864

My dear Siggie,

I send you an official communication from Gen Brannigan properly endorsed, I hope you'll receive it. The 2nd Brig has been broken up. Col Price is sent to Hospital Sick H^ol^dg Marshall commands now. I am still as I was of his staff how long I don't know, but I have a staff position open to me always now as before. The times are very monotonous nothing but continual musketry & sharpshooting occasionally varied by shell & shot from mortars, howitzers & rifled pieces. Every now & then we lose a man but it is chance, misfortune or personal venture rather than the effect of any definite design. The communication from Brannigan is part of a 24 lb. shell which fell right among our horses & exploded harmlessly. It is the bottom part. The opposite end is twice as thick. The shell fell full ~~down~~ up & consequently did not venter as it exploded. You can

use this as a paper weight

The army is pretty healthy, but not very clean. We get plenty of vegetables, onions, beets, carrots &c from Gosh. & lots of the same from the Sanitary.

They are doing much good (the vegetables) and I hope the men are as grateful as they ought to be. Thus far I am without a horse, but people don't like to walk with me, I have had so many hunk near me. I have a fine bay horse now & am up as yet for I hesitate between Schamyl & Mahmoud & I mail on the one hand, and Thor, Odin, and Herod on the other. Sometimes I think of Viking sometimes of Lotus, sometimes of Olympus & sometimes of Walhalla. I reckon that VIKING is the best. How does Annie like riding? How is Geo getting on. When will they get the 500,000 men? Will Geo get his substitute & his bookcase. How is Whapett? If you see Mr. Loshop give him my regards. Don't wait for me when you go bathing tomorrow. I probably shant be with you. I'm nothing more & say except that I am busy enough to keep me from growing two feet. Ever yours
W. Clarke

In the battle field
July 31 - 64

Colonel

I have just found
thru the kindness of a Confederate
officer that you are not wounded
(A report to that effect having
been current) I will inform
Mrs Marshall to that effect.

Very sincerely
M. K. Hogan
Surgeon
Col
Marshall
Com. 2nd Inf. Regt. Surg. in chief 1st Div

H. Q. 2nd Brig 1st Div 9th A.C.
Aug 5. 1864

Dear Annie,

To night we've had another little flurry. The enemy blew up part of the 18th Corps works two men hurt. They made no lodgment. Dreadful work this war is. Whats good for extrema, nett rash, or prickly heat. I've been all broken out for over a week ever since the change in fact. Give my regards to Siggie also \$1.00 for what she paid for an "paper weight." The inscription is in due & legal form. Why dont some one say something about it. I sent you a bullet that called on me in my tent last night No harm. Our Head Quarters will be photographed in a day or two. They consist of 6 wall tents in a row & one on one side for an office. The tents are under an arbor of brush. The flies are in front of them, & in mine & the Col's under the fly I have two board seats for cullies & a fine carpet of pine brush laid like a pavement or rather ~~thatch~~  the stalks all the

Same way & the feathers capping, we
have our weapons going all day to
make us comfortable & lots of men
to fix up for us, & as we are all
pretty brown the men like to do for us.
Sgt Robinson is commanding, & my
old friend Gen Smith, Gerrits son
is A.D.C. & he & I have excellent times
together. You cant conceive how
the tails of fear can be lightened by pleas-
ant words & stout hearts & a determina-
tion to make the best of it. Lt Col Bams
Command the 1st Brigade, & Capt Brown
of my Regt is on his staff. When I go into
action I fear of course but I have lately
seen so much bad behavior among
officers that I begin to wonder I never
saw any. In our division it is always
a dead race between the brigades to see
who shall be in line first & where they
belong, from Brig Commander to lowest
private & the last man like the last
duck in China catches it. The only troops
the other day (30th) who got exactly where
the orders directed them were, 1st Div who
went in first. The others piled in on top
of them. All well. Goodbye yes, ever
your humble

[To Thomas W. Clarke].

[Aug. 12, 1864]

Dear William - There seems
to be a change of affairs gen-
erally with you. Col. Rice
probably permanently at
home & your div incorporat-
ed into another; is it a
moment to strike a blow
for your advancement? &
can we do anything for
you, now that we are going
back to Boston, & can get
at any body? You know
that Mr. Sleeper & Mr. Story -
both men of influence, stand
your friends & perhaps there
are others I could get at
to ask them to speak a
good word for you - If
there is any way in which
I can work for you or get
others to do let me know,

In I think continually of
your promotion & long for it.
Though I know you care
more for doing your duty
than for being glorified, still
it is pleasant to have that
little spice added. & life
if possible & I at least, &
I have no doubt all the rest
of the family would be glad
to do all we can -

Adel Brown - Frances writes
he is coming home soon,
his term of service up - still
Capt Brown - he means to
stay at home about a month
& then go again -

I suppose Liz has written
all, so good bye - Affly -

Chas. S. S.

12th Aug/64 =

[From Anne Balch Clarke]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Treasurer's Office, Boston, Aug 15th 1864.

Received of *C. W. Clarke* of *Boston*
One hundred twenty five dollars, for account of the Provost-Marshal
General of the State of Massachusetts, to be used for Recruiting purposes
under General Order, No. 27, 1864, such recruit to be credited to the quota
of *Ward 7, Boston* *Recruit*

Henry F. Olin TREASURER.

Levi Reed AUDITOR.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



PROVOST-MARSHAL'S OFFICE,

State House, Boston, ^{15th} August 1864.

Mr C. W. Clark.

Sir

I enclose receipts
received from the State Treasurer
for Representation Recruits for
yourself and son.

Respectfully

Wm Day
Pm Comr etc

Substitute 1864

picturesquely on the outside -
some of them are for the soldiers -
I have another pair of stockings
of my own knitting - I wish you Clara
have them - If you would like
another boy and word what
you would like in it.

Aunts N & A are expected
tomorrow to spend two days -
but tonight we have a lovely
soft rain - much needed &
long looked for, & I think
there is much prospect of a
real September storm - We
have had several dry storms
this month, charming rains
but no rain.

Mother sends love & wants to
know just how you do and asks
me to beg you to write, even
if you have not much to tell -

Geo has just made a little
trip to Peterboro, he went up to a
factory meeting with Col. Parker &
had a nice time -

Much love from all & Anne
adds you when you write to air
your sentiments on the subject
of the Clellan - our committed old
friend, is not he?

Yours always

Lizzie.

Box added 11th Sep 1864
Sunday, Evening
Dear A. H.

I am going to write you
thought I would send you to
have a letter though I have nothing
particular to relate to the public
eye. This is Thanksgiving
day & this morning we had a
sermon to suit & a cheerful
one too. wherein the worthy Concord,
enlarged upon the cheerful
prospect of an early peace &
recounted at length what our
armies & navies had done
& was altogether so success-
ful & a vein that my spirit
rose several degrees, I think
these recent victories are
glorious checks on the enthusiasm
of our democratic friends - how
cheerful they must feel.

Have you had anything to do
with the court of inquiry into
the Petersburg mine disaster?
Father is possessed with the idea
that you may have been one of the
witnesses & that that perhaps keeps
you from writing as it is several
months now since we have had
a letter - The shale not probably
go to Boston so soon this year
as usual - although father begins
to be very impatient - but
Wednesday next is the 15th & we
have had no weather as yet
when we could leave - Such
lovely weather - so cool & sunny
just the breathe to enjoy life
I only wish you were here to
take some rides with us -
Annie & Geo went through
the cart path which leads from
the old Hingham road on
horseback this morning - the

said it was charming though the
road did not lead out into
the high road as we always
supposed it would - Last Sunday
Annie & I struck out a new path
& went in the buggy where we
have never been before, through
Scituate & back by Hingham
plain, through the woods &
timely sheep fields a lovely ride
but pretty long -

Our future sister is making us
another visit just now & Geo is
taking a little vacation &
enjoying her visit - Frank Minn's
terrible person I ever met she
is the worst so. I am afraid I
never shall be fond of her - I
never can like strangers -
Mother & father are engaged
in drying apples just now -
mother cuts & father strings
& the house is festooned

571-1864.
near Wilmington
Sept. 17th /64.

Thomas Pomeroy.

States that Oliver H. Burdett Co. M. 100th Pa Vols. enlisted March 31st /64, but his Muster Roll dates April 6th /64, requests it be corrected to bear date of his enlistment.

M. 64.

Recd A. G. O. Sept. 22^d /64

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21st, 1864.

Respectfully referred to
Office 100th Pa Vols.

for information.

These papers to be returned with the report.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Samuel D. Dyer
Assistant Adjutant General.
(123)

S. D. H.
a.g.

1864

New Wilmington Sept 17

Marshal Fye

Dear Sir

I am to present a case
in consideration which
assured should be con-
sidered by Oliver H. Burdett
on the 31st of March
4. but his muster in-
cludes date April 6th

which is likely as I understand
the matter to operate to the
amount of 200 against
him now as he is a poor
young man and in the
service of his country the roll
should be corrected to bear
date even with his enlist-
ment as I feel satisfied
it is a mistake of the
mustering in officer and
thus do him Justice

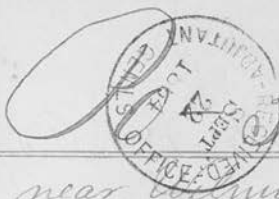
1864

New Wilmington Sept 11/7

Hon^{or} Marshal Frye

Dear Sir

permit me to present a case
to your consideration which
I feel assured should be cor-
rected. My Oliver H Burdett
Enlisted on the 31st of March
A.D 1864. but his muster in
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WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24th, 1864.

Respectfully referred to Cundy
Officer 100th Pa. Vols

for information.

These papers to be returned with the report.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Samuel D. Paul

Assistant Adjutant General.
(123)

S. D. H.
a. g. o.

He is a member of Com-
pany M. Commanded
by Capt J. L. McFeters
100 regt Pa V. Co., I may
be in error in supposing
that you is the officer when
the correction can be prop-
erly made which would
give Oliver his just
rights. will you be kind
enough to let me hear
from you soon & you
will much oblige
yours

Thomas Pomeroy

Head Quarters 100th P.V. Co.

Oct 7th 1864

Respectfully returned the Muster Roll
of P.V. Co. date reads as follows.

"Enlisted March 31st 1864. at Meadville.
2nd Dist. Penna. Bounty paid \$25.
Advances paid received \$13." No
date of muster is given, the prob-
ability is, that he was mustered in
on the day of enlistment.

J. H. Pentecost
Capt Company 100th P.V. Co.

and come fancy fixins all the
time. Not a day passes that our
General doesn't compliment our
Brigade & we blow it up for
some smallish defects.

What do you suppose
we think the enemy is going to
do? Evacuate Petersburg.
They can't hold it long. You
should see our RR & our
corduroys. The Rails are laid
up hill & down without
regard to grading. The cordu-
roy is as fine & smooth as a
plank road, we have Park
Station, Warren Station, & Har-
cock Station on the RR. The
sweet whistle of the engine, Lieut
Gen Grant, Maj Gen Meade, Com-
mander in chief & other military
names fill us with thoughts of
home & civilization Goodbye.
Love to all
M.C.

U.S. 3rd Div. 1st Reg. A.C.
Sept 20, 1864
My dear Annie,

Your poetry & Lizzie's
Sketch and the graphic (plumbago)
account of the fall of the cooking
stove, would it were the price of
butter, come duly to hand, but there
is one thing I can't understand, &
that is who has taken to keeping
a cat.

I wish you could see our
Headquarters now, from where
tents pitched along in line covered
with a high platform of pine boughs
and all the tents paved with
pine or cedar, with a neat
bough house made of cedar twigs
wadded in like basket work
for a dining room, while in
front floats the flag of the Lane

pairs, Red white & blue with the anchor & cannon upon it.

Please send me my crop by mail in a little box, with a small extra supply of red ribbon, for emergencies. Let Ned get me some new clasps. "Bethesda Church" "Shady Grove Road" "Castleville" "Petersburg June 17. ~~Petersburg~~ "Cemetery Hill" "Plick's Station" we are getting dresy now. I have I believe a fine pair of trousers at home and I want a jacket ^{of dark blue corduroy,} made single breasted ~~the buttons in a fly,~~ and loose but neat fitting. Ned can order them & they can be sent by mail with greater security than any other way I want on the jacket a fine but smallish pair of dark blue straps on cloth, Captains of course.

I still remain A.G. although my brigade is changed. We are at work hard now getting the troops

into shape, the 29th has some 80 recruits I wish they had about 200 more. The patriot Scurly, is 1st fery & will perhaps be promoted He was Corporal for Gallantry June 1 Sergeant for the same offense June 17 1st fery ^{on} for a like charge (on the enemy) July 30 & if recommended for an officer it will be for a similar crime Aug 19. We have deserters come in daily. I had the pleasure of examining one at 4 AM today. It is now only 6. I have been up all the Campaign quite early, before the day in fact. In fact what with early rising, glycerine soap, good living plenty of work, and abusing my clubs & orderlies when they don't come up to time I am in hopes not to have the old malaria attack me this fall. We are getting ready for reviews & parades for we did

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Board of State Charities, }
II STATE HOUSE.

Boston, Sep. 29th 1864

My Dear Thomas, —
I rec^d your
letter an hour since — I have
seen Major Rogers — over-
hauled all the documents, —
got the Rosen corrected,
(which she contained the
names of the mustered-out of-
ficers) and as soon as Gov.
A. gets back — probably tomorrow,
he will have ~~the~~ all Col. B's nomi-
nations put through, unless
there — I am afraid of a Brooks, who
is making a stupendous effort
for another Commission succeed
in ousting one of them. I never
knew what he was up to till

when I was out with you. I thought - here a cool - de-
liberant was - out & Philippe Volcan, & so told the
Gov. when I got home. I think if the war continues
so as to involve (killing many more men, something hard
some will be done for him. - Sometimes I like things
you do, & sometimes I don't. - I hope you don't
have anything to do with the scheme of robbing
Charlie Brown of his promotion. - I won't believe
you did, but you tell me so yourself, & I am sure
you will, if it is true, because you "don't care a
damn" for anybody. - That attempt was not a
propitiation one. - Yours adolphe

H. P. M.

this morning. I told Major R. he
was a "coward & a shirk"
but if Col. Barnes - & you & Trapp
say I'm wrong, I'll take it back
& ask his pardon. - I have stopped
his nomination for now as any
less & I beg thee - some one of
you, unless you want him back
will immediately write some-
thing to back me up. -

You want something - or
you would have written me. -
What is it? - one with it. -

I am told that Col. Price
is "down upon me" severely. -
But I still sleep o' nights. -

He is about home somewhere,
I believe, - and is said to
be sick. I was sorry for him -
helped him - and am paid in
the usual coin. - I was very
much pleased with Col. Barnes

ting officer in a great degree,
I am comfortable & ex-
cept as to clothing. I have
a well tent three blankets
a cot & very bed, two pair
of boots, four horses &
chimney with open fire-
place, a brass candlestick
and a severe cold, and a
bottle of syrup of sassafras.

I am now trying the
Col of the Regt that broke
on the 30th in front of when
I was in trying to rally which
I lost my big bay horse.

Of course I had a personal
interest in the trial because
had he done his whole duty
I should not have lost

Help 3rd Regt 1st Div 9th Me
Oct 19 1864

Dear Annie,

I have the
pleasure to acknowledge
receipt of my crop. I
have been very busy lately
In addition to running
a brigade, I am also
advocate of the corps, and
am trying a lot of officers
for various offences "from
pitch stops to manslaughter"
or rather from dancing
Guerillas to running away
from the enemy. Besides
that we have introduced
Brigade Drill Parades
& I have a good deal
of work then. My
routine of duty now is

This. Get up at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5,
str. round, send off fatigue
details, see the business of
the day is properly started
breakfast at $7\frac{1}{2}$ Guard
mount at 8, $\frac{1}{2}$ past
8 to $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 make &
sign morning report $\frac{1}{2}$
past 9 mount & ride over
to front martial, 10 AM
go into the Com Room try
cases to 3, 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ arrange
papers & set clerks at work
copying, issue orders, and
get ready for parade. $4\frac{1}{2}$
Parade & Drill, 5 PM Dinner
6 to 10. Superintendent clerks in
making, copying & signing
papers, accounting to Bridget
O'Hanigan for her son
or husband and to the Company

at large for the votes in
the various Regts for
election. Go to bed about
 $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 & am awakened
by orders to attend to gen-
erally twice & frequently
five times in the night.
My position is that of
managing clerk in a
large house, nothing goes
to the Brig ad Com
~~that~~ any one else can
attend to. At night he is
never awakened to attend
to a movement, & then
only after orders are issued.
Possibly this I have seen
that the members of
the staff do their part
& also act as Inspe

Lotus. Our State troops
don't vote Ohio, Pa, N.Y.
all the West have a
voice in this election
but not Mass & I am
glad of it. I don't think
the Soldier should vote
It is subversive of dis-
cipline for the Election
managers & canvassing
to be permitted. We have
three Mass Regts. in the
Brigade the others being
Maryland, Pa, & N.Y.
The N.Y. is copying the
Pa is strong Republican
So is the Md. The
Md Col took his colors
from a man for vot-
ing against Emanci-
pation in that State.

Our brigade staff is equally
split between Lincoln &
McSallan. Col McLaughlin
is for Mr. C. so is the Dr & so
our aid. The A. G., J. G., &
other A. D. C. are Lincoln.

The men of the two ar-
mies are deserting back &
forth as they did in the
Boyer's war in Ger-
many. I don't believe
we gain any men by
desertion ~~than~~ they.

I hope we do. I am
hopefully writing a bun-
dle by mail. I don't
want any boots. Give
my love to all

Yours ever

W. F. Lusk

Washington. Tuesday Noon
25 October, 1864.

My Dear Clark. If this, and the
enclosure reaches you, it will be by
or through the hands of my William
Shakes. no Schaulen. Adj. General of Mass,
who goes to the Front nominally to find a
certain class of Soldiers, but principally
to crowd as much human nature into
his allotted span as possible.

Three days have been spent here, and
his efforts are laudable, and will be
recognized and rewarded, by the Army
as well as Light Brigade.

Speaking of the enclosure, which was
submitted to Mrs F. for her opinion, it was
decided by her, that there had been a
great effort made to put a fine point
upon no particular subject, and the
result appeared to be as worthless as
Pangloss's Note: and if the Aspirants to
appear witty, had used the whiskey they
consumed in their futile efforts, to start
a fire balloon, it would have produced a
more brilliant effect, if not more lasting.
As to Vicks. she decides the only note would
be. "Morn'g go home till morning" and that they
are not considered good in the Matrimonial market.

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She prefers buckenheas to you - and
concludes by recommending you all
to devote the small amount of talents
given you to the cause of your country -
otherwise your fate may be like the Troy -
side Jables. This subject might
be played upon as there are sentinels
enough to finger

My brother writes me he loves you, and
you may as fine as silk - and age
A. A. Sen. I saw Barnes as he passed
through here, and I understand that
C. C. Pearson has gone to the. It was again
We are excessively stupid here - no one
presents at Muster - We know no one -
consequently are devoted to home
duties and early hours - have
given up political Ward Meetings
and Clubs: It is a sad drawback,
but it agrees with my religion - our
punishment is here - no use in travelling
to another world for it - Why did Adam
eat that Apple - Sunday School scholars -
I guess it was Rambo - Ask School
Why Joseph did not go ahead with Polyphers
wife - Good by - May you be blessed
th. Duke.

the petitioning if you
will only collect the
letters - How glad I
should be to see you
go up -

Mr. Fott - Jimmy -
Lissie & the baby are
here - Great excitement
& all sort of rumors about
incendiarism cards &
this morning's paper said
Sec Seward had written to
Mayor of Buffalo warning
him of a conspiracy ~~that~~ to
burn all the Northern cities
on the day of election -
Mother got yr letter this
morning - Affly - A.B.C.

[Anne B. Clarke]

[To Thomas W. Clarke]

Dear William

I have done a deed
& taken a step - I don't
know how you will like
it, but I couldn't bear
not to do something
about yr promotion -
So I went in to see
Mr. Sleeper - explained
to him how you felt.
That you wouldn't ask
for what you felt you
had earned, & asked
him to speak a good
word for you -
He said he should

90, glad
you got
the vote
Nov 30
64 - ✓
[Nov. 3, 1864]

be happy to do anything
of the kind for you, &
then proposed this
plan which he thought
~~might~~ would be the
most effectual possible.
That you should get
from your Brigade Com-
manders - & Superior
officers, as many as you
please, letters of recom-
mendation, & enumera-
tion of yr Capacities, &
the rank you ought to
hold. Then enclose them
to me - No need of
asking yourself, & he

would take them him-
self if I wished to the
Gov & ask for you, &
at the same time I
will get Mr Story, Mr
Underwood & any one
you propose, to add
their word at the same
time - he thinks that
is best, & says of course
all promotions come from
asking -
Now William, will
you take the matter
in hand - You can
easily get yr letter I
feel sure - & some
one else can do all

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN A. ANDREW,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

*To Thomas W. Clark of Boston in the County of Suffolk
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Greeting:

Whereas, It is provided by a law of the United States of America, enacted on the twenty-second day of July, A.D. 1864, entitled "An Act to authorize the employment of Volunteers to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," that the Governors of States furnishing Volunteers under said Act, shall commission the Field and Staff and Company Officers requisite for the said Volunteers.

Andrew

And Whereas, The President has authorized and required the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to furnish certain Regiments organized as aforesaid, under and according to the provisions of said Act, to serve in the Volunteer Military force of the United States, subject to the laws and regulations governing the army thereof, for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged.

Now, Therefore, I, JOHN A. ANDREW, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to the Authority and Duty aforesaid in me vested, do hereby appoint you *Colonel in the Twenty Ninth Regiment of Infantry*

of the MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS, called for and organized as aforesaid. You will, therefore, with honor and fidelity discharge the duties of said office. And all inferior officers and soldiers are hereby commanded to obey you in your said capacity; and you will yourself observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from the President of the United States, or others, your superior officers.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Commonwealth, this *Eighth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four and in the eighty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By his Excellency the Governor.

Andrew

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

W. H. 3rd Regt. Dir
G. H. H. 13/1864
Respectfully re-
turned. Owing to
the small size of
the Regiment, no offi-
cer of the grade
can be mustered
I wrote a statement
of this fact to the
Adjutant General
of the Commonwealth
more than a fortnight
ago, & a further state-
ment that recruits
were ordered to keep up
the organization as
it was. Thos Low, Clerk
Capt 2nd Regt. Dir.

[Nov 8, 1864]

1864
Lodge

Home 11th Dec 1864

Sunday morning.

Dear W^m

The Sunday morning Gazette contains a notice of a "deserved promotion of a meritorious officer" which we found of especial interest this morning. Ned brought the paper over before we were out of bed & at breakfast time Mr Rogers, thinking we might not have seen it, sent us over another paper with congratulations, which I hereby transmit to you. After what you said at home, I felt so much worried about this Colonel's commission that I didn't feel as if I could go to church in peace without writing to you, though I know my letter will do no good.

I can't help thinking it is all
right - at any rate I hope
you will secure the colonelcy
if you have to go to Washington
I it costs any dollar, for
it is surely you due -

I do so hope you won't have
any trouble about it for it
worries me almost to death -
but I am not going to croak
to you, preferring the more
cheerful view that it is only
a matter for congratulation - but
I wish you would write &
relieve us of a little of our
anxiety, we have not heard
a word from you since your
went away, if you could realize
how anxious we are I don't
think you would neglect
writing a

Mother sends much love &
hopes you will fill her new
host with all honor. Father
has gone to walk with
Geo so I have no message
from him - He are all
very well, Annie is staying
in Roxbury with Annie
Townsend - I think this
news will bring me trotting
in -

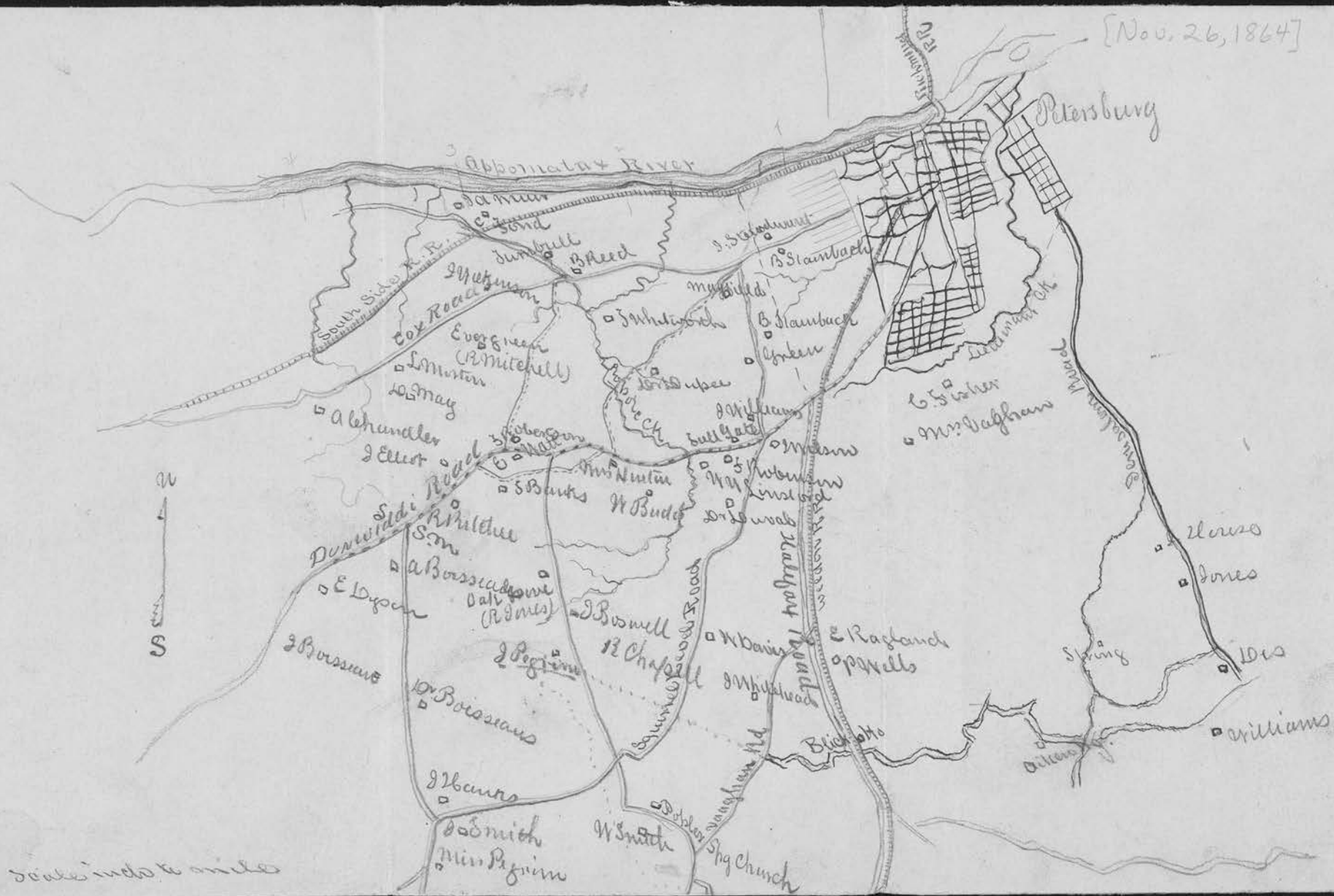
With a great deal of love
your affectionate sister
L.

^{Min}
St Paul. Dec 20/64

Good Girl - Please \$10. See that you spend
it at Once -

Geo B. Wright

[Nov. 26, 1864]



Nov. 26th 1864

Captain

Nothing new
since you left, Capt.
Tripp left this morning
on a 15 days leave

Broune

1st Cad Hunter 100th P.V.V.
Dec 24th 1864

Capt Blake.

A.A. Grant

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that there are no men in this Command
to be recommended for medals of honor.

Very Resp^{tly}

Your obed^t serv^t

J. H. Pentecost

1st Cad. 100th P.V.V.

1864

[1864]
Hd. Qs 3rd Ind. Bat.
Sec 2nd West

Capt. Clarke

Cal. Robinson asks
you to approve this pass for
Parrish, Angus & Small to Qrd Ind.
Batt^y for the purpose of investigating
a man of the death of his brother
who was killed this morning on Pick-
ensville has just been reported to us.

Very Respect
Yours &c
Wm. R. R. R.
Capt.

Head Quarters 100th Pa. Inf. Vols:
Dec. 30th, 1864

Capt. Clarke,

A. A. A. Genl

Sir:

I have the honor to report that there
are no enlisted men in this command to be recom-
mended for medals of honor.

Very Resp'y

Your Obt. Servt.

J. O. Pentecost

Lt. Col. Amos, 100th P. V. V.



Michael
1007a

Sergeant Snyder is as good a Soldier, as ever pulled
a trigger and I sincerely hope that the recommendation
for a medal of honor may be favorably considered.

I am Sir
very respectfully
Your obt^d S^t
Jas. J. Carter

Captain Comdr 3rd Mt. Bat.
Vet. Vol. Infy.
Honor Medal C.M.C.

4th Co. 3rd Mt. Bat. Vet. Vol. Infy.
Before Petersburg 1st Dec. 31/64.

T. W. Clarke
Cap^t P. A. A. C.
3rd Brig. 1st Div. 9th A. C.

Sir,

In Compliance with
Circular 3rd Brig. 1st Div. 9th A. C. dated Dec. 27/64,
I have the honor, to recommend, Color Sergeant,
Mathew Connell, and Sergeant George Snyder of
P. A. A., as deserving a Medal of honor.
The first named, Sergeant Connell, was promoted to Color
Sergeant for conspicuous bravery in the Battle of Antietam,
where he desisted from picking up the Colors of a
Rebel regiment in his eagerness to follow up the retreating
enemy, remarking to his Comrades at the same time
let us whip the enemy first, we can gather their
Colors afterwards, in the mean time let us take care
of our own. He was one of the eighteen, left, from
103. taken into the fight. He stood by the Colors to
the last and for his good behaviour and the good example
he set to his Comrades was promoted to Color Sergeant.

Since the battle of Antietam he has acted nobly in every engagement, the regiment has participated in, and if he has captured no flag from the enemy, the flag of our own regiment (now a battalion) has ever been safe in his hands. His merit, as a true, brave, and faithful Soldier, stands second to none, and I would most earnestly recommend him for a medal of honor for his gallant behaviour before the enemy.

Sergeant George Snyder of Co. G. picked up the Colors, after the Color Sergeant McCabe was mortally wounded, on the 30th of July 1864 at the Crater before Petersburg, and amid cheering carried the same through the Crater and planted the same on the enemy's breastworks, his being the second Colors in the Works. Through his example he inspired many a Soldier, and taking a exposed position he with several others of this Command succeeded in silencing a party of rebel Sharpshooters who had become by their advantageous position ~~had~~ very annoying. It may be proper to state that on the 17th of June, although wounded in the earlier part of the battle, he remained in action to its close. On the 1st day of November while on a scout in front of the enemy's lines, he was again seriously wounded, and is at present absent sick in consequence of said wound.

H^d Qrs of Mass Vols
Dec 31st 1864

Capt T. H. Clarke.
Adj. 3rd Brig.

Captain

In accordance with
Circular, I have the honor to submit the
following recommendations for medals of honor.
Moses Shackley, 1st Lt. B. Co. Died from wounds
rec^d at Spottsylvania. - for meritorious conduct
during the war. Having been in nearly all the
battles since the War commenced, always displaying
gallantry in all circumstances.

N. J. H. Green, 1st Sergt B. Co. promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
for bravery and good conduct - throughout this
campaign, particularly distinguishing himself at
the charge on the enemies works. Before Petersburg
June 17th 1864.

James J. McNamee, 1st Sergt B. Co. a faithful and
daring soldier, displaying great bravery during
the engagements the Regt was in, particularly at
the Battle of June 17th 64. Where he was severely
wounded, and pronounced "mortally wounded" by the

several Surgeons who examined him. He survived however, and returned to the Regt in Sept., although the missile which struck him was still in his breast. The exposure incumbent on active service in the Field, ^{almost} too much for him, and yet he remained promptly with the Regt. until he was a furlough through the medium of the Medical Dept, Dec 24-64. Ever proving himself worthy the highest confidence.

~~Andrew J. Pettis~~ 1st Sergt D. Co. Killed in the charge of July 30th 64. - for meritorious conduct throughout the campaign, and particular gallantry displayed in the action of July 30-64. When he received his death wound, killing him instantly.

X Corporal Chas. P. Battelle, A. Co. afterwards Sergt same Co. - for good conduct during the campaign and gaining especial notice at the Battle of July 30th 64 during which charge he carried the Regtals Colours in a gallant manner - and brought them off the field under a heavy and galling fire from the enemy.

George S. Cheney, Sergt A Co. afterwards 1st Sergt same Co. For good conduct during the Campaign remaining directly at the front even when advised to go to the rear, receiving promotion for general good conduct, and unblemished bravery.

James Gibson. Sergt Major. since commissioned
as 1st Lieut. - joined the service in July 1861. as
Sergeant in the 13th Mass Vols. participating in the
battles of Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, Thoroughfare
Gap, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Rappahannock
Station, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville,
Gettysburg, under Gen^{ls} McDowell, Pope, McClellan,
Burnside, Meade and Hooker. having been appointed
Color Sergt after the battle of Cedar Mountain, par-
ticularly distinguishing himself as Color bearer
at the battles of Bull Run, Antietam and Gettysburg
and receiving promotion of 2nd Lieutenantcy, for
meritorious conduct and stirring bravery at
the battle of Antietam. During this campaign
Sergeant Major Gibson, has proven himself worthy
great confidence, and gained the approval of his
superiors. by the most stirring qualities and more
especially at the battle of June 17th 1864. When he
conducted himself with unexampled gallantry and
bravery.

Jno E. Hunt, Drummer Boy I. Co. - Having been up
with the Regiment throughout the whole campaign,
never straggling or falling out, but marching with the

perseverance of an old soldier. Though but 16 years
of age, performing many acts of kindness to those
whose duty led them to the battle field, and ever
proving himself a noble boy, not flinching or
gossiping when duty called, or the soldiers were
in need of assistance of any kind, even while under
the enemies sharpest fire. Displaying ~~a~~ courage
and gallantry well worthy the emulation, ^{of} ^{of appreciation}
those of more experienced ages.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Very Obedt Servt

J. Volkmann

1st Col Command Regt

Grand Quarter ^{pay} to Wells Infy
Dec 30th 1864.

Captain

Captain - In compliance with "Circular" from 16th Feb 3rd Reg^t 1st Divⁿ of W^m - I have the honor to forward a recommendation for honorable consideration - in case of 1st Sgt John Donnell of Dth Co^y of this Command - who in the many engagements of the Summer's Campaign (although no opportunity had of ^{by any special act} ~~proving~~ ^{himself} ~~itself~~ wherein he might distinguish himself) was evinced - Courage and coolness of such high character as to elicit the praise and admiration of both the Officers and men of this Command.

Heroism is many times accidental - and illustrations of the highest type of courage, are not found alone - in "Special Acts" but as of far characterizing the conduct of men in common actions - as in times of smuggling.

all circumstances - who bear themselves as bravely,
and cheerfully, while doing the least of their duties -
as while engaged in the greatest - whom no
Over

never can discourage - no danger at all! surely have
higher claims to greatness of soul, than those who
have rendered themselves conspicuous by the performance
of some "Special act" - and so find themselves perplexed
without exactly knowing how, or why, - Experience
proves that such persons - are known to few - are
seldom, if ever again heard from - except through the
medium of this circumstantial fame

Faithful performance of all duties - and
undaunted courage - constitute the "Speciality" which
may claim for Eng't O'Donnell - honorable distinction.

To
J. H. Clarke
Capt. ^{Adj.} 100th Regt
8th Regt - 1st Div. I. A. C.

Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
J. M. Tucker
Lieut Col Comdg
3rd Mass Regt