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P. Beaver, Lewisburg, to Mrs. Sarah Nevius, Nov. 4, 1857.

Lewisburg Nov 4th 1857

My Dear Sister Sarah

Although God in his *alwise* providence has ~~just~~ bereft you of your beloved Companion yet you can rejoice that your loss is his eternal gain, to contemplate that our beloved Brother & Husband is safely housed in Heaven to dwell forever with his Saviour and the ~~rest~~ redeemed What a Consolation to those left to struggle through this unfriendly world. My dear Sister while I sympathise with you in your bereavement I feel that you have great reason to thank God & take ~~more~~ courage your situation is by no means a discouraging one you will be able to get through the world with perhaps as few difficulties and embarasements as most persons similarly situated you have a kind Heavenly father to trust in a dear son almost arived at manhood beside your other dear Children sisters & Brothers to look to for simpathy & support beside you are surrounded with kindly disposed neighbours & Friends May God protect and bless you and may your days on earth be peaceful & happy. We are all in our usual health Bro Jesse & Famely are quite well except his son ~~fr~~ Theodore who I am informed is likely to loss his hearing he is still at Chicago I have no special news to communicate Uncle Peter is selling Books for W^m ^[?] Many at his store room and really he dont look much older to me than he did 25 years ago he still seems to enjoy life and is as full of his tricks as when I first knew

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him the rest of the relatives & Friends are all well James Criswell Tailor is very ill not expected to live long Lewis Iddings a storekeeper here is also far gone with consumption Margaret Stilwell & sister Mrs Thompson were here on Monday, the made perticuler Inquiry for youⁿ *self + sisters* Mrs Stillwell is very ~~fresh~~ ^{feble} they say. Mother Chamberlin is quite well Eliza was to see here a few days ago she is as entertaining as ever knows & talks about passing events and seems to be as well booked up if not better than most of younger people. While we have had an abundance of the products of the earth with the exception of wheat yet I fear there will be more want & distress this winter ~~thru~~ throughout the entire Country than perhaps ever before owing to the great Monatary Cricis & revulsion in trade & manufactures hundreds of Thousands of labours will be thrown out of employment it is said that at Danville *Man* many are in a starving condition this state of things will turn many Thousands to give there attention to Tilling the soil that have heretofore shuned it after all Farming is the business above all others heretofore to many have turned their attention to other persuits but these times will correct the evil, I would very gladly visit you but I cant give much of my time to visiting unless I get ~~me~~ ^{at} some other business or get out of business entirely which I would like to do if I could, give my love to all and let me here from you or some one of the Family or sisters soon

Affectionately yours

P. Beaver

Robert H. Laird, Lewisburg, Union Co., to family of Aaron C. Nevius and to William [Nevius] his son, Feb. 1, 1858.

Lewisburg Union Co. Feb 1st 1858

Very dear friends,

I have taken up my pen to acknowledge your favor in relation to the dear departed friend and like all other present duties put of to a more Convenient Season, much of the enjoyment of such is lost by delay. And we regretted it more, having understood indirectly that none of the other brothers or Sisters had communicated with you unless done recently. But notwithstanding this lack of duty to bereaved friends, Rest assured you had their sympathy and it would have afforded them a great satisfaction to have mingled their sorrows and their joys with you, But from the time we received the Telegraph news of the probability of his not recovering, we could not have reached your place ~~before~~ before his death--so that under the Circumstances no ~~un~~ unkind reflections may be harbored-- The information brought us by your favor of the exercises of his last hours (Unless some derangement of the brain) could not but be anticipated by those who knew him.

The grace of humility reigning in his heart knowing his own weakness, yet strong in the faith of him who was his strength. Who never fails to bring his regeneration of Conquerers. And since we all have the same road to travel, the same enemy to grapple with (death) May we have our trust reposed in the same almighty friend, and we have the assurance that it shall be with us. ---

Well William,

Hope you will excuse me for saying a few words to you. Your situation now reminds me of what mine was once, except as to worldly matters you have an advantage I had not-- I was bereft of a father about the same age, I recollect of an Aged Servant of God visiting my Mother a few days after the death of my father, at the suggestion of My Mother his Counsel and advise was asked, of which as the eldest I came in for a goodly share, and the blessing pronounced on the course prescribed, I can rivert back to his ~~kind~~ Venerated form, and trust appreciate his counsels, though in the buoyancy of Youth did not adhere to them as I should-- You are in a very responsible position, and much of you comfort and usefulness, as well ~~as~~^{as} the Comfort of the family will depend on the Course you pursue. Honour your parent. Honor the aged, and seek Counsel at their hand. ~~It~~ Avoid that kind of Company that would lead you to anything dishonorable, let your authority over your brothers and sisters be exercised in kindness & affection, and if other means appear to be necessary, refer it the Mother, and may the Spirit of your fathers God guide you in his fear and in the way of his Commands--

The friends are all well so far as I know, we hear frequently from them in the West. Son W^m's wife came in early in the fall, he arrived some 3 or 4 weeks since, but only spent a few hours with us as the anxiety to see the wife & little ~~one~~^{one} were too strong for him to tarry long with us. We are expecting him and ^M W A. White and their wives & little ones every day, when we

expect W^m L. and his to tarry with us until toward spring--

There has been several deaths, principally among Children in town mostly from Scarlet fever, Measels have prevailed very extensively.--

We enjoyed the visit & Christian intercourse of ~~see~~ Rev. J. M. Paris of your town very much, and had it been so ordained Many of us at least would have been pleased to have him for our Pastor, but circumstances over which we nor him had no control appeared to shut up the way for the time being. I understand he is in another field.

There is Considerable interest in the Methodist Church of this place at this time-- Hope the time may soon come when we as a church shall have one to go in and out before us to break unto us the bread of life. My love to ~~xxxxxx~~ namesake and all the rest of the fatherless & friends.

Will be pleased to hear from you. Maria & Girls wish to be remembered to family & friends.

Yours Affectionately

Robert H. Laird

As it was through Sister Mary that some of our correspondence has been, remember us kindly to her, not forgetting our Presbyterian sister Mrs Greenlie

Peter [Beaver], Lewisburg, to Mrs. Sarah [Nevius], Mar. 1, 1859.

Lewisburg March 1st 1859

My Dear Sister Sarah.

I have nothing very interesting to say to you to day but as I have leisure concluded to write you we are all in our usual health excepting Mrs Simonten who seems to be declining fast she has a very severe Cough the rest of the friends ^{of} here are all well Thomas & Jno ~~Hakman~~ Wilson go to Missouri in the spring Eliza goes with them and it is said that Thomas takes Miss Lizy Geddes with him. Paul Geddes oldest daughter it is also said that K Jno Kalpus Kremer our Furnace Book keeper is to marry our niece Magie Beaver Jesse and Famely are very well Thomas is helping his fether in the Furnace Store Arthur is still ~~max~~ bording at Jesse^s Jesse looks very stout & Healthy ~~max~~ his hair is almost as white as silver I do think him a very respectable looking old Gentleman I was over in Lykens Valley last week seen several of our Couzens & Uncle Gilbert old uncle is still in the Flesh and really looks more like living than he did 15 years ago he is still able to walk about the Farm seems Contented and happy has lately gained in Flesh Samuel Gilbert who I had not seen befor for 35 years looks well and though about the age of Bro George looks much younger he has a fine Famely of Children 3 of which are married and have done well his wife who I never seen before I was much pleased with they are a happy Famely and are pious and happy no doubt making sure work for a blessed immortality beyond the

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Grave I was one night at George Gilberts he is comfortably fixed on a good farm his wife is no doubt a fine good woman and Uncle said has exerted ~~me~~ a good influence on George She belongs to the United Brethern and he to no church organization I believe I called ~~xx~~ an hour at Jacob Mayer^s and Susan^s (that was Susan Mayer) Jacob has sons & daughters married but I cant give you perticulars I intended *visiting* Jacob Gilberts & uncle Shusly^s but a snow storm coming on I gave it up for that time hope to have the pleasure at some other time George Brulicker & Fred Gilbert & Brothers are still doing business in Millersburg I called to see them crossed the river *visit* on Saturday afternoon intending to ~~xxxx~~ Bro George & spend sunday with him but about a mile from Liverpool I met Dr Case on his return from a visit to Georges he told me that George had been confined already x 3 weeks his wife about the same with Typhoid Fever and that he though it not advisable for me to go there and spend so long a time at his house he thinks they will all recover but there is no telling I turned back and took the Carrs for Lewisburg ~~xxxx~~ where I arrived at 11 oclock Saturday night glad to get to my own dear Family and home Dear Bro George has been sorely afflicted god grant that it may proove a blessing to him and famely time is fast hurrying us on to Eternity and soon very soon we will all be no more I can hardly realize that I am 43 years old God Grant that when my time comes to take my departure that I may be prepared to go. pray for your

unworthy Bro my dear sister may it be our happy lot to meet
in that blissful shade and Joine all our kindred Friends who
have gone before and who are to follow us to the Tomb-- Lewis-
burg is growing it is said that 30 buildings are to go up next
summer among the rest Chamberlin Brothers are going to build
such a large ~~xxx~~ store room & Grist Mill Johnson Walls a fine
house Thomas Howard a fine House and many others I believe
I am spun out give my love to all the Family and friends sisters
and write to me soon

affectionately

Peter

Peter and Eliza Nevius, Lewisburg, to Aaron C. Nevius, Oct. 30, 1856

Lewisburg Oct 30th 1856

Aaron C Nevius Dear Br

I understood by Ellener McCool that she had partly promised to call with you as she returned for Freeport-- She left the first of this month for home. I went with her as far as Pulteney ~~via~~ Stuben & spent three days with her & William N & family. & left on monday morning for home. with ~~the~~ a former arrangement with John Wilson to meet her at Pennyan on Thursday evening following & start on there way in the morning for Freeport. but after I left, she became acquainted with a man & woman going to IL she changed her plan vis. & to go on expecting to see J. W. but it being dark & a good many people getting off & on. & did not see him. She went with her Company on John went to the inn & stayed untill next morning then went on friday morning ariveing at Freeport Sunday morning following Sister McCool arrived on saturday evening prier. all well--we understood by a letter--I found W^m & family all well enjoying themselves about the old fashion way not caring ~~not-caring~~ much about the good things of this world--we understand from the public papers that your State had done nobly in your Election. but did not understand by any means wether you had helped to role the ball or not, if not I hope you may next Tuesday-- Peter Beaver exerted himself considerably with many more of us but we could not come ~~it~~ altogether the great desire for office had an under effect on the minds concerning the extention of that wilful Sin of Slavery wich is a verry great affliction to the well wishers of liberty

and Freedom--but it is some comfort that we done our duty as far as we could. & then if needs be offences must come, we be unto them by whome the do come--I suppose you know that our relatives is not only moving towards the grave, but to the west--in addition to The Lairds, Lewcretia Norton has gone & settled in Wynona & J W is gone to look out--so you see how thure that saying is that there will be a coming up from the North & the South & east & the west. The friends is all well at present we have had quite a healthy season. & still we have had several ~~xxx~~ Deaths in the place & vicinity. I will say to you that W^m Wilson son of James Wilson is no more he was taken very sudenly. he has been ~~xxx~~ rupter for some 3 or 4 years--the rupture was along side of his nabel & he had wore a truss & had got better & for some months he had laid it off as it was verry inconvenient aspenhelly in warm wether. last thursday evening he & his wife was in town in good health apperently. about 7 in the evening he felt something wroung with his bowels & verry strange to tel he went to the apothecary shop & took some wine & ladulem supposing it some thing of the collick but finding no relief he went home about 3 & then he discovered it was from the rupture the Dr. came & found that it a new rupture on the opposite of his nable. the Dr worked with it the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ remainder of Thursday night all to no purpose. then concluded to opperate & sent for other Drs but did not suckseed in gitting them untill evening about 6. the operated by making an incision right below the

nable about 6 inches long & as the rim of his belly was about 4 1/2 to 5 inches thick, & as the bowels had swollen some not only some but ~~very~~ very much by filling up from above, it was very troublesome to perform with safety but after one hours work the ~~work~~ succeeded in the operation. & then he layed something easier. & continued so untill morning about 7--when he became much worse the Dr care & pronounced the case all over he grew worse & in 2 hours was insenceable & about 2 oclock Saturday he closed his eyes in Death and on Monday he was buried--thus you see how uncertain life is. & Death certain. he left a wife & 6 *children* behind--his funeral was attended by a verry large trane of friends & acquaintances--74 veacles beside foot people. &c I close by sending our love to you & Salley

Peter & Eliza Nevius

William and Jane (Dunlap) Nevyus, Pulteney, to
Dec 29, 1855.

Pulteney Dec 29 1855

Dear brother

We received a letter from you last mail and was glad to hear from you kind providence has a gain restored [d] us to our usual health again we feel very much the loss of our dear David and at the same time we feel to rejoice that he had a hope in Christ and our loss is his gain, he was a good boy and left a great many friends that ~~for~~ feels to mourn his loss and when I think that half of my little famualy is gon to eternity before me I feel as if the seperation would be but a little time when we will meet to part nomore. Andrew came ~~xxx~~ home in November and staid 3 weeks and is spending the winter in Cincinnati and will return/to Missipi in the spring when he came home he came by Lewis Lawshes house but was in the stage and thought he would stop when he went back he said the people in the stage spoke very hiley of him as being a very fine man Andrew says Missipie is forty years behind York state F Lawshes tavern is a double log house with an open entry in the middle probably he has a better house on his plantation

We had a letter from brother Peter when we ware all sick he expected to atend the fair at almira and visit us but for some reason he gave it up the friends ware all well at that time Dunlap and famualy is well. Jossiah Neviyes and famualy is quite well Anna is complaining some with a pain in hur side but is some better

Peter is getting quite fleshey we feel in hopes his health will be some better than it was before he was sick

Our doctor bills will be over a hundred dollars and our board bill when taken care of David was \$90 for ten weeks but deliver me from living in a little proud ~~xxxxxxxx~~ aristocratic vilige when sick they ware so fraid of taking the fever that we sufferd for help when we got wore out and tuck the fever the most of our wachers we fetcht from Pulteney but when Peter and I came home we had good neighbors and was good care taken of us David lived ten days after we came home but we ware so sick when they fetchd him over to the grave yard they thought best not to stop and we never saw him after we ware taking sick

Lisander Wilson died a bout two weeks before David with the hip complaint he was a suninlaw of Jossah Dunlap Remember us to Uncle Linns ~~family~~ family

Yours truley

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W

and Nevyus

Jane

P. Beaver to

July 26, 1856

Lewisburg July 26th 1856

Dear Bro

I should have wrote you long ago but ~~xxx~~ for no reason neglected to do so we have no Special News in this region of Penna our Farmers have got their hay & wheat harvested the former is a very heavy Crop the latter may be Called $2/3^d$ and of very good Quality Oats Crop short Corn will be light it has been dry here for two weekes the citizens are generally healthy our Court house is looming up and will be a very handsome house will cost about 20,000\$ Court house Jailors house & prison all in one the Presbyterian Church will soon be under roof I think if I were you I would heat your church with two large stoves surrounded with zink I dont like our Furnace it gives us a great deal of trouble and very often the church is not comfortable Mary Beaver (Jacobs) is now visiting us Tho^s was here this week but has returned we are all tolerably well Mrs McCool is well and enjoyng herself among her many friends & relatives we are near all going for Freemont & Freedom and I do hope he will be elected remember me to all & write soon

Yours

P. Beaver

Thomas [Beaver], Philadelphia, to Mrs. Sarah Nevius, Apr. 5, 1856.

Phil^a Apl 5. 1856

D^r Sister.

I send you with M^r Johnson^s--goods a silk Dress & 2 Hdkfs for which I make no chg. Peter is here & has added 1 pc of a stripe gingham as a present from him--we have nothing new. the family all well-- M^{rs} B. regrets that she has nothing to add to the package-- we have had a very hard winter on our people & every thing in the shape of *east* of garments found ready customers here

Very truly yours

Thomas

[In pencil:]

Peter has requested me to ask you to cut of 10 y^{ds} of the gingham & hand to Sister Kate--

[On back of page:] Mrs Sarah Nevius

Geo. Beaver to A. C. Nevius [?], Feb. 26th, 1855.

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Dear Bro,

I received yours of 19th Inst^t day before Yesterday. I can not make any arangement with Tho^s unless by getting the Money from him. If he agreed to let W^m Johnson have goods last fall I think he will do it now, I had considerable amount of Money invested in the City during last Summer, and fall and in consequence of the Value of Money there I got the lone of nearly 5,000 dollars at home which I Must Make up the coming Spring, Most of this Money I got from my Neighbours, and must make good my promises. I am sorry that you have so Much Interest to pay, It ~~xxx~~ seems hard for a Farmer to have to work so much for a dead Horse, But you are getting good help If you and your Sons Should be speared and have good health you Shurely will be able to do something worth while. We are all as well as usual we have done nothing of any account this Winter except Thrasing our Crop, and attending to our Stock. The sale of grain stock &c, from our farm during the last year amounts to over 1700; dollars. I wish you had two or three Such Crop^s Enoch Hoffman is in from the west, his Mother is still well his wife is no better. The Graft^s you sent I got and am very much oblided to you for the same,

Our love to you and Famely,

Geo. Beaver,

N. B. I stated that I had to pay out nearly 5000, but after counting it up it is

[Paper cut out at the corner 2x3 inches]

3320.00
100.00
* 1634.00---This is Guardian Money
665.00 & will not be Wanted
5599.00 until 1st August.

B. J. Lewis, Flint Michigan, to A. C. Nevius, Oct. 20, 1854.

Flint Mich Oct 20/54

D^r Brother Nevius

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After being absent from Fredericktown some three months I feel desirous of renewing my old & long tried friendships. in looking over the list of my acquaintances in that place, & especially among those whom I recognise as members of the same church, to which I have the honor of holding a relation, I can think of none in that society, whom I esteemed more highly, & who evinced a more friendly feeling towards myself & family, than Br Nevius & family did, and for which I shall ever hold them in grateful remembrance. I felt as though I would like to hear of your welfare, both spiritually & temporally, therefore have taken the liberty of addressing a short Epistle to you to inform you that I am still in the land of the living, and am still trying to live by faith on the Son of God. Although I must Confess, that since I came here, I have been powerfully tried, Soon after I came, I was solicited to preach for them, but I declined, knowing as I did, my own weaknesses & imperfections some 3 or 4 weeks after I was solicited again, but again declined, pl[e]ading my bodily infirmities as an excuse, some two weeks ago, the Presiding Elder, & the Preacher in charge, waited on me again, & urged so strong, that I finally Consented to make the trial, trusting in the Grace of God to assist me.

I was much embarrassed, but the Lord enabled me to speak with some degree of liberty, since which time my sky has been more clear. & I am now seeking for full redemption through Jesus Blood. last Eveing at the Prayer meeting, we had a precious season. There is a good society here, but mostly Eastern people, whose Customs differ essentially from the western Methodists, they hardly ever kneel in public services, but remain upon their seats. The Church is being Enlarged, & when Completed, will be 80 feet long by 36 wide, with gallery & class room on one end, surmounted with a steeple, & a good Bell, it is a pewed Church, & the families sit together, we have an able preacher, & a holy man for our pastor. the society numbers over a hundred members many of them zealous devoted Christians my own health has not been as good as common since I came here until within a week or two it is improving, our little girl has had the Chill fever for several weeks, but is now over it & is getting quite rugged again. Mrs Lewis has enjoyed better health than for some time before we left Frederick, but she is some how sick, is not as well pleased here as she was in Frederick, & I suppose if we had not sold out there it would be difficult to get her to Consent to leave there. I felt that the Church there had lost a valuable member in the death of Br Beach, it was truly sad intelligence to me. I Also learned of the death of M^r Joseph Heisler---

Now Br Nevius, I want you to take time some Evening, when no other business is more pressing,--and write me a good long ~~ix~~ letter, giving all the news of the place and tell me how the

Church prospers, & ^{rs} M Lewis sends her love to sister Nevius
 & Catherine & Eliza, give my love to Br. Wensell & the family,
 also Br Craven & family, and all Enquiring friends. it will be
 a great Satisfaction to me to hear from you so dontfail to write--

I Remain yours in the
 Bonds of Christian
 Love & fellowship

B. J. Lewis

P S wheat is plenty in this section, this year, it is now selling
 here for \$ 1.12 1/2 and 1.25. flour is worth about 6.50 pr
 Barrell the corn crop is nearly an average one, here oats Came in
 good, & potatoes are tolerably plenty & worth from 37 1/2 to 50
 cents, butter is worth 18 3/4 cents. fresh beef & mutton from
 5 to 7 cents, pickle pork from 10 to 12 cts

Thomas Beaver, Philadelphia, to A. C. Nevius, Fredericktown,
Knox County, Ohio, September 28, 1853.

Phil^a Sep^t 28th 1853

My Dear Bro.

I have yours of the 26th --- you can draw on us, (Bancroft
Beaver & Co) at sight for Three Thousand dollars. You can with^{out}
~~ought~~ doubt get your dft cash^d at Mount Vernon Bank. we have
no acquaintance there, except Judge Miller, Fleming & Jackson ~~is~~ +
a Mr Kirk, The Bank should allow you Some premium---but this will
depend on circumstances, It will be best for you to go to Vernon
on recei^t of this & If you can not get your Draft Cash^d let the
Bank take it & give you the money when they hear of its payment---
this can be done befor the 6th if attended to at once, give M^r
Strubb a Dft on me for the one hundred & fifty Dollars & let him
send it to us which will do better then any other way of arrang-
ing it---we have nothing new---are still quite busy--- Em & the
children are yet in New Berlin. I expect to start for the West
about the 20th of October, will go first to Illinois & make a
short Tour thro Ohio on my return home which will be in the
early part of November.-- I shall then see you all, at home un-
less you have come east in that time, I have not time to say more.

In a hurry

Yours

Tho^s Beaver

[Envelops:]

[Return address:] Bancroft, Beaver & Co, Importers, Dealers
in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods. No. 163 Market St., Philadelphia.

[Addressed to:] A.C.Nevius Esq, Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio.

[Postmark:] Philadelphia

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From Wm Wensel, Sept. 27, 1853.

(afternoon 5 o'clock)
Delaware Sept 27, 1853

Dear Sir.

We have been making our calculations to get done here on next thursday week. but how soon the plans of such short sighted creatures as we are can be frustrated. I felt somewhat unwell yesterday after dinner but worked away and kept getting worse till about five oclock when I had to give up and go to bed where I have been ever since.

The doctor says I have Remitting Fever. last night I was very sick, but today feel a little easier. I am in hopes I shall be able to go to work again in a day or two. I have not ate or drank anything since yesterday noon. I will let you know every day how I am.

W^m Wensel

Wednesday morning. I feel much better this morning and think I can work again tomorrow. am still taking powders every 3 hours though. to keep off the fever.

I have eat a few soda crackers last evening and this morning.

Your letter has come to hand and in relation to the tools &c you requested me to bring over, I would say that I brought a trowel, overalls, shoes, pants & hatchet, but it is possible that the hatchet was left in the box of the buggy as the boys took them out, and I did not look afterwards. I will go today and see if any one found it in the buggy.

The reason I did not take the *hawe* was that I thought mine would give out before we got done, and I supposed there were some at home that would answer till we got back. The nail sack and old trowel I acknowledge I forgot. I dont know of any chance to send over at present if I can hear of any chance I'll send you my hatchet

You say Boner wants us to do some of his house at any rate perhaps we can as well do it as not while Bachmans is drying or part go to Bachmans and part to Boners. If you can, I wish you would try and arrang it so that we will not be out of work while Bachmans is drying. I told Bachman you recollect before we worked ~~that~~ there that we would find the tender, but as things have turned out, you had better get him to furnish the tending, and have him to get his lime and whatever else he wants next week. As near as I can tell we will want you to come for us next friday a week but will let you know x again.

Yours &c

Wm Wensel

Robert H. Laird, Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., to A. C. Nevius,
Feb. 19, 1853.

Lewisburg Union Co. Feb 19th 1853

Dear friends,

It appears to be almost useless to be burdening our friends with a letter under the Circumstances, as W^r Wentzel will be able to give you all the News of general interest among us ~~us~~, but ~~thk~~ there may be some little family affairs that may be of some interest to you that he may not be in possession of. It has so happened that we have not had the pleasure of a visit from him. As a family we have reason to be thankful for the Measure of health we enjoy, ~~at~~ although time, if not making any visable ~~sense-of~~ out ward marks upon some of us, ~~it~~ is at least making us ^{and reminding us that we have past the meridian of life,} feel its effects, [^] and requires us to be doubly watchful of the few remaining years that may be allotted to us. So that when our Master calls us to give an account of our "Stewardship," we may be able to do it with "joy & not with grief." We never expect to show very largely in this worlds goods, but at the same time have enough to make us comfortable S- Sanctify us to our use -

As parents, we have in a measure passed through a period of anxiety and care which you are now in the midst of, in raising up a family and preparing them to take their place in the world when they arrive at a proper age, how well we have discharged that duty, would ill become us to boast, nay humility better becomes us.

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but if we have passed our period, we have entered upon another. of no less anxiety and interest, when one and another leave the paternal roof to take ~~place~~ ^{in society} their place, and ~~take~~ crossed out, to ~~take~~ written over it) share the turmoils of life, perhaps far from home and friends, but such is the course of events, and if only cemented by the bonds of Christian affection then we may be able to claim the Covenant promise with an assurance that it shall be ^{well} with them. We had a letter a few days since from Catharine, whose late ~~afflictions~~ afflictions in the death of her husband and child, had given us, (particularly Mother) Considerable anxiety. She appears to be in good spirits, says she has many warm friends, and expects to be able to hold a quarter section of land if she can put an improvement on it. worth 50, which she thinks she will be able to do her location is Winona, Wabasha Co. Minnesota Territory. She has a snug little house built on a lot given to her by some person who took an interest in her welfare. She keeps boarders & occasional travelers. John, she considers one of her family as he is with her this winter, he has rendered her considerable assistance in building her ~~the~~ house, & digging a well. They are about 30 miles above Lacross on the opposite Bank of the Mississippi near a steam Boat landing. As the Country is nearly New they may be short of some of the necessaries of life during part of the Winter Season. as steam boats ply regularly betwixt Galena & St Pauls while the navigation is open, and of course will be the making of that part of the Country laying near ~~the~~ this Majestic

stream, but it is too far North to please me, but Catharine says she likes Minnesota climate, and enjoys good health. As to John's prospects we can say but little, as he has kept them latterly to himself pretty well, he was unfortunate in a claim he made near Lacross, as some person out ~~there~~ Genciled him in it, but we have learned that such of life / ^{as to expect} to meet with crosses and disappointments both in our own Calculations as well as our Children, and especially in a new Country where the majority of its inhabitants appear to live by their wits. James has just returned from a short visit to Elizabeths where Eliza had been visiting 3 or 4 weeks. they left them well. P. N. & Mary buried one of their little ones this Summer they have two, a son & daughter left. we have not heard from them the last 2 or 3 weeks. The youngest of James little boys that we are raising is growing fast, he is now about 4 years old, talks pretty crooked, is very stirring, and a great pet of his Aunt Lucretia's as she has taken the care of him pretty much since his mothers death, the other little boy is with his Grandma *McCou* [illegible] We have had the pleasure of seeing a dagueratipe likeness of you and family which was very agreeable but we had much rather see the original's and hope in these days of Rail Roads that it will not be long before you will find it convenient to pay your friends a Visit. I think I see a notice of a branch of R.R from Wooster in the direction of your place. We have had considerable excitement in regard to a R. Road up the West Branch through Lewisburg. There is no doubt but there will be one; ^{on one} or the other side of

the River if not on both sides, before two Years. Uncle J. Chamberⁿ and old Grandmother paid us a Visit a short time since the old lady holds her own remarkably well. I was over there Yesterday they were as well as usual they ~~ix~~ have been ~~ix~~ very much harrassed for want of a trusty girl, but have succeeded in getting July Ann Cornelius back again. Cousin Detsy appears to be a little better since she is in town, we were in one day last week spending the afternoon at Peters, and had one little boy along, and as usual Peter was playing his jokes on him, which she could not refrain from laughing at which a year ago would have been something very strange. But home seems to have no charms for her and it is a question whether she is ^{is} much better if kept at home. They expect to Move again spring to the little farm near town. Well it is drawing near bedtime and do not know that I have much more of interest but what you or from some of the other friends by. M^r Wentzel, Maria talks of sending her likeness to some of the friends, and if I can get one to please me, I will send it to my name sake as a token of Remembrance. For the time being we are spending an hour with our friend, Mr. Goodman where we have met M^r Wentzel who expects to leave on Monday. & Maria has requested me to say that she would be pleased to have her brother Ralphs daugeratipe likeness if it can be had conveniently you will accept the ^{assurance} ~~eparence~~ of our kind regards

Robert H. Laird

A. C. Nevius

Lewisburg Union Co. Feb 4th 1853-

Dear Catherine, Yours of the 27th of Decembecame to hand Jan'y 22nd and was very gratifying to us all, but more particularly to Mother whose sympathies had entered very strongly into your case, and in your situation away from friends and acquaintances, in a new country, its very natural to conjure up dark pictures, but one thing is certain (but we are prone to frget it) that they that trust in the Lord shall no lack any good thing. and with the pioneer, use all lawful means within our power.

For want of a knowledge of your location is our reason why we have not written to you directly, before this, and hope it will not be charged to a want of parental feeling or interest in your welfare. John wrote to us informing us of your trials. we choose to say through him to you, in the way of condolence, what we had to say, as he gave no directions in the way of P.O. except as we new his.

We feel much gratified that your health is so good, and that though among strangers, you have found friends, and hope you will continue to merit a continuation of their friendship, for a friend in need is a friend indeed. And from what you have stated in regard to your prospects for the future believe it was best to remain where you are for the present.

And hope it may be no sacrifice of feeling or interest for John to remain with you until some providence may direct you and him in a different way. We think you have got a little too far North but it is well to bring our mind to our situation, if not likely to be attended with too great sacrifice. The first settlers of any country must in the nature of things meet with difficulties and privations, and we suppose you have not a little of the difficulties aside from those with the Indians, to that which the first settlers had to encounter in this part of the country.

13 Nov. 35
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Oscar F. Smith

James Miller's son Samuel was Married last winter to a Miss Lowry. He went out in the fore part of Summer to see some part of Virginia not far from Washington City. he has moved out this fall and is now very anxious that his father should sell and come there. but we are a restless set of beings and the present generation appears to know no stoping place. California and Oregon will soon excite less interest as a journey, as did Illinois 10 or 15 years since. But we must drop this subject and give you little of what is passing among us, with regard to ourselves we have nothing of special interest, we are all blest with reasonable health, and a goodly share of the comforts of life and would be glad to share some them with you, but this cannot be. William paid us a visit a few days since, but he has returned and taken Eliza with him to stay 3 or 4 weeks. they are all well. P.N. has not been very well this fall and is rather discouraged about keeping on at farming, but what he has determined to do we cannot tell as we have not seen any of them for two or 3 weeks.

Grandmother is over there at present, She is in her usual health, and quite smart. Aunt Betsy Laird of Nittany, is, if alive, very poorly, the last accounts. She was not expected to live long. William Black & Mary Murray was Married some 3 weeks since and a few days after her Mother died. so that Aunt Eliza and William is all that is left of that family, and Mary is a poor afflicted little creature. Samuel Wilson is in the employ of Wm. B. & Mathew Norton on a R. Road contract in Indiana. William Wilson has gone into business in Jersey Shore in a Foundry, which if successful will prevent his going West for this time, we suppose it is a very good opening. James & the girls were over last evening to see the rest of the family. they were all well, Lucretia has been to Lancaster with the Wedding party, they got home two or three days before the death of Mrs. Murray.

Uncle J. Chamberlin has sold the Mill property and intends going to the little farm near town. Aunt Betsy has been most of the Winter living with Aunt Eliza Nevius, though difficult to persuade to go there in the first place. She appears to be tolerable well contented .and does not appear to be distressed as she used to be, but appears to take very little interest in her proper home, whether it is ~~ever~~ going to be otherwise is a mystery.

Uncle John & Grandmother was over the other day to see us, she is tolerable smart for one of her age. Their kitchen is in the hands of strangers, and it makes rather a cold home for the children when there is no Mother to care for them. Our town friends are all well. We heard from our Ohio friends, shortly; they are also well. Peter Beaver has become one of our townsmen, has been making some good improvements . Frick & Slifer have got their steam saw-mill running, and there is a prospect of a steam-mill the coming summer. The two Foundrys & the boat yard gives employment to a large number of hands. There has been quite a failure in Milton. Montgomery Sweeny has been doing a large business on borrowed Capital, dealing largely in wheat got a great deal of it on credit, and it is said he has failed to the amount of 60 or 70,000. Wilson Wulff has been in the habit of indorsing for him even at the risk of allowing Sweeny to fill up the amount, by which means he has become bankrupt we suppose, last summer their children were taken from them, thus you see you are not alone in trials. We had rather a wet fall and fore part of winter though no high freshets. The 12th of Jan'y, a snow fell out some 15 in deep but the ground being so soft it was difficult to travel in any way for a week, it then set in cold, and we had a week of very severe weather with very good sleighing, but the last few days have been mild and our sleighing is about done until we get a new supply.

John Musser & Wilson Musser is preparing to take a drove of sheep to California the coming summer. They have been out West this fall bying up, and John is in now trying to get one or two more, and it is said that Richard McClure and John Candor is going along. They expect to leave shortly. Wilson is in Missouri wintering the flock, or at least what they have bought.

The winter crop was not so good last harvest, as some former crops but the corn crop was pretty good. Wheat is worth ^{\$}100 or a little over this winter. The Lutherans threw down their old Church last summer & have built a new one. The Methodists are preparing to replace theirs with a New one the coming summer. They have been receiving some additions to their numbers this winter. We are very well pleased with our new Pastor.

We think you will feel lost for want of preaching, hope you may be soon followed by the loving Ministry. A few days since one of our friends going to the City, Lucretia gave him the means and instructed him to order a Copy of the Sabbath School Visitor to Charles E. Goddard for one year, so that if it comes to hand, he will know who sent it, and if he cant read it, his little sis. can, and they must try and be good children, & kind to their Mother. John may also expect a paper from some of those who feel a deep interest in his welfare. We have been looking for a letter from him. In his letter to Mary he mentions he will write to father shortly. hope if he has not done it before you receive this, his memory will be refreshed, and write him a long one soon. William Wilson says he has written two or three times to him and received no answer, hope he will not forget his friends. Indeed before Mary received her last your Mother could hardly sleep thinking about you both. Our little Grandson is a great talker though he talks very crooked; is growing fast, is a great pet of his Aunts, we tell him pretty often, he is her baby, but he wont own that, he is very fond of being out with me when the weather will permit.

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He has pretty near picked up the air of a tune having his Uncle & Aunt humming at it, likes to go to the meetin as he calls it, or any where else. His father has been most of his time since last Spring engaged in the Colporteur service in the bounds of our own Presbytery. Joseph Hayes was Married this winter to a Miss Derickson. Smuel Lowry to Nancy Nesbit. Our Neighbor J. Zellers to a girl that has been living amongst the Zellers family. James says William Wilson did receive a letter from John but it was forwarded on to the Shore. Aunt Nancy McClure is about in her usual health as also the rest of the family. Well we must draw to a close, hope you will not deny us the pleasure of hearing from you in this day of cheap postage, even though you may not have much to communicate.

Affectionately Yours

R.H. & Maria Laird

C.M. Goddard.

① Now the site of Bucknell College

WINONA DAILY REPUBLICAN
Monday Eve. April 29th, 1861

SHOW YOUR COLORS - The steamer Golden Era which conveyed the Winona Volunteers from this city on Sunday morning, was sadly destitute of either patriotism, or the means of showing it, or perhaps both. Not a yard of bunting, nor a gun, nor a flag of any kind was to be found on the boat; and in order that some kind of patriotism might be made, the flag which occasionally does service in front of the Republican office was tendered to the officers, but even then it was discovered that there were no halliards wherewith to hoist it. This is a specimen of unarmed neutrality.

WINONA DAILY REPUBLICAN
Thursday Evening, May 2nd, 1861

GOOD GRIT. - Charley Ely of this place, a lad about six^{teen} years of age, son of our well known fellow-citizen, the Elder, enlisted in the ranks of the Winona Volunteers last week but was rejected on account of his youth. Determined to become a soldier, Charley by some means obtained sufficient money to pay his passage to St. Paul, and accordingly accompanied the volunteers from this city to the rendezvous of the Minnesota regiment at Fort Snelling. Upon his arrival there he again demanded to be admitted to the ranks of the Winona Volunteers, and persisted so strongly that he was at length received and, notwithstanding his youth, "passed muster". Charley is a crack-shot with a rifle and will do good execution with it should an opportunity occur.

WINONA DAILY REPUBLICAN
Monday Evening, June 24th, 1861

DEPARTURE of the FIRST MINNESOTA REGIMENT for the SEAT of WAR.

On Saturday morning, the regiment marched through St. Paul, where they were witnessed by a large crowd of citizens. Re-embarking, the regiment started about nine o'clock, five companies on board the Northern Belle, under command of Colonel Gorman, and four under Lieutenant Colonel Miller on the War Eagle. X

At 6½ o'clock on Saturday evening the War Eagle reached this port, but passed on for Prairie du Chien without stopping. The troops on board cheered loudly as the boat glided swiftly by, to which a large number of citizens on the levee responded. An hour later, the Northern Belle, having on board the Winona Guards, appeared in sight. This was the signal for a general turn-out of the inhabitants, who congregated in larger number, men, women, and children, than we ever before witnessed in Winona. Our beautiful and spacious levee was densely crowded and as the Belle came up to her landing, every deck crowded with gallant soldiers, the scene was most impressive. Cheer after cheer arose from the dense multitude on shore to which those on board replied with a "will". The boat having landed, the Winona Guards, headed by Colonel Gorman, Captain Lester, and the Lieutenants of the company, were permitted to disembark, and without breaking ranks, marched up on the levee, where in the open order, they received the greetings and farewells of friends.

Their stay was brief - the spectacle full of mingled pleasure and sadness. Notwithstanding the general hopefulness and good feeling prevalent among the men, there were occasional instances of unrestrained emotion occasioned by the affectionate farewell of a mother, or a sister, and even the bravest among the brave did not go through that parting scene without experiencing something of that sadness which such an occasion never fails to create.

But this was quickly interrupted by the soldierly word of command: "Attention, Company", and with hurried salutations of farewell, the soldiers marched back to the steamboat, the cheers of the assembled thousands on the levee rending the air as they went. It was not wholly uninteresting to hear the parting injunctions which some of their more loquacious and patriotic friends on shore tendered the "boys" as the latter filed along the gang-plank, such as "Don't let them shoot you in the back!", "Give the traitors H--l!", "Go in to win, boys!", "God bless you boys!", "Be sure to thresh the rebels!" "Forward, March!", "The Union and Victory!", and so the interview closed. With three times three for the First Minnesota Regiment, three more for Colonel Gorman, and yet another three cheers for the Winona Guards, and responsive cheers from the boat for the citizens of Winona, the scene terminated and the Northern Belle, shooting out from the levee with her precious brethern, glided swiftly down the placid river and was soon lost to view.

1861

Washington

Camp Minnesota June 28th

Dear Mother I promised to write to you as soon as we got to the city of Harrisburg but seeing that we were not going to stay only one night I thought I would wait till we got to Washington I felt that night that we left Winona as if I could fight for my country and that beautiful Capitol on Jordan hill I was glad that I had seen you little Owen and all of my friends before I left I was afraid I could not see you and little Owen Tell Owen that when I was coming along in the cars that I saw a company of little boys drilling they marched up to the track and gave us a tune on their pipes and drums I must say that I never saw little boys march better We had a beautiful trip I enjoyed my self very

match We were treated very
kindly all a long the road
~~the~~ Ladies and children and
boys collected at the depots and
waved their Handkerchiefs and
gave us water ^{at} Huntington
Pa the Ladies got us a cup
of coffe in a 1/2 an hours notice
of our coming We anticipated
some trouble in coming
through Baltimore but as we
nearly the city the people told
us that it was all quiet there
but we was fully prepared for
any emergency We had 10 rounds
of cartridge and our guns loaded
We went through with out any
trouble and got on the cars
and started for the city of
~~the~~ Washington and was quar-
tered in a Presbyterian Church
over night the next morning
^{we came} out where we are quartered now
a bout a quarters of a mile
The morning that we got here

I had a privilege to go out
and I went up to the capitol
and went all through it
and saw the Pictures of all
the great men with the Stat
ute of Washington I went
up as high as any body could
get on it There was a good
deal of ~~excite~~ ~~ment~~ in the
camps a round here there
is men picked off by the
enamy every 2 or 3 nights.
The other day while we were
on Battalion drill a sudden
rattle of muskets attracted
the officers attention they rood
up to the top of the pile on a
brisk canter but it proved to
be nothing but some men
shooting at a target well I must
bid you good by Tell Mr
Miller that I am very much
obliged to him for giving
me that money for it come hand
y so good by Dear Mother write
soon

June 28
1917
J. M. P.

recovering You spoke to me
a bout sending a lock of my
hair in my letter but I am
obliged to disappoint you becau
se my hair is cut so short that
I can not get any of it - But
I will probly have long hair
in a short time and then I will
send you a lock. Oh and
I get a long time but I must
quit for get now on dress
furnable we recieved orders
to be in marching order by the
morrow morning and I must
pack up I mediatly God know
us where we will go. My love to
little Cain and to Dear Mother
My best respects to ~~to~~ all of my
friends all for you know them
as well as I do I have not place
to name them
God by Dear Mother B. G. W.



UNITED STATES CAPITOL.

Washington, D. C. July 12. 1861.

North East Va
Dear Mother I have not wrote
to you since I left Washington
But I have recieved your letter
this noon and it makes me hap
py to hear from you any little
time I am glad to hear that
you are in good health but I do
not like to hear that your
brain is picturing things like
them of mine for it would do no
good and only make you feel
bad Has for me being in danger
very clear from it The truth

of it is I would like to be
in a little more danger when
I could have a chance at some
Session Soldiers and finish up
the job and go home to old
Kivona again. I have not a great
deal of news to tell you only
that the other day we with 2
other companies started out on
a scouting expedition our Compa-
ny with ~~two~~ took the lead
and had out scouts on each
side for a bout a quarter of a
mile. It took nearly all of our
company for Scouts and the other
companies marched a long in
the road forming the reserve
before the reserve marched com-
mencing the flag of our Union. So if
we met any of our own troops
they might know us or if we
met any Session troops they might
have a fair chance and know who

They had to deal with
as we were passing through a heavy
timbered country the Scouts in
the road run in with the news
that they saw a body of boys over
galloping towards a town in the road
but it only proved to be some
of our regulars there on picket guard
as we had only one day to march and
back to camp we had to start for
camp disappointed at not having a
fight. Not much other news only
that we was on picket guard
guarding the Richmond railroad
I think it was the first of July
that the regiments belonging to
McDowell's division which includes
our Reg. went to Alexandria for Brigade
Review. where one of our Captains was
poisoned by something that was
put in a tumbler of Brandy probably
by some ~~Session~~ Session War
Copper. He is not dead but is stoly

July 30 1861

Georgetown Hospital July 30/861

Dear Mother it was with mingled pleasure and delight that I received your letter here to night. I believe I was at Alexandria the last time I wrote to you and I believe I told you then that the Regiment was going to leave there then as soon as it could get ready. Well I had been on guard all of the night before not getting any sleep at all and had to lay what time I was not on my feet right down on the damp ground which made me kind of chilled through and sick. But in the morning I started with the Regiment the same as if I was well and I walked along all day and begin to think it would wear off but towards night begin to grow sick and had to be put in a wagon. I rode from there to where the Regiment encamped for the night. That night I slept very well and in the morning I marched with the Reg and got pretty well and succeeded in reaching the ^{next} camp ground there I got pretty well the remainder of that day. For you must remember that we had a short days march. The next day the order was to march and all of the equipments were to get ready in

hours well the orderly called out the Company for
roll call and to give them orders to get ready right
off when I come into the ranks I begin to grow
dizzy and sick and had to go and lay down
I ^{was} then taken down to the Doctor and he told us
that he would have to ~~be left there~~ leave all of the
sick there and that if we wer attacked that we
should run with our guns and ammunition to a
little log home that stood in the field and fire
from there but what could a sick man do toward
fighting ~~secession~~ soldiers But lucky for us the
doctor ~~could~~ rode a long and told the doctor to
try and get us in some place he did not want
to have us butchered he said which we would
not ~~be~~ we staid there I was then put into an
ambulance and rode to the next camp ground
and I then went to my Company rode my ~~own~~
own blanket and laid down by the fire and
staid there at this camp ground about 2 days
The orders wer to march at 4 o'clock in the morning
there had been a battle there the day before we
come and some 100 killed on our side ~~and~~ were
defeated to This being Sunday morning the Reg
was all ready and we started for the Battle
field I was very sick and had to ride in
the ambulance when we got to Centerville
they put all of our sick men in a Hospital
they pushed toward the scene of action the Road

now for as far as you could see each way
Groups and Battalions and thousands of men were marching
When they fought that day but the enemy whipped
our side and they had to retreat. They army
on our side past the hospital all in confusion
no order at all. March for Washington well they
left me there to get a long the best I could do. The
man in the hospital said they would not
trouble the sick and wounded. They were so
wounded there so I laid down and went to
sleep and slept til toward morning when there
was a man woke us up and told all that was
able to get out of that place they had better do it
if they did not want to be taken by the Rebels
So Smith and I got our hands to gather and started
becoming my gun because he was a wild man and
left to take care of the sick. We walked along
pretty brisk supposing that the army had stopped
at Fairfax which was 7 miles from where
we started but when we had got there we
only found a few stragglers through the streets they
told us that they had gone on so we started
again 20 miles before us it commenced raining
a drizzly rain which wet me through before
I could to camp. I very near gave out when
we was most there but a spring wagon came along
which took me a good ways along the road then
I walked up to a Reg that was encamped there and

land down in one of these tents for a 2 days
I then got up and went over to our tents
for you must remember we did not take down
the tents when we left but there was no Reg
there where was they nobody knew unless they
had gone on to Washington well I went down
to the hospital where I got a cup of tea went to
bed threw a couple of damp sheets over me and then
my blanket and had miserable sleep but the night
was a way - we received orders from Genl Gosman
to pull up stakes and come to Washington so
the sick men were put in the ambulance
started for the city when we got there our
Reg was quartered in a kind of a store and
when the ambulance drove up to the shore
Stellens and Ely were rejoiced to find me
there they thought I was taken prisoner but
I was there I ^{was} pretty sick as soon as the tents came
we moved out of the city a ways where I send
in the hospital for a day or two and they concluded
to send me here which is a very fine place
not at all what I imagined I am quite well
now but quite ~~well~~ weak I think I stay
here a week longer I will be well Tell Helen
Pleas excuse me from writing to her until I get
well tell Wren I send my love to him I have got
you nothing in this letter a full history of my career
So good by Dear Mother Your son C. E. Giddard

You must not believe such stories as Ely being shot for such things

Washington

Aug 8 1861

Dear Mother I have been
paid off by the pay Master
Hester Day and received 25
dollars and 22 cents which is
my 3 months pay but I must
bury my letter for I am only
writing in a book store
where I got paper and
pencil this is a represent
ation of the grave fashion
and the other is our regu
lar uniform

Good by

Your son

C. E. Goddard

I will send you 20 dollars
if I get a chance

had to travel tile about
10 o'clock that night-but
we finally got there and put
up the next morning the
teams started on the road
and we took the raging
canal path for it which
was only 8 miles to our
Reg and if we went the other
with the teams it would ^(way)
be about 14 miles we finally
got here and was welcomed
back by the boys. Tell

Goody Hubble that I thank
him very much for being
so kind as to fetch your
that-list of the killed and
wounded so early in the
~~wounded~~ morning to
comfort you I was in
Washington 2 day before
we could get, continued

at camp
Direct to Washington D C
always
Seneca Miller Aug 12th 61
Dear Mother I received
your letter 2 days ago but have
not wrote in return for I
have just had much time
for I had to take an old rusty
gun out of the commissaries
tent that had been laying there
in the wet and had to clean
it for my own having lost
mine in the stampede from
Bulls Run. But I cannot see how
it is that you did not
see my letter before this
12th of Aug. but I suppose that
you had got my letter and
my picture before this will
have time to reach you
I had my picture taken
in the brave style nearly
because you have heard

so much about them and
also because I think there
the best fighting men in the
service, not the bravest but they
are drilled so they can load
and fire from any position
and can go for miles on the
double quick which so used
up ^{other} our men. Their uniform is
light and the legins keep the pants
from flapping around your
legs. The caps are only fancy
ally. Other picture is in our
regular dress parade uniform.
The only thing I did
not like was that I had not
my gun knap sack canteen
and haversack and my belt-
cartridge box cap box and my
~~blows~~ blows but I did not
know where I could get
a nother chance so I just

pitched in. But I must
telle you about my travel
here. We had left Washington
about 3 o'clock in the after
noon and had got about
6 miles when it commenced
to rain and we were com-
pelled to get into the wag-
ons over as rough a road
as I have seen in a long
time and with 4 or 5 mules
by mules as could be scared
up in Washington. The
driver had a little Whis-
key along and he drank
a little to mutch for
our good for it was dan-
gerous for us to ride in
his wagon. We wanted
to go to Big Falls that nig-
ht which was 18 miles
from Washington so we

No more news for the
present. My best respects
to all of my Friends and
you ever but do any thing
for me that I require
Tell John Norton that if we
could get a meal at first
I wish my young boys we would
think it best to buy the way
down by the water we get
salt junk and cracked

But I would not go home
~~yet~~ for a ~~good~~ pretty
thing so good by Mother
My love to Brother Owen
and your self home

Son

C E Goddard

Aug 12th 1861

Georg Town Hospital Aug 2 /86/

I fear all other it has not
ben long since I wrote to you but I being
a little sick you would like to hear from
me often and in that last letter of mine I did
not have time to write with a pen nor room
to write all I wanted for I was in such a hurry
to let you know that I was not very sick that
I wrote it with a lead pencil when I should
write all my letters to you with a pen when I
can get it for your eyes are growing poor and
you can see ink so much better you spoke of
me getting my picture taken in my full uniform
and sending it home I have a full uniform but
have not got our pay yet and I have no money
as soon as we get payed off I will have my pict-
ure taken and send it in a letter to you
thes same as I sent it to Missouri I think
we will get payed off soon for some of the Companies
in our Reg have ben payed off I am improving
finly here last evening I got out and had a
fine walk around town and carried a letter
to the post office that I had wrote to Cousin
Hellen and I intend to carry this one to the office
to Our Reg moves to day I suppose up the Potomac
and ^{to} build entrenchments it is about 15 miles
from where they have ben encamped some of the
Captans of Companies say that they will not move
there Companies a inch untill they wer payed
off I do not know how they got along with there
opposing Genl Gorman but I do know that Gorman
is not liked by any of his men nor not many of his
officer as there as Gorman gets before his Reg in
a battle he will be shot by some of his men there

is men in the Reg that hate him a enough
to shoot him as quick as looked at him he is an
old tryant that is all I have to say and is no
more fit for that place than any thing if there is
any little thing goes rong he will throw down his
cap and curse and swear like a trooper & it is a
shame the way such an old man should swear
so and when our Reg was coming down the
river he got as drunk as a fool and hardly
could stand up these are the compliments I
have to bestow on Colonel Gorman There was a
soldier died in our ward yesterday with
the Typhoid fever and will be buried to day There
has so more just come from our Reg to the Hospital
here men unable to travel with the
Reg. About that long linge about Ely getting shot
for sleeping on his post now I am pretty certin
I know how all that hapend to get to you up
there when I was on gard the last night the
~~Reg star~~ night the Reg staid at the old camp
ground at Alexandry Some of the boys stole
from the sutler a barrel of whiskey and some
of the gard got some of it and got drunk
on there post & and fell a sleep one of them
quite a boy and I presume you got the
news that it was Ely and the next story of
course would be that he was to be shot
but that was all humbug you must not believe such
stories for we will take good care not to fall a sleep
on our post But I must close for I ^{am} pretty tired write
ing Tell Orren that I must write him a little
letter when I get better My love to little Franky and
my best respects to all my Friends and my love to you
good by
Your son Chas E Goddard

George Town Hospital Aug 24 /861

Dear Mother I do not think it is necessary for me to tell you I am getting well fast. Yesterday I took a walk all around the streets with a couple of my comrades we had set down on a stone to rest our selves before a nice building one of the boys had been eating a tomato that he got at a store down the street and a little Ladie put her head out of the window up stairs and kindly asked him if he did not want some salt on his tomato to which he replied he was almost done she then asked us if we would like some peaches to which we replied we would she then about getting them she appeared in a few minutes in front with a waiter full of nice peaches which we divided among our selves and thanked her When I can get a chance I take a good many walks which do me a great deal of good I am gaining strength very fast Stebbins sends his best respects to you he is here from a wound in the foot which was caused by a man being shot behind and the man fell forward throwing his gun at the same time and rearing the bayonet in same foot which made a pretty sore thing of it but he is getting better fast to he and I to will be able to join our Reg pretty soon Mr W Window was here yesterday to see all of the Minnesota boys and I got him to frank a lot of envelops for us here which he was very glad to do and when he got through wanted to know if there was any more he went through and saw all of the men that wer confined to these beds he told the boys down stairs when he was talking to them he told them that proably instead of them getting a land warrant when the war ends they will get \$1.00

one hundred dollars which would be a great deal better than a land warrant for there will be so many land warrants that they will be good for nothing he says that he will vote for paying the Soldiers money for if they get warrants it will take up so much of the wild land of Minnesota with out getting any money in the State And then the land would most probably run into speculators hands and do nobody any good for there would be a great many that have homes in the Eastern States that would not come west and there land would run into speculators hands But a boat our getting payed off Mr Windom said that he heard the Master say that as soon as he got the Reg payed off he would come around to the Hospital and pay us in the old gold It has not ben long since I wrote to you but I have a good chance to write here now so I drop a line often and I would like have you write as often as possible for it dose me a great deal of good to get a letter from home I was down to the market yesterday and it dose me a great deal of good to see so many folks buying there days provisions if I had a little money I could of bought a great many nice things but never mind we will soon have some I think I have an awful apatite now getting better makes me get eat like every thing But I am writing longer than I intended to so I must quit of my best respects to all my friends and my love to little Orren and Franky Laird tell little franky I would like to see her very much that I did not see her when I left My love to little Orren and your self My respects to W Furlong and Mrs White Johnson C Goddard

WINONA:

Tuesday Evening, August 6, 1861.

Day After the Battle.

[We are permitted to make the following extracts from a letter, written by a young man formerly residing in this place. In the spring of 1860, while at Chicago in pursuit of employment, he enlisted in the regular army, since which time he has been in Texas, until his return to New York recently. While in the South, he was taken prisoner by the rebels, but was released upon promise that he would immediately leave for the North.]

The day after the battle at Bull's Run, he was on the ground as a physician's aid, and relates what follows of what he saw:]

CAMP AT FORT HAMILTON, July 30.

"The woods were encumbered with knapsacks, muskets, wagons, etc., all the way. It was frightful to look on the fields, under the trees and in the brush, where hundreds of soldiers had crept after the fight, out of the sun and there breathed their last, being wounded and having no attendance. The field was actually covered with dead. In some places they lay piled on each other, some with their limbs torn from their bodies by shot and shell, and others who had been trampled under foot by cavalry and artillery.

Military men all say it was the most shameful flight any army ever made. It was commenced by the Ohio volunteers and instantly the whole army was in a panic. A few regiments, however, remained behind, determined to fight to the last. Those were the New York Zouaves, 69th, Irish 79th, and 8th New York. The Zouaves and 79th in particular disdained to give up. They charged 13 times and took artillery and prisoners each time, when receiving no assistance, were forced to retreat, leaving a large number of their dead on the field. It was then the famous Black Horse Cavalry of Virginia rode among them and sabred numbers of them, when they turned about and made a charge, killing all but nine. The carnage was terrible. On this spot there was full 400 men and over 100 horses lay dead. The horses were the finest I ever saw—black as jet, large and powerful.

A Zouave told me that he saw a sergeant of the Irish regiment deliberately walk up to a rebel officer, bayonet him and draw him from his horse in the midst of his own men.

"Jeff." commanded it person and was conspicuous on a white horse. He directed the movements of the troops, while Beauregard directed the artillery, and no artillery, our officers say, was ever better managed. One of their batteries of 7 guns beat one of ours of 15 guns. I saw nearly 2,000 dead and the hospitals full of wounded. The rebel loss must be over 3000. You would be pained to go through the hospitals and see the poor fellows. The Wisconsin regiment suffered very much, and also the one from Minnesota. I saw the Winona boys there, but learned there was only two killed.

he would not if he took a notion write
home at all unless every letter of his wrote home
was answered. He takes great pleasure in
reading your letters for we are just-like Brothers
and I go to him as soon as I get one from
you and have read it and let him read
it to. I have \$20 for you yet but can not find
any way to send it. I think I can send
it next-pay day which is the 1st of this
month. Corl Miller gets drafts on some
Bank in New York City for the men
and if I pitch in for my share I can get
one for about \$30 or \$40 and send you
My love to little Orrery. Tell him I
am very glad to hear that he has
learnt to swim but for him to take
care and not get-drowned. Rowly a
Brother to the one that boarded at our
house. supposed to be dead is now
in Richmond still living he has
3 wounds one in his thigh one in between
his fingers taking off two of them and
a ball in his cheek he fought till
the last-moment and then fell
backward as if dying. Poor boy I was
intimately acquainted with him
and was very sorry to hear that he was so badly



Aug 23/61

Edwards Ferry

Aug 23rd /61

Dear Mr. [unclear] your kind
and interesting letter last evening
informing me that your health
and Brothers Orens still continued
to be good and also informing me
that you had received my pictures
and letter. I was very glad news
for I had feared that they would
not get there safe. I have neglected
to write to you for the last-week
because we have had to move from
Seneca Mills to Edwards Ferry about
12 miles up the Putnam river
and I have been on guard rather
more than usual for there is a
great many gone out of our company
consequently I would have to go
on guard oftener and it has been
raining continually since we com-
menced to move which makes

things very bad but I will try and
write more in the future Our company
just come off of picket-guards yester-
day and a very bad time we had
to as far as the weather was concerned
but when you come to the eatibels
we fare twice as good on picket as
we do in camp for there is chickens
to be had and butter eggs and milk
but the weather was very bad. raining
most all of the time. We were not troubled
much by the pickets on the other
side of the river only an occasional
shot from them. the bullets going high
in the air. But the company was
on picket the day we moved and
John Lynn come very near being
shot by a secession picket - the bullet
passing close by his side. We are
not allowed to shoot at them unless
they fire at us first. then we are allowed
to return shot. I hope that you will not
speak to me about coming home yet
unless it is your direct order for I want

to do some good before I go back home
for you must know that I am in
good health and able I hope to do a
little good. You spoke about young Sargent
wanting to come home because they had
nothing fit to eat but I tell you what
it is he did not receive any encouragement
from home what ever and more they
wrote for him to get his discharge and
come home as soon as he could. I do
not think that it is wright to let him
go so far and then write for him to
come home. For I do not think that it
would be any harder for them to
spare him than for you to spare one.
Stibbins sends his best respects to you
and William Furlong. Come to think about
it - I did not answer his letter that he
wrote him. Tell him please to excuse
me until we get straitend up here a
little and then I will answer it. Charles
Ely read your letter and it made me
feel sorry for him because he dose not
get hardly any letters from home and

Give my best respects
to all of my friends and
my love to Cree. Tell him
I would like to see him very
much and by the way I would
like to have your picture if
convenient. My love to little
Frankie and cousin Allen.
I hope your eyes are getting
better. I would like to get
Arens picture to
Yours affectionate
Lionel & Mary & Goddard.

writing back and
while I am writing
the men on the other
side are asking our
men to come over and
take a drink and such
talk as that: it seems kind
of strange to think of
Heave on picket. come
on yesterday at 12 o'clock
Last evening I was
sitting on some rocks
that projected out in
the river and watching
across the river that no
boat might start across
unobserved. it was about
12 o'clock at night and
a lonely time I had of it
when the heavens
lighted up for a minute
and it seemed like
day I turned my head
in the direction the
light came from

Edwards
Ferry

Sept. 1st 1861

Dear Mother I received
your kind letter last
evening dated the 25th
you said you thought
that all of your letters did
not get there but I think
they did. The way we
can tell is for you to
mark down in a book
or some place where you
can find it the date
of every letter you write
and I will inform you
when I receive one in
my letters and you can
refer to this paper and see
if it was the last one
you wrote in this way
I think you can tell
if they come or not

You inquired in your
letter if I thought my
health was declining
or improving I think
that I never had better
health than I have now
I do really think that
I can stand as much
as any man in your
company now. though
I may be mistaken
I do not wish to come
home yet ~~unless~~ for
I have not completed
my work yet. I am
very sorry that I could
not get a chance to
send some money
to you for I have had
it in my pocket all
the time and have
it there yet and in-
stead to keep it there

until I can get a chance
to send it - to you we
expect pay the first of
next week and then
I will get checks and
send home a enough
to bare your expenses
to Pennsylvania and
more if I get it I think
your plan of going to Penn-
sylvania is a capital
one it will improve
your health and give
you a little rest. I will
do all in my power to
help you along.
It seems to me but a
very short time
since I was in Winona
and to think I am
here one thousand
miles away on the
banks of the Potomac

and I saw the most
splendid thing that
I ever saw in my
life a large bale of
fire ascended in the
bare trees gradually and
fell behind the trees
It was of a brilliant
red and looked splendid
it was probably a signal
of some kind

My best respects
to all of my friends
my love to little Cora
and your self

Yours affectionate

Son
C. E. Goddard

I received a letter from
Helen day before
yesterday

I will try
and write
often

Edwards Ferry

Sept 6th 1864

Dear Mother I have nothing to do this afternoon I thought I would just write a few lines to you There is not much news to write now we are under marching ^{orders} the orderly says but we hardly know weather we will move or not just know now I heard the report of a gun in camp and went over to see what it meant and found a negro shot through the breast a cook of one of our companies it was done by a member of conf who was intoxicated and got to handling his gun rather careless, This picture of the Hotel at Centerville is the place where I staid during the battle of Bull Run and looks very natural I laid on this end of the porch all of the time and heard the cannon roar ~~right~~ right - back of this house there was lots of big bugs come from

the city to see the fight. They could
see it. I wish I could from a hill back
of the house I could of seen it. To day
I had ben able to get up there but
I could not raise my head hardly with
out the assistance of Smith the man
left to take care of me. To morrow
morning we have to go on picket
again we have not got our pay
yet but expect the pay on sater
every day, and I will send money as
soon as possible do not think
that I am recieving you because
I can not send money now if I
I have ~~thought~~ you had what
I have in my pocket now
my love to little Allen and
all of my friends

Your affectionate
son
C. E. Goddard

Edwards Ferry

Sept 12th 1861

Dear Mother I have not received a letter from you since the one dated the 25 of Aug and am waiting very anxiously for communication from you fearing you may be sick or not have received my letters I am very sorry to be compelled to write again without sending you some money as we have not received our pay this month yet but are expecting it every day I am afraid you will be ready to start to Pennsylvania before my money will get there this is getting to be an old story to you I suppose but I honestly tell you I am not to blame I hope you have more confidence in your son than to think I am to blame if my money should not get there in time for

you if you cannot ~~write~~^{answer} you
had better start for as I have
said in my letters before I highly
approve of your plan I will send
it where ever you may be
I am still very well contented
here My health is very good could
not be better We are not allowed
to write any thing about the
amount of men in this part of
the country or how soon we
will move. by order of General
Stone because it would probly
get in the news papers and would
consequently get in to the enemys
hands General Stone says no
loyal soldier will write such
things, as I consider my self a
loyal soldier I refrain from
writing such still we know
nothing about when we will
march or how many men there is
but our opinion would be for
the worse

General Mansfield to
give us a couple of
teams to get - sure with
Charley Ely invite home
yester day. Charley with
sends his best respects to you
and also to tell you that
he is ^{not} father Sancy as ever I
guess we did not want one
to put that in but I
did it for fun My best
respects to all of my friends
do not forget any of them
And tell Brother Owen
that I send my love
to him and that I won
ld like to see him very
much but that there
is a good way any hundred
miles between us My most
sincere thanks to little

Franky Laird for thinking
of me in the time of
Danger I well and
hardy as ever and can
go in to a fight to
day if necessary We are
within about 3 miles
of the enemy we can
see cavalry from our
camp most every day
riding along the edge
of the woods.

We may have
a fight soon and
may not for along
time I rather think
that we will not fight
very soon

I have had no
chance to send any mon-
ey yet but will send first
chance
Good by Mother ^{your son} C. C. Goodwin

see him cutting
some of his capers
He said last night
while on picket
he was going along
in the woods he
came across a wild
sion pig who was not
having the corner
sign nor would
he show a particle of
honor so the consequ-
ence was he was com-
pelled to stick him
with a bayonet and
sketch him in
the camp and it seem-
ed it did not make
much difference
about it being cross-
in pig for the boys
has took it.

Edwards Ferry

Sept 11th 1861

Dear Mother I received
your kind letter last
evening while on
picket stated the get-
ting of soap coming from Winona
to this place in the
course of 5 days which
I should think was
fast-traveling I am pro-
bative my letters do
not get from here to
you in such short
time I wrote a few
lines to you before
going on picket last
Thursday which I pre-
sume you have be-
fore this time. I still
write the same old
story and pay yet.

I wrote to you some
time ago a boy - a
negro being wounded
he has since died
from the effects of his
wounds I should
not expect to live
if I was shot by one
of those guns for
they make such
large holes. They are
fatter things. I also
got a letter from
his mother last evening
and a few lines
from his sister.
It is fine weather
here in Maryland
now much more
so than I expected
to find. Stebbins
has much more
courage now than

he had in Fort-Side
seems to be pretty well
contented. I guess
from what Sargent
says he would like
to go home pretty
well. I did not
expect you would
want me to come
home against my
wishes but am
glad to be sent
of it. I would like
to know where
John Norton and
George Wilson are
and how they get-a-
long. Charley Stark
and John Guma
are getting along
fine Charley is a
wild boy now I
wish you could

and send to relish
it - I am glad my
friends think of
me when they have
something ^{good} but as
I am not there to
get - my mother have
chickens here I can
relish my cup of
coffee and hard crack
ers fried in grease
very well My best
respects to Gough
Nubble Tell Arthur
Bayerston I am in
most all of my spare
time in writing to
you so he will
have to excuse me
My love to Cousin
Hellen and little

From my most
sincere love to
Brother Eben
How would it
do if I should
get a draft - one
the new York exch
ange and direct
the letter in the
name of William
Laird and he
give it to you
there being so
many Mrs Smiths
let me know if
possible

Yours
son
Chas. S. Goddard
and

I recd. your letter to
Washington DC 1st Reg
Miami and it will ~~to~~ always
as come to me. I'll see even
I may see you there by
thought. I had & by would
like her to send the Daily

I am very sorry that your
eyes are so bad I hope
they will soon get better

We are so much nearer
now that your letters
will come quicker now
I presume you are in
Grand Father's House safe
and sound if so give
my love to little Allen
and all of my friends

Write soon
excuse writing

Sarah E. Goddard

Camp Stone

October 2^d 1861

Dear Mother I received a letter
from you some time ago
I did not answer it partly
because I did not know
how long you would remain
in Winona and partly beca
use I had the Measles so
that it was rather difficult
for me to write I am well
now as can be expected
drilling as usual and at
my first I received 2 letters
from you night before last
one containing your and
Brother Allen's pictures and
one that was wrote at
Harrisburg on the road
I also received a Harpers
last evening which will

aford me a great deal
of reading I was very glad
to have a chance to look
at yours and Brother Essons
faces again I sent \$80 in
Treasury notes to you at
Winona directed in the
name of William Laid requre
sting him if you had started
to enclose them again and
send them to you where
ever you might be I sent
\$10 dollars notes they are as
good as the gold you can
go to any Bank and draw
the gold If you think I have
robert my self you are very
much mistaken for I have
\$5 dollars in my pocket now
The Reg is well clothed now
they have every thing that can
make them comfortable Goven
er Ramsay arrived here last

evening and made quite
a speech to the 1st Reg
ing them up and telling
the boys that this was the
only Reg that done good
execution at the late Battle
of Bull Run I recieved from
you a letter write to you
from Mo which was very
interesting you spoke about
me getting my discharge I
would like to know how
you found that out unless
it was by the returning of
P. Fund I write a letter yester
day intending to send it
to you but while I was out
on Battalion drill it got
down in the dirt and I
could not send it I would
like to know if Perry accompa
sed that piece of party if
he did he done very well

Camp Stone

October 8th 1861

Dear Mother I have not as yet received any answer from the letter I wrote a few days ago to you at Lewisburg. I thought - as I have nothing to do till 10 o'clock drill that I would write a few lines to you that you might know I was still well and getting along well. I suppose you are having fine times there among your friends feasting on turkeys and chickens. I guess Owen enjoys it. meeting so many little relatives who he has never saw before. I would like to know where you intend

to make your home
that is where you intend
to visit - from I should
think at Grandfather's
I wish you would let me
know that - I may direct
my letters there For the last
few days it has been rain
and most all of the time
bad time for the guards
Day before yesterday
we was on picket and
we had some sport. we
had been on half a day
and one night. when
morning broke there was
some session light artie
ry made there appearance
on the hill across the
and commenced playing ^{river} shell on us. I know
any thing about it - there
was a scattering of the

boys Lieutenant - Holzborn
placed the pickets all
a long the river bank
They only fired 6 shots
Our artillery did not
make its appearance
for some time when
it did - it commenced
firing and fired about
20 shots I do not know
whether our artillery done
any execution or not - but
I know there did not
some of the officers
have some of the shells
and shot - they fired
the most of them did
not burst - I have the
bugle calls me to drink
My best respects
to all of my friends
Yours son Charles Goddard

Monday, come with orders
to appear in the Ballalions
with 2 days rations we
marched down and
General Gorman must-
have the Minnesota boys
cross first - of course ~~to~~
we started across, so they
wer crossing for two days.
It was midnight - they
wer still a crossing the
orders come to retreat -
Conels began to see where
there Regts would cross
It felt to the lot of the
2 New York to cover the
retreat. he did not like
to do it - for some reason
or other and Conel Dana
steps up and said that
his Minn boys would
cover the retreat - But
the orders come to not
retreat that night -

Camp Stone

Nov 19th 1861

Dear Mother I have been w-
aiting some time for a
few lines from you to
let me know whether
you wer in Pa or Minn
The last letter I received
from you was when
I was across the river
and it is stated that
you wer dissatisfied w-
ith Pa and did not k-
now how long you would
stay there And here Sam
Stappins received a letter
from you enquiring if I
was dead wounded or
sick and a few lines
for me. I was a little surpris-
ed I may have neglected
to write to you But I

did not know whether
you were in Pa or on the
road to Chinona. We were
not engaged at the
Battle of Balls Bluff but
we crossed the river at
Edwards Ferry. Before we
started down to the river
we had orders to appear
in the Battalion in
our light fighting rig
with one days rations
This was on Sunday we
marched down to the river
and ^{over} strong all along
the river bank I suspect
we were to draw the attention
of the Rebels Batteries and
have them fire at us so
we could find out where
they was the river then draw
n away and ~~return~~ the
orders come for Co K and

At to cross we marched
down to the river and
got into a boat started
to cross It was rather
ticklish work I think
there stood 5:000 men
looking at us and seem
to tremble for our safety
but we crossed in safety
and had not more than
got up on the bank
when the retreat was
sounded from the other
side of the river and
we started back I
rather think there picked
send if I know any
thing about. When we got
back we started for
camp got there had a
good nights sleep and
was ready for orders
They come in due time

So we stayed. Our Troops
still continued to cross
We had now about 2000
men, three pieces of ~~Howitzers~~
Howitzers, 125 mounted
men. Along two or three
we heard the rattle
of musketry and
immediately our Howitzers
commenced to play away at
the Rebels and drove them
back. General Gorman rode
up to us and said that
was one of the times they
fell back faster than
they come up. Our Company
was now ordered to the
out-works picket to throw
up intrenchments we did
so we then were ordered to
retreat our Co. crossed. The
remainder of our men
covered the retreat.

As soon as our Co. was
a cross we started for
camp The New York
Boys went to telling
lies about us saying
that we throwed down
our arms and run.

We may have a chance
to show them ^{before} long
whether we will do
such a thing

If its they done I suppose
to cover there one gilt.

My best respects to all
of my Friends My love
to Allen and your
Self

Write soon
G M Smith

G E Guddard

They say some
we expect

my Friends
My love to Mother
and your self

C E Goodard

Camp Stone

Jan 29th / 1862

Dear Mother I received your letter while on reserve picket at Courvois Ferry I think we had the finest time on picket of any time I have been on we were back from the river and had only one guard and he only on during night - there was 14 files so that there was nothing for us to do only shoot at a mark and hunt squirrels and any thing we had a mind I am you have not received my letter stating that the box had come and that there was something in it that a fellow dont get in the army every day There is nothing of much interest going on in camp. I suppose you have heard that our Col N J B. is appointed Brigadier General

I have heard some of the boys
saying that Lums was trying
to get the 3rd Minn Regt in his
Brigade and if this is so we
will go to try where there is
more active service. Maybe you
would like to know what
W. J. T. in Kansas means. I
do for Napoleon Jackson
Tennant's Lums if we can't
brag of our Conet's name I do
not know who can. You want
to know the direction well
it should be directed to one
Washington D.C. care of our
Conet but he is promoted so
I do not know who will be
our Conet I am afraid you
will be all the time sending
boxes and all the time a town
telling you self about one when
I can get along on bread and
coffee baked beans and pork

We have been having very
bad weather so much so that
it is almost impossible to
get around I have heard that
the Government is going to
cut tax on soldiers 10 percent on
a dollar I am sure that will be
ready to help sustain the U.S.
Treasury I do hope that this
bill will pass for I am afraid
that unless we do something to
feed the Treasury it will
give out before we wipe out
this Rebellion and before I would
let see our Government fall
back I would go with out pay
I wish you would tell me what
a fellow will do when he has
said all he can say and
wants to fill one that and
no news all is so dull

Give my best respects to
Miss Willson and all of

telling a story that
I could of used a
pair of gloves to good
advantage to my self.

If you can collect
a long with \$10.00 this
pay day I can send you

\$15.00 You news from
the fleet is discouraging
and also from Kentucky

I am in hopes that
we will be home by
Spring My best respects

to all of my friends
My love to Brother
Orrin

C. M. Smith
C. E. Goddard

Camp Stone

Nov 16th 1861

Dear Mother I write
a few lines to you a
day or two ago but fear-
ing you would not get
them and knowing
you would be uneasy
if you did not receive
a line I write again Our
Captain H. C. Lester left us
yesterday to join his Regt
the 3rd Minnesota which
he is bound of the received
his appointment right
before last and resigned
his Commission as Captain
of the 1st Minn. We was
very sorry to part with
him Lieutenant N. H. Burn
will be our Captain now

I am afraid we will
not be able to keep him
for he is a noble fellow
a better commander we
could not get - He will
probably be promoted to
some higher office I am
afraid they will take
our Colonel from us to
for they are picking
Officers out of our Regt very
fast - There remains but
3 Captains in our Regt
that received their Com-
mission at Ft. Snelling
and a great many
Lieutenants have been
taken away Minor Officers
are in great demand
Co K was reviewed
by the General and a Com-
mittee of Officers to see
if it would be best

to drill this Brigade
in the bayonet exercise
Co K is considered the
best - We will get our
pay in a day or two I think
I will not be able
to send you more
than \$10.00 for the reason
I would like to get
me a pair of boots an
oil cloth blanket a
pair of gloves and a com-
fater I am in debt to
the sutler to the
amount of \$1.00 - Shubbins
- you may think I
could draw shoes and
they would do me but
it is hard to get a long
on guard when it is
raining and muddy
as I was on guard last
night - I can say with
me

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1861

Camp Stone

Nov 21st /61

Dear Mother I received a few lines from you last evening informing me you had got my letter putting you out of any further uneasiness in regard to my welfare We received our pay yesterday afternoon of which I send you \$10.00 I went to Podsville to day got me a pair of boots - gloves and such other little articles as I needed We was on picket duty before yesterday I will tell you how our Officers serve the whiskey that the sutlers try to smuggle in to the camp There was a canal boat - come

come up with Sultans
staves when we were one
picket. It was duly search-
ed by our officers and
found 4 boxes to contain
whiskey they were taken
out and opened every
bottle was cracked against
a stone and its contents
spilt on the ground

There was a man shot
by one of our sharp sh-
ooters while we were across
the river and in his
pocket was found a
letter wrote probably by
some thoughtless young
girl asking him to shoot
a Yankee and send her
his scalp But alas he
was the one to fall. It is
getting pretty cold here
now but having fine weather

tell Owen I am very glad
to hear he is going to school
and enjoying himself
I rather think you had
better stay in Penn this
winter I think I can
send home a rough lot
of clothe you and Owen I
was reading a Winona
paper the other day and
I find that George Wilson
has been appointed 3rd Lieutenant
and John Norton Orderly
Sergeant of the 4th Regt
Tell little Franky I wish
I could have a kin tite
here if I was there I would
have a dozen. My best
respects to all of my friends
my love to Frank and little
Franky E. E. Goddard

friends that sent any thing in
that box that I am very much
obliged to them for sending me
a few sodies such nice things.
The man that helped me from
Bulls Run got his discharge
yester day. if it had not been for
him I should be a prisoner in
the Rebels hands now I would
like to give you a long history
of our tramps there and back
but I can not write it as I
could tell it to you if I were with
you. Do you think that John
Derhana will go back to Minne
to get him a wife or get one in
It I think that a wife is what
John wants. I am gory for his
mother and father I would like
to see Brother very much he must
be getting pretty bad. tell him he must
be a good boy and not trouble
his mother so much as I did.
The boys are on picket now I
am supernumary of camp guard
to day so that Stubbins and Ely
are not here to send there best
respects but it is all the same for
they read your letter as it come
naked them John of Minone
wrote to Bill Sargens and wanted
to know if Goddard did not want
to get out of the army and come
back I sent word that I was al
hunkky best respects to all of my friends
E E Goddard C M Smith

Camp Stone

December 2nd / 61

Dear Mother I received your
kind and interesting
letter last evening and was
very glad to hear you were not
sick I have not received that box
yet I expect it is at Poolville in
the express office I will try and
get a pass to morrow to get it
We are having very fine weather
here now not any rain no snow
and very little frost as we have
pretty good quarters we do not feel
it if it is a little cold. you need
not fear about me getting whiskey
to drink for our Colonel will spill
every drop he can get his hands on
and drum the sutler out of the
Regt. There was a sutler of the 34th
New York Regt. that had 24 boxes of

whiskey in his possession and was
selling it to the soldiers the officers
caught him at it and ^{had} him put
in confinement until Brigade
order he was then taken to the head
of our line tied one dry whiskey
bottle to his neck with two men
behind him charging bayonet
and a drummer and fifer marched
him by our lines and out of the
Brigade telling him the same time
that if he showed himself here
again he would suffer worse fate
There was a man shot a hole
in his hand the other night
a guarder fobling. We had pretty
good news last evening one ^{thousand}
~~three hundred~~ Confederates 3 Colonels 15 Captains
1,000 stand of arms 1,000 boxes 2 tons of
powder and other military supplies
from the Rebels. We have a paper
every evening from Washington
10000 squads and generally get the

I never could be persuaded to
live in the East I do not like it
the West is the place for me and
for you if I am not mistaken
You spoke of dried vegetable in your
letter. as for that I do not think I
will be troubled with it for we
~~do~~ not get any. At Alexandria we
were almost starved and we
thought that dried vegetable
was an extra dish. There is not
much hopes of me getting a chance
to poke myself in danger I would
like very much to pay them for
that Bulls Run scrape the Mississippi
rifles say they would go 15 miles to
fight the Skimmata boys I do not
think they would have to go
that far if the Skimm boys are
all like me I am sorry to say
that it is impossible for me
to get a furlow there is so
many trying Tell all my

Camp Stone

December 29th 1861

Dear Mother I received a few lines from you while on picket opposite the famous Bales Bluff but as I was pretty tired and wet I did not answer it right away I had wrote a few lines to you and enclosed \$10.00 which I supposed you would answer before it would be necessary for me to write This evening I received a letter from you and Father and it seems that you had not received my money yet and you felt uneasy about it It is getting pretty cold here now pard for a sentinel to keep warm on his beat I come off of police guard yesterday it was the best guard duty that I have done for the last week I had to guard some deserters from the 34 New York I was some surprised to hear that Cousin in llo was married and was amused at her description of him I think that it would be impossible for me to try to get a furlow for the reason that we are not in winter quarters and do not know how soon we may be called on to go South or to cross the Potomac and then if I ever come on a furlow there would be trouble for me

To day we (our squad) have ben diggin
out the ground under the tent - so there
will be more room and be warmer for
this reason I will not be able to answer Father's
letter to night - but will do it as soon as we
get straitened around Sheldon Cary is here
from Minnna what for I do not know
Tell John Durham that - I think that he
could get a pass to come and see us
if he would try. I do not know as you
could send me any thing unless it would
be by express and that would not be safe
Tell all my friends that - I wish them
all a merry Christmas. Tell Grand Mother
that - I often think what she told me when
I was in Pa last - (Braz well is a good
dog but hold fast - is a better one) I would
like to see her very much I think that
you wory to much about me it does
not do any good. I will try and write of
ten I hope you will get my money. my
love to Bertha Arrer

My best respects to all of
my friends

Your son

C. G. Goddard US Army

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Camp Stone

December 14th / 61

Dear Mother I received your
kind letter last evening
I was rather anxious about
the money I had sent home
knowing that neither you
nor I were able to lose it - I
would rather you would
not talk about yourself not
earning any thing all I
want of you to do is to stay
in Rem until the war is
ended and I will send
home all I can in the line
of money Please do not think
I am suffering, imagine a
hole dug in the ground
10^{ft} by 14^{ft} a tent stretched over
it - a bed in one side a fire
place also & hearty laughing

Boys sitting around talking
and joking then you will
not think I am suffering
We do not live so bad as you
may think we often have
an oyster stew. Then we have
our rations of bread and
coffee and sugar. With all I
like soldiering pretty well I
would not be a Regular
in the time of peace for
any thing but a Volunteer
in the time of war with
some excitement is not bad
You spoke about sending
me an oil cloth blanket
it would not be very bad
If you send a box by express
please put in a couple of
wollen shirts and I will
try to send money enough
to pay for them next pay
day We get papers plenty

here Our squad has thrown
in and subscribed for the
Washington Republican and
we get that every evening
Orren I suppose is having
a fine time among his
little friends I suppose he
is going to school Ed
has been rather unwell
for the last 2 weeks but now
he is slowly recovering Charles
North is wilder than ever
since he joined the Army
I would like to have yours
and Orren's picture taken
in a locket for the picture
I have I can not keep from
getting jammed up in my
pocket a locket I could keep
one about that size
My best respects to all
of my friends C. M. Smith
C. E. Goddard U.S.A.

You sent me. I am very much
obliged to you for they are hard
to get here. I was looking over
my old letters in my post-pockets
and happened to come across a
letter wrote by Saml G Goodard
No. to me I thought I would
answer I did so. I also write
to Coy Bellin Minn. I do not
know as I have anything more
to say what I have said does
not amount to much

My best respects
To all of my Friends

C. M. Smith

C. E. Goodard

U S Infantry
Big Legion

The Union and the Con-
stitution must and shall
be Preserved.



The Star-spangled Banner in
triumph shall wave,
O'er the land of the free,
and the home of the brave!

Camp Stone
Dec 27th/61

Dear Mother As I

am not other wise
engaged this morning I thought
I would write and let you
know that Christmas is past
with us you are probly not aware
of it. I shal never forget the
Christmas I spent on the army.
we had no drill not even a
dress parade and every man
enjoyed him self the best he
could under existing circumstances
The guards that was on Christmas
had a pass yesterday to go any where
they had a mine to this morning
the members of Co K presented
to Lieutenant John Ball of K
a fine sword. when the com-
itte had finished there presenta

Tom speak Ball made a few
remarks which were very good.
It is a very disagreeable day to day
windy and cold we have
had fine weather all a long
until the last 2 days I am
going to have the inside
of our pens sketched over
send it to you so you can
see what kind of a pen we
quarter in I reckon as how
it wont be good for old
thing longer to pilot in
us she will find out what
there is some Yankees afloat
I guess England is all right
I suppose you had fine
times last Christmas. I hope
you did. Orren enjoyed him
self I'll bet. tell him I want
him to write to me and
let me know what he got
in his stocking I would

like to make him a present.
but there is nothing here
that would please him
Orrenly Bingham just inform
ed me that my box is in
Washington. he also has a box
there we have sent for them
by a man going down there.
I would like to know how
May Jane is getting along and
little Franky do you know
when they are going back
Mother I do not want you
to get disconcerted now
and go back to Minnie to
work and then you
life out when you get through
visiting you can board home
and you can just keep yourself
I will send home all of the
money I can when the war
is over then you can go back
with me I have postage stamps

and Brother Owens on the
other side I can say that
I saw the old gear out and
the new gear in as I was on
duty from 11 to 1 o'clock at night
at 5 o'clock I went on again
and from that time till
morning the bands played
National airs first going to
the Generals and from there
to other Regts camp We had
a slight fall of snow night
before last but not a enough
to make sliding winter has
set in for good I think

My best respects to all of my
friends my love to Minnie
White.

C. G. Goddard

C. G. Goddard



ONE FLAG AND ONE GOVERNMENT.

Camp Stone
Jan 7th 1862

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter
some time ago but I
thought I would not answer
it until I saw if my
box was coming The Shenandoah
has returned and says
there is no box in the express
office in Washington ^{for me} but
I do not believe him. Sam
Stettins is going down there
before long and I will get
him to see for me Sam
has received an order to go
with a couple of Lieutenants
to Minn and recruit for
all of the Regts that have left

The State Sam is in good
spirits & thinks he is
going to have a vacation
Tell my friends that send
me those things in that
box that I am just as thank-
ful to them as if it had
got here safe You want to
know who is our Captain
his name is G. A. Holtzner
a German and served 17
years in his own country
before he came here so you
may guess that he is a good
soldier Perian is tyrannical
and will never make such
a sound man as Cap Tell
Uncle Peter that we are about
30 miles from Washington
up the Potomac the country
is very uneven and in
some places as steep as in

Pa the New York 24th and
25th are encamped close by
us they belong in this Brigade
Tell Aunt-Mary that I wish
her a safe journey if she write
you and also my love to little
Franky. I have a good
mind to do up one of our
famous crackers and send
it to you by mail and you
could set it on the table
with your sponge cake but
come to think you probably
have seen lots of them. As
for Ladies we get an occasion
at glimpses of one but they
are pretty scarce I do not think
that the Ladies get many of
my letters to say around in
their pockets That letter I
sent for I would like to
have your picture on one side

Camp Stone

Jan 16th / 1862

Dear Mother I received your kind letter of the 11th last evening I was glad to hear from you it has been some time since I received a letter from you. John Alderson of this Company who was taken at Bulls Run arrived last evening from Richmond. he was shot through the left breast. he laid on the field until Monday 4 o'clock when he got up and walked nearly half a mile he came across some Rebels of whom he inquired where the U.S. Hospital was thinking all of the time we had gained the day when he found out how it was he was unable to go any farther. The Rebels then took him and put him in a wagon (one of those Pa scows) he was then taken to the rail road put in the cars and taken to the general Hospital where he remained until he was well then they put him in the prison But the best of it was when he was on the Rebels Steamer coming to meet the U.S. steamer the band was playing home sweet home. He said that from Sunday til Friday his wound was not dressed and the maggots were strike in and around his wound We have had some snow lately. but not enough to make sleeing I guess they never use snow here We have no shite now at all now it is so slippery that we cannot walk in the ranks I understand

by the papers that - Colonel W. J. T. Dana has been pro-
moted to Brigadier. It is also rumored around camp
that the Colonel is going to have the 9th Massachusetts
Regt in his Brigade and march for Ky. This is
doubtful. I believe that my box is in Baltimore
at least there was an agent when one of our boys
was. We are all anxious to hear from the Florida
fleet going down the Mississippi. There is nothing
of much interest going on here now

C. M. Miller

C. G. Goodwin

How are you getting along
for moving please let me know

Camp Stone

Jan 21st / 1862

Dear Mother I received
your kind letter last evening and
was glad to hear from you but very
to hear you are so downhearted. You
~~must not~~ allow a couple of chaffs to
discourage you with the argument
that the Government is inactive
. There is a lot of men just like those
in the north that want to be on
the safe side but at heart are secession
. We place a great deal of confidence in
that Mississippi a clearing out the
Rebels along the river. As General McClellan
thinks it the war will be a short but des-
perate one so it will be at Columbus &
Memphis fairly turn the water red.
But when Jim Lane with his free
men the Burnside Expedition the
Mississippi fleet and land forces also
the army on the Potomac advance down

thing has got to bend or break under
our quick and heavy blows. The Rebels
say that we will soon subdue them
but it will be a general like Mrs Geer
there at Winona when we begin to
pull the boards off of the shanty
they will have to get out from under
you know the time that Geer married
our Uncle's daughter when we were in
meeting Mrs Geer vowed she would not
move but when the boards began
to fall she got out of there pretty soon

I think Fremont will have a high
office before long because Cameron who
was a personal enemy of his has resign-
ed and Stanton is a ~~friend~~ friend
of Fremont's it is also rumored
that Blair of the cabinet is going to
resign and most likely there will
be a friend of Fremont's to take
Blair's place Blair was one that helped
to upset Fremont. Fremont is the
man for me and if they give him

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a chance he will show them what kind of
stuff he is made } I am happy to inform
you that my boys have come and that there was
something in it - that a soldier don't get every
day all that was spilled was the turkey and few
shrimps. I am in such a hurry to get
this wrote as I am detailed to saw rations.
We have only 6 inches round here for the
last week. Now Mother do not look on the
dark side of the war good by your son
C. B. Goodland

Do not send Mrs. Lockett any more
for they get fanned so }

Old Camp Stone

Feb 4th / 62

Dear Mother I received your letter some time ago and for the reason that pray day was near at hand I did not answer it for I wanted to send a few dollars to you I would like to of sent more but I could not we have to by what clothing we want for the next 2 months as our clothing bill for one year is about \$8.00 dollars over the amount allowed us and if we draw any more now we will not have any money at all next pray day for all we the amount allowed us will be taking out of our pay

I mailed a picture for you it was a picture of Anderson the hero of Sumpter it will probably get there with the same mail as this.

We received news of Comd Dana
few confirmations as a Brigadier
last night and the Band came
out and played before his tent
while the boys chanted him, when
it was quiet he made a few
remarks stating he would not
like it at all if he was ^{going to be} separated
from this Regt and says he will
do all he can to be with us. We
had a little snow last night but
this evening it is pretty well gone
There is no news at all here it seems
as if every thing was dead. It
will be impossible to make any
forward movement for some
time on account of the wind.

My best respects to my
friends and love to little

Give a good share to yourself
C. E. Goodenough

Camp Stone

Feb 10th / 1862

Dear Mother I see you have not received the few dollars I sent to you before you write I do not think you had better go home until next pay day and maby I can send more then but tell the truth I do not think you had better go home at all now for you are getting along fine among your friends do not think of me or much as to stop your enjoyment I do like to be remembered but I do not want it to interfere with your enjoyment We are having a little better weather here now and the ground is getting dried out and we will be able to drill before long The other evening there was about 52 recruits arrived for the Regt and about 12 of them for this Company out of the number is a Brother to Charly Lincoln the one that was taken at Bulls Run I heard from Dobbins here not long ago he is in Minn a flying around like every thing We do not know who will be a Col to us if we only could get a mother one like Dana

I heard by one of the new recruits
that Susan Moor is married to Ruben
Black I could not say that it is or
but I never would of thought of them
joining in the bonds of matrimony
There is no news of interest but what
you have heard I could not send any
picture this day I think I have not
any thing enough tell the truth

My best respects to all of my
Love to Brother Owen

Yours

C. C. Goddard

Camp Store

Feb 17th 1862

Dear Mother your
letter of the 15th was only received
this evening I was glad to hear from
you but sorry to hear you are going
home so soon for I think when you
get back you will work your self
to death and if you only stay in
Pa until I get home I will try and
relieve you of some of your work
you think I am down hearted I
guess you are mistaken for I have
not felt better nor so light hearted
in a long time I did not write much
for there is nothing of interest to write
Ely has been a little unwell but is all
right now We just come off of picket
this morning there is nothing of in-
terest going on there it seems as if the
fighting in this part of the country is
played out We received good news
from Fort Donelson to night and
also Bowling Green I do not think the
war can last long for of late we have
gained all the victories I received a
letter from Cousin Smith in Mo he seems

to think that it will only be a
breakfast for Uncle Sam to whip out
these Ribbles but here it is you can read
it for your self Now Mother I think you
had better wait until next pay day
any how and I think I can send you
more money. I do not think you have
money enough to go through with
clothes I do not think you dont care any
thing about me for I know you are not
able to send me box after box and if you
had not sent me any thing at all I should
think you are the same as you always
was I got a little Maryland mud in my
portfolia and some got on the other side
of this sheet There is no need of your
putting in care of Capt Hollyburn on the
back of any letters just find Chas. E. Goddard
and Co R. 1st Minnesota Regt Washington
D.C. is all that is necessary

Eldrige Smith sends My best respects to all of my
his best respects to friends and love to Brother
you
Owen, C. E. Goddard

are all well and in fine spirits they think they will soon see home Tell Uncle Peter I am very respects to him and am very much obliged to him for the interest he takes in my welfare Tell him I shall think of him if I don't eat any apples I have fear of me deserting Mother just think how I would be received by friends if I deserted and not only that but it would disgrace the name of Goddards. I don't think you would know me now I have grown so and am much different. William Sargent you know him I suppose he is in the same tent with me and is a good soldier. I have answered that letter Cousins Smith & Goddards and will hear occasionally from Mo Give my respects to David Woods and hope I may live to see her Tell Grand Father & Mother I am thankful to them for their kindness to you also Aunt Mary. Mother I can't talk to you by letter as I could if I were with you but this is the only way to communicate with you Tell Brother Owen he must be a good boy and obey his Mother I would like to see him but as it is I can not. To morrow is Sunday and weekly inspection as my braces are all clean & my gun in good trim I have nothing to fear by the by I go on guard. Give my respects to all of my Friends (M. Smith)

I have attached to the Minnesota Regt

you are by the heading of the 1st Minnesota Regt

C. E. Goddard U.S.A.

Keep good courage until the war is over
The world of our country are waiting for you

Camp Minnesota Feb 22nd / 1862
No longer Camp Stone
Dear Mother

camp is all in excitement over the great victory at Fort Donelson also the report of the capture of General Price and staff and the taking of New Orleans. These reports can not be relied on but we know that the Union arms have won at Donelson Your letter of the 19th arrived duly at hand last evening you still seem to be home sick besides having the sick headache if you think you could get along better in Minnesota than in Pa I do not know but you had better go but Mother you know we have no home & will be pretty hard for you to go back all alone & commence house keeping I would like to know what you did with our cow & your cooking rig. You might of wrote to me about these before but if you did I have forgotten What do you think of doing when you get back Keep boarders as you please or not. When I am discharged (if I am ever) I will have one hundred dollars beside my last payment which will help us along considerable but will not begin to build us a house. never mind Mother we will get along some how. all I ask is to keep good spirits. I think the

war cannot last much longer for of late we
have won every battle & I know the Rebels
cannot stand long without gaining some
battles. I have to strip for to clean up my
braces to go out & and see the sword scabb
hildle and pistols presented to Comd Dana
(now General Dana) I have ben out and saw
them presented. they wer very fine ones. he
made a few remarks stating they wer the first
public presents he had ever received he said
it was uncertain wheather he would remain
with us he said look at our western troops
look to our young state and above all things look
to God this was his last remark he is truly
a good man and the boys think a good deal
of ~~them~~ him. You speak of diseases in your
letter I dont think that I will have the
mumps or measles for I have had them once
since I have ben in the army nor the sma-
llpox for I have ben vaccinated for that
Our Regt is as healthy as it could possibly
be while the Michigan Regts over here a little
way is sickly. Give my respects to Aunt
Lucretia and ~~John~~ ~~and~~ ~~you~~ and
~~her~~ ~~consort~~ Aunt has curious ways
How is John Derham getting along if he thin
ks of going back to Union. give my respec
ts to him also. Our Chaplain we do not
see much of him as the weather wont

permit him to hold religious sers in
the open air and that is in other place
so we dont see much of him. Last summer
we had preaching evy saturday Eldrige Smith
sends his respects to you he is a good boy
and is a friend of mine also Edgar Chapman
I suppose you know Mrs Chapman at least
you wote something about her having an
old pair of shoes belonging to him and was cry-
ing over them We have ben having a very wet
and misty weather but we cant expect
better weather in Maryland. Minnesota
is the State for me I ask no better place
than our own state What is Aunt Mary Jane
you have not wote about her in a long time
I suppose she has gone home if not my respects
to her & my love to little Franky. Mother I
think you are putting your self to a great
deal of trouble a sending me boxes I can
get along without them just as well and
besids they cost money. money which you
need so I think you had better use the
money for your own purposes. not that I
would not ^{by any means} except your presents but we
are not rich Now much do you think it
would take to get you a full rig of cooking
utensils I would like to have you write
and lett me know all of these little things
Chas. Ed. Chas. North John Lynn & Bank

Harpers Ferry Va
Feb 26th 1862

Dear Mother you will
be some surprised to
hear I am now at Harpers
Ferry. Shortly after I wrote
that kind letter to you we
received orders to be ready
to march the next morning
at 8 o'clock morning come
and we started for Adams
town Md there we took
the cars for Harpers Ferry
and are singly quartered
in the Annex

Good by Mother
C. E. C.

Washington D.C.

March 16

Dear Mother

Good day we are ordered
to strike tents and after
some march we got
on the Baltimore & Annapolis
rail road and come
to Washington how
long we will stay here
I do not know but it
isn't likely we will
stay long I would like
to know if you received
that paper and letter
I sent you from
Bellevue Heights I am
obediently yours what
I think we are going
to do but I will write
over and tell you

March
1862

that I think we will
go on some expedition
I may be mistaken
I have been a good
deal of work done on
the capital since we
was there before. If you
intend to go from
the first of April you
will need to get off
before to know if you
have money enough.

I do not think you
can leave if we are
payed off very soon.
I will please you soon.

It is impossible for me
to write what is going
on some how I can't
express myself in writing
but if I get home I can
tell you without the con

(That
founded writing from
I think you send is one
of the best things I own
I got the thing I wanted
& that pain killer I was
sent 50¢ for it I am writing
paper I got it Give my love
to Bertha Ann also
a good portion to you
I will give you some C. B. Good
and

Write soon

Bolivar Heights

Near Harpers Ferry Va

March 6th/62

Dear Mother I received
your kind letter yesterday & was glad
to hear your health & Omens still continues
good I see by your letter you have not
received any note I dropped in the Post Off
ice from Harpers Ferry but you have got
the news that the Army of the Potomac is
advancing We are now encamped on
Bolivar Heights Va where Col. Cary had
a skirmish with the Rebels and captured
a 32 pound cannon. They must of had
quite a warm brush by the looks of the
trees. You remember of reading about the
renowned Col. Cary. Down in Harpers
Ferry when we were stopping there the Union
Boys caught a rebel in an old safe with
5 days rations of provisions the way they found
him there was a lot of men throwing
sacks at an old building a trying to rock
it down when the Rebel followed
out for quarters. They did not know there
was any body in the building the safe
was an old rail road car I have
sent you a specimen of the Rebels money
I had on my person so I traded my pocket

look for it I got it of a Negro. John
Alderson says it is the most like the
money the Rebels had in Richmond
of any he has seen around here Harpers
 Ferry has been a pretty place at one time
but it is all a ruin now as all the Govern-
ment buildings have been burnt by
the traitors and they made nearly
all the town I saw where the cars run
off the bridge into the river the old en-
gine lays there still it can be seen I am
There has been a very good bridge across
the Potomac & Sharps Creek but they
have all been burnt there has been a
great deal of property destroyed in and around
this little town I also saw the John
Brown house on the place he shut him-
self up in. Whether you would not
expect me to write a very long letter for
we are so crowded to in one tent make
it pretty full Give my respects to all
my friends and love to little Ellen
I don't think there will be an engage-
ment very soon write soon
C. C. Loveland

Bolivar Heights
near Harper's Ferry Va
March 18th 1862

Dear Mother I
received your kind letter
at Berryville Va and for
the reason we have been
on the march all the
time I was unable to
answer it Since I last
wrote you we have been
with in 3 miles of Mine-
hook and it seems all
for nothing for we have
come all the way back
When we left here we
went out to a little town
by the name of Charlestown
and there encamp-
ed for two days from
there we marched out
to Berryville then ven

fried by the rebels
but they got wind of
our coming and left
the town and we mar-
ched in without being
disturbed we found
a rebel printing office
in the town with one
side of a paper run
off and the boys of the
first line took it in
hand and printed the
other side I was unable
to get one of them but got
one the next day and
sent it by the day
before yesterday I got
your express box I never
expected to get it after
we left camp since
I was happily disappointed
We have a few Con-

his name is Sulley
he has been a regular
army officer the boys
like him very well
since I last wrote
you we have traveled
30 miles and back
with a knapsack on
our backs I do not
know how long we
will stay here but
if we move I will
write if I can

Good postage stamps
in that box I am very
much obliged to you
for C. E. Goodland

C. M. Smith
My love to little Ann
and a great portion
to you only

7 I would like to know
now if you are in Paris
in Minn. I suppose you
must be in Helena by
this time. Please write and
let me know how you
got along & how you are
situated now. Tell Bro
Ther. Owen that I would
like to have him write
when he gets a chance.
We have had fine wea-
ther for the last week
until yesterday it
commenced raining the
rain will make the
roads so bad that it
will delay our artillery
it is so bad in city
weather that it had to
be cordoned that is
to lay logs across the

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road close to gather
so as to form a solid
road of wood. If this has
to be done in dry weather
I can not know what ^{they}
will do in wet. Please
excuse writing & man-
age to make it out.

I will have to quit as
it is getting late and
my gun needs cleani-
ng I am going to
direct this to Winona
& if you see Susan Moor-
head her sister
is well and getting along
well Give my respects
to all of my friends
C. E. Coddens
C. M. Smith

New York town Va.

April 21st 1862

Dear Mother it has
 been so long since
 I received a line from
 you that I sometimes
 think you must either
 be sick or you are
 all miss laid. I have
 not wrote since I left
 Hampton Roads for
 the reason that it was
 impossible for me
 to send a letter until
 the last few days &
 we have been so busy
 that I could not find
 time until now we
 have been doing picket
 duty and skirmish
 ing with the Rebels

2 ever since we have
been here. The other
day we were ordered
out (our Company) to
skirmish w. the
Battal we deployed
and advanced.
toward the fort and
ran on a pond of
water between us and
the fort the Rebels
opened us firing
from tree to tree
and opened on us
we returned the fire
for about 2 1/2 hours &
and then retired
slowly firing there
was some of us hurt
but I was walking
slowly back with an
Elderly Sergeant of

9
The Sharp Shooter
who was mixed am-
ong us, when a ball
struck a tree near by
and glanced wound-
ing him in the leg
I offered my assistance
but he told me he
did not want to man-
to get to gather it
would be to give a
mark for the Rebels
There is cannonade
ing going on all the
time an occasional
volley of musketry in
the night we are up
most all the night
Last night the Rebels
drove in our pickets
and a couple of Regts
drawn up and burn

Marta

in to them you^d
may believe there was
a battle of muskets
for a while but when
our boys sent 3 or 4
32 pound shells in to them
it drove them up in
short order this was
about 11 o'clock and it
was raining like every
thing our Regt. staid up
in line until morning
This letter will be a
long time a going of
at all and probably by
the time this gets to you
you will hear of the
capture of York town or
the defeat of the Union
boys. Pester pray Susan
Borns. Brother was over
here to see me he is

5-
in the 3. Wisconsin Regt
it is incamped over
here a short ways a
doing the same duty
we are by Bonds his
respects to you and
wants you to be so kind
as to write a line to his
mother and inform
her he is all right he
has not a postage stamp
stamp to his name
now I rather this one
I got by trading a five
cent Bull's check for
it if you will be so
kind as to send me
a couple I can write
to you when I get a
chance but that will
not be over once a mo-
onths The boys are

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all in fine spirits
& ready to meet de-
ceit. The country
around here is all
low marshy ground
covered with pine tim-
ber & it is all most
impossible for our
cannons to get a
position. Do you
remember that cup
you sent me fell
in that old cup has
made one man a
good cup of coffee
When I was at Ham-
lin Roads I got
Cousin Smith & Bud
Harold likewise he
is going to Californ-
ia in the spring I
suppose they will be
back before he is dead

THE WAR FOR THE UNION



"Stand by me, and I'll stand by you."
GEN. McCLELLAN.

(Virginia)

Next found
at Fort Mifflin
above on the
Pennsylvania
May 11th 1862
to Dea

Whether strong as the King
of Corporal Stebbins I received
your kind letter & other things
I was glad to get your
letters and Brother Quinn
I suppose you know why
we did not fight at York
town & why we have come
here before this time so
it is useless for me to
tell you only that we
were through the Fortifica-
tions. They were very strong I
do not see why they did
not stand. The rebels planned

preservation shells all over
the parapets and entrance
es to the magazine &
fort killing several of
General Dimes men I
saw a lot of them & would
of stayed but for
an officer warning me
of them when looking for
them I could see them

They are 64 pound shell
cited all up in the ground
but the top or cap when
tramped on explodes &
takes every thing around it
I was for a detail party
going back to help the
waggon on We have had
out for some time but I
could not find any chan-
ce to send what I have
saved for you I had

to send it in a letter
for I am afraid it would
go safe but I can find
no other way to send it
so I will have to please find
victoria \$15,000 I would
like as soon as you get
this, to write me a line
weight off so I will know
Tell Cousin ~~John~~

Helen I am very much
pleased to hear of that piece
of samage to Brother Owen
for that lead pencil I am
writing with it now

My respects to all of my
friends & love to you
Brother
C. E. Goddard

it was I said no thing but
maids for the Regiment and
told Capt. H. C. Lester I did
not want a discharge he told
me I need not take it unless
I wanted to this is the way
the thing was arranged

Give my respects to
all of my friends like Cousin
Allen she must write to
me once and a while
Yours
C. E. Laddard

Washington Va

May 14th / 1862

Dear Mother I

wrote a few lines to you a day
or two ago & inclosed a few dollars
to you It was so near dispening
time when I sent it I could
not write much. You requested
me in your letter to keep my
discharge as a relic I will
send it to you and you can
do as you have a mind with
it if I keep it with me it
runs a good chance of being
lost. I would like to know
whose Bible that was you sent
me I do not recollect of ever
seeing it in our home I am
getting along fine now healthy
as could be expected that
shirt you sent me is just the
thing I wanted for I can work
it so much better than the

Government shirts they are
so stiff and white besides

I was very sorry to hear you had
come all the way to Washington
to see me and was disappointed

I suppose Orry is going to
School tell him I don't ^{mean}
to write as soon as he can
write I was in swimming yesterday
in the Pamunkey River

I was all covered with mud
when I came out it is not
as good a place to swim as in
the Mississippi. We had very
good news last night the
capture of Norfolk and the
blowing up of the Merrimack
also the reports of the Rebel
fleet on the Mississippi &
the sinking of two of their
boats I have Cousin Smith's
Goddards likeness in my
pocket I do not like to carry

it around so I will
do it up and send it
to you I suppose Corporal
Stobins told you about
my Bull Run escape I mean
could write to you and
tell you exactly how it
was. I will tell you how
I happened to get my discharge
papers I was laying on the
bed with my cloths on &
there was a Rebel come ⁱⁿ one
that did not belong to my
ward he asked me how bold
I was I supposed he only
wanted to know to satisfy
himself so I told him I was
17 years he did not say any
thing but continued to make
his rounds from room to room
and the first thing I knew
he handed me a discharge
I took it and saw what

Near the Chickahomony

Va May 30th 1862

General McClellens Army
General Sumner Corps
General Sedgwick Division
General Coimans Brigade
Colon Sullys first Minnesota
Regt Co K Commanded by
Capt Holtzmann. Dear Mother
I received your letter of the
18th of May a few days ago but
could not answer it imme-
diately for we were ordered off
on fatigue duty to build
a bridge across the Chickahom-
ony we returned last
evening. I was glad to hear
the money I sent to you got there
safe but very sorry to hear
that Brother Owen has had
a spell of sickness I hope he

will not get down sick

I do not think it is necessary for me to tell you that you need not expect the first Minnesota Regt home by harvest not if the war was over now as for holding us for 3 years the most of the women have come to the conclusion that they can if they want to but we do not expect to be held for that time you say that it is the rumor in Minnesota that the Government is a going to make a lot of Rebel prisoners harvest I would like to see them make in harvest if I was a prisoner yesterday there over 2000 part here we asked them if the whole Regt was there they said no but they was a coming Mother I want you to be very careful about letting any

body see my letters for we have had very strict orders not to write any thing that would give information to the enemy there is some times that I can write things to you that it would not do to have every body know if any body else writes and gives information I am not responsible

I am glad to hear Gran father is a going out in Minnesota for I think it will do him good

When I am discharged if I am discharged in Washington I will come around by Lewisburg and stop a few days please excuse bad writing for I am in a hurry love to little Owen and your self C. B. Lozano

Camp Near New Bridge Va
June 6th / 86

Dear Mother you have most likely received dispatches before this of the battle near New Bridge or Fair Oak Station there has been quite a battle here. On Saturday the 31st while in camp on the other side of the Chickahominy from here we heard heavy musketry about 10 o'clock in the forenoon & in the afternoon about 2 o'clock we were ordered out with one days rations and nothing but our equipments haversack & canteen also our rubber blankets slung across our shoulders we then marched out of camp crossed the Chickahominy and came over in the direction of Fair Oak Station. when we got pretty near the battle the wounded along the road began to grow thick & thicker as we neared the field

When we got on the field our Regt
took a position on the right flank
we had not laid long before we
saw the Rebels filing along in the
woods we were not allowed to fire
until the Rebels got nearer
they soon made a charge on
Ricketts Battery then we opened on
them also the boys on our left
and Ricketts firing in grape and
canister mowing them down like
mowing grass. there was a Rebel Lieu-
tenant and sergeant come in
to Co Kelins and gave them orders
up both of them wounded there
was about 40 of them come in to
the lines of the Regt among them
was a Col. We were ordered to
march for them they were forced to
fall back we laid on our arms
all night the next morning about
8 o'clock they commenced it again
but we whipped them before
noon this was the 11th. In the after-
noon I was over a portion of the
battle field I never saw so many
sights in my life Ricketts grape &
canister done good execution

time I am laying around doing
or doing nothing, when if I
had something to read I could
pass the time quite pleasant.
I dont know how you heard I
was sick in the Hospital for
I have not been sick since I
left Georgetown. You speaking
of eggs in your letter being only
10 cts when I would like very
much to have a few they are worth
from 40 to 50 cts a dozen butter
60 cts a pound ches. 4.00 to 5.00
a pound and every thing in pro-
portion, is very high you asked
me how I feel contented I
can say I do, as long as there
is a shibbole to subsist but if
they keep any longer than the

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The most of them seemd to be
shot in the head a very few in
the breast Our Regts lost but one
man killed and five wounded
we were not suspect to the enemy
for much I have been away
all the forenoon on fatigue duty
a carrying wounded & putting
them in the cars Mother if you
have any Harper Maggazines
a laying around the house I
wish you would send them
to me I want something to read
I can get the Virginia Paper from
our orderly sergeant there is so

War last I shall not be conten-
ted. My is here and as well
stands it first said he is expe-
cting a letter from home every
mail but is disappointed as there
as the mail comes I guess he does
not write home much or he would
surely get more letters from home
I expect Minna is growing
very fast well I am glad to
hear it is growing I received
your letter of the 25th while on
pickets 3 days ago. Mother I would
like to have you be very careful
about showing this letter for to
tell any one any thing that would
give the enemy information
if it were published. Write soon
or let me know how you are
getting along love to B & Sister
Over your son C. E. Lozada

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in to the field and get half of his men killed
off as he should. How very plain to see our General
McClellan is a General that economizes life
Whether you mark my word. Generals will be
remembered in history one of the greatest Generals that
that ever lived not excepting Napoleon Bonaparte
I see you have not received my letter that I wrote
directly after the fight. We had a man killed
by a Rebel gun, a piece of shell striking a log
and knocking the log against his head killing
him instantly. The boys all feel pretty well under
existing circumstances work most every day on
fatigue. This I think does us good but we have
to get up every morning at 3 o'clock which works
me endways but not withstanding the incon-
venience of doing it it's a splendid plan
not to be surprised. It is all right and
going well. We have no right to complain of
our Officers. They like to let us have easy times
when it aint against orders. I do not know
whether I spoke to you about sending me Harpers
Magazine in my other letter I meant to if I
did not any orders for 3 months back. What
you can send without putting you to trouble
The Spanish General and staff passed along
our line the other day. I give my love to

Brother Cassin and Friends
Your obedient son
C. E. Goddard
C. M. Smith

Fair Oak Station June 15/1862

Dear Mother I received your kind letter of the 1st June. On that same day you were writing your letter we were drawn up in line expecting ~~an~~ a Regt of Rebels to make their appearance out of the woods opposite us as the musketry on the left flank of our line was growing louder and louder every minute. I did not think that you were engaged writing a letter to me. I was thinking more about giving the secret the due ~~share~~ than any thing I know of. You asked me if I got the news we get all the news you do and in shorter time but they cost 15- to 20 cts a paper but if one gets a paper he tells the others so we manage to distribute the news. In regard to our living we never did like the living we get even at Fort Melling we did not like it but we did not insist for the living but to put down the Rebellion and are going to do it if I am not very much mistaken I think if I live to be much older and am not killed or sick that I will walk into the Confederate Capital when little Mr. says ready when comes the day of war I would like to know what the people generally think ^{of Mr. McClellan} I have heard they did not think much of him. Now Mother I want to know if you are going to allow Greely to make you believe that Mr. Clallen is not the man we want to lead this army for I have a lurking idea that it is him that has put it in to the people's head giving his reasons says he is not go ahead enough. for you can plainly see he dont go

Chari Oak Station Va

June 1862

Dear Mother To day is
so hot and sultry that I find
I can do nothing else but write
to you. I wrote a few lines to you
in answer to your letter of the
1st June have received none since
We are still in the same old
place Chari Oak station. My health
still continues good Elly is not
unwell Sam Robbins has not felt
well for some days. Jack but is
fast getting over it. Charley North
is well & I hope you is not as
well as he might be but I dont
think it will last long. In your
next letter tell me how many
Boarders you have got or if you
have any I suppose Laurel Horton's
Mill is a running the same as was

as usual. I was reading one
of the Monroe papers the other
day and I find the people of
Virginia are going to have a fine time
the fourth of July I hope they will
have a nice time I would like
very much to be there but can't
very well for Uncle Sam has invited
me to go over to Richmond with
him and I promised him I
would if I could I saw General
McClellan yesterday he got off
of his horse and went in to
the house and sat a while with
our Conel he would be acquainted
with him before the war broke
out. How can I imagine how I
hate this country I wouldnt live
here in Virginia for a good fair
if I had to stay my length of
time. The spurs of some of the
churches in Richmond can

be seen up here at the house.
by climbing a tree that stands
there. I expect every day to hear
something of our Gun Boats
at Fort Darling. We are going to have
a mass of dried apples for supper.
These are the first we have drawn
since we left Fort Snelling I think
they are very good for the health
of the troops I would like it
if they would give them to
us in place of the whiskey
as I do not use the article
it does not do me much good
The enemy attacked our center
to day but did not make much
by it only pickets fired Give my
best respects to Uncle John C
and Aunt Polly and to all of
my friends My love to Brother
Owen and a good share
to your self your Son C. Goddard

[Enclosed in letter of Dec 7, 1925]

Smith, Aug. 14, 1925

[1861]

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

_____ , of Captain _____
 _____ Company, (_____) of the _____ Regiment of United States
 _____ , was enlisted by _____ , of _____
 the _____ Regiment of _____ , at _____
 on the _____ day of _____ , 186 _____ , to serve _____ years; he was born
 in _____ in the State of _____ , is _____
 years of age, _____ feet _____ inches high, _____ complexion, _____ eyes,
 _____ hair, and by occupation when enlisted a _____ . During the last two
 months said soldier has been unfit for duty _____ days. (Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

STATION :

DATE :

_____ Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said _____ of
 Captain _____ Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of
 (Here consult par. 1134, p. 245, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.) _____
 _____ years of age.

 _____ Asst Surgeon.

DISCHARGED this _____ day of _____ , 186 _____ , at _____

_____ Commanding the Post.

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.
 NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town— _____ County— _____ State— _____

CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE

In the case of

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a *Co.*

.....
Reg't of

2464

Received (A. G. Office), 186 . . .

Pennsylvania Regt this one is
a Captain, on this retreat he saw
one of our boys and enquired after
me but I happened to be away
at the time since I have been
here I tried to get to see the 5th
Regt but could not he was unwell
at the time the boys saw him
the Intermittic fever I believe
is what troubles him.

Ch is all right also Charly
Worth John Lyman Sam Stebbins
I received another letter from
you to day some later than
the other one I was so glad
to get your letter. I hope you
^{had} will have a nice time the fourth

I am in such a hurry
to get this in the office
before the mail goes out

I stand the fatigue of the
march just a bit

C. L. Goddard

Near City Point James River
Va July 6th 1862

Dear Mother I received your kind
letter yesterday which I had been
expecting for some time also those
Magazines while at Fair Oaks
I was very glad to get them but
was obliged to throw them away
when only partly read you will
hear of McClellens retreat long before
this reaches you so it will only
be necessary for me to state that
we have spent completely the ret-
reat we are very much fatigued &
worn out but will soon be over
it. During the retreat we were
in two engagements the battle of
Savage Station & White Oaks
swamp I do not know the exact
loss of the Regt but heard it was
30 killed wounded & missing I
know that there was one man
(as brave a man as ever lived earth)

in our company who was killed
at Savage station. Sergeant Burgess
Collier bearer for the Regt. All of wounded
and missing are in the
Rebels hands now, as night came
on we were obliged to continue our
retreat and leave them. Fighting
day times and marching nights
almost killed the men, getting
no sleep no time to make a cup
of coffee will naturally wear a man
out. I think with all this thing has
been well managed I think more
of McClellan to day than I did at
Fair Oaks and Land Kroves I strong
ht enough of him than. One
thing is sure every time the
Rebels come on to us we gave them
a sound thrashing while we were
at Savage station in line of battle
we laid on the ground from sun
down to 3 o'clock in the morning
and during the night I could
hear the Rebels taking off their ^{wounded}

they would run from one man
to an other and very often you
here lay a pile of south Carolina
us. I did not like to leave our
wounded on the field, but it
had to be done. You speak of the
fourth day of July makes me think
how I spent the fourth first in the
morning I went down to the
James River and washed my feet
and put on a pair of dry socks the
first thing was very necessary as you
will see when I tell you my feet
had been wet for two days. The next
thing was to go to camp and
when little Mc come around
to give three cheers for him
then I finished the day by
making my self a good cup
of coffee and a good mess of
fried crackers. You spoke of a
Colonel Chamberlain in your
letter. he must be some relation
to the Chamberlain in the 52

July something great
I stand over most all
day yesterday eat dinner
at his quarters the first
time I have eat-off of any
kind of a stone plate
since I left Washington
for Cinica miles. I am in
hopes we will have some
pay in a short-time
the 34th got part of their
pay at Fair Oaks and
they are in the same
Bread with ~~out~~ us
Expenses very exp. parts of

Brother Orry
I Got your nice letter
When Mothers come now
Be a good Boy your
Brother, C. E. Goddard
Give my best respects
to all of my friends to
Cousin William Tom
Norton or the children of
single mother Thomas Norton

I got my letter from you

[July 10, 1862]
Dear Harpers Landing
Va July 8th 1862
Dear Mother. Its day is
so warm I hardly know
what to do with my self
so I thought I would set
down and write a few lines
to you & Brother Owen I
hope he is well. I do not
like to read about him
having the fever & ague
every time I open home
letters. I dont think this
will continue when he
gets proved up for I
have an idea he will
grow stout and healthy
when he is a little older
We are in the same place
we was when I wrote a
few days ago but then
I did not know exactly
where where we was but

know we were near City Point since then we have
learnt where we are by the General's order as he
headed his order Parison Landing. For the past
few days it has been extremely warm and the
heat with the fatigue of our march is making a
great many of our men sick Sam Stebbins is down
but not very bad. Edgar Chapman is in the Regt
Hospital he is sick also. El is all right so is my
self John & yma & Charly North are all right
Barnes has not been feeling well for some time
but is not down sick. Honest Old Abe was
up to see us yesterday passed along our lines
Cannon over fired & the troops cheered him
every place he went until I saw him last night
there was only one person that was ahead of
little ~~Mc~~^{Mc} and that was the honest boy's plite
This is the first time I ever saw the President.
When we come past Savage Station some of
the boys saw a man that was enquiring for
me he said he belonged to the 52nd P.V. Yesterday
I took a notion to hunt up the 52nd so
I went over to Peck's Division & found the 52nd
also the Captain and it proved to be Capt. Chamblain

him any of the little satires
he would like to have for
the suttler store is always
crowded so full that a person
can hardly get up to buy any
thing. Tell Susan Mrs I am
not offendid at her writing
to me nor did I neglect to
answer her letters if my letters
did not get to her it was
some fault in the carrying of
the mail not my fault.
I have not saw her Brother
since I left York Town

The preacher Mr Keall of
this Regt has gone home he
was not the kind of a man
we wanted we want such
a one as O Donogh he is
the kind of a man
I don't think you would
of got an answer to your
letter right away if it had
been for the postage stamp you
sent for I hadent any
nor any money to get any.

Give my best respects to
all of my friends
love to Brother

C E Goddard

Near Harrison Landing

July 17th / 62

Dear Mother I received your
kind and interesting
letter of the 6th & 7th of this
month. A letter from you
is what I had been expecting
for a long time but it seemed
that almost every mail brought
a letter for everyone but me I
thought there must be some
letter of mine mislaid as I
read in your letter that you
had wrote several to me and
I know they did not all of
them come. I was very anxious
to hear from Annina to hear
the particukulars from you.
as I read in the news paper
some time ago about the fire
it made me feel an interest
for our little City, to know that
it was burnt was not enough

for me I wanted to know how
it-cought & who were the prin-
ciple losses. I feel so sorry for Mr
Ely & family they will have a hard
now. I suppose he will most likely go
out on his farm and commence
farming I am also sorry to hear
Uncle lost anything for he was
barely getting along when I left
there 40 francs is not much
for some men to lose but it
will set him back a good deal
Mr Miller lost considerable I suppa-
ose I wonder what he will go
into next do you think he will
ll commence store keeping. We still
continue at the same old
place. Harrison's Landing nothing
seems to be going on most likely
waiting for the army to receive
it up & in good spirits. I
met Capt Chamberlin the other

day a coming up from the
river he is in good spirits
& seems quite well. he was
wounded in the stomach at
the battle of Fair Oaks (by a buck
shot I believe) knocking him
over at first but he soon got
over that. Things are pretty cheap
in Virginia I mean such things
as whiskey \$5.00 per bottle ginger
cakes 3^{cts} a piece paper 2^{cts} a
piece chess 50^{cts} per pound &
scarcely at that. green peas can
50^{cts} per can the cans are about
as big as that small paper box
you want to have. butter \$2.50
a can the cans are as big as
your small tin milk cans. very hard to get
lettuce \$1.00 a plug. mustard
can't be got very often but when
a person can get any it is
50^{cts} a bottle. A sick man will
stand no chance to get him

Near Harrison's Landing
Va July 20th / 62

Dear Mother

I wrote a few lines to
you a day or two ago &
told you in my letter
I thought we would
be paid off in a few
days. This morning we
were paid and what was
due the government for
clothes over the amount
allowed us which is \$75.00
a year was deducted from
our whole amount and
the remainder paid to us
I did not begin to be in
debt to the Government for
clothes as much as some
of our boys. I paid \$9.25. My
paid all of his wedges but.

\$3.00 & one Corporal in
our Company paid all
but $2\frac{1}{2}$ that was all that
was left & that he owed the
Sutler, another \$2.00 more which
he could not pay of course
I will tell you how we come
to be so much in debt
when we was at Fort
Snelling they issued clothing
to us at Government prices
that over state cloths & the
cloths would not last a
person over eight hardly
this is where they got the
start of us, and we come
out in debt, Mother I could
send you two or three dollars
now but I am afraid I
might get sick and
that is where a fellow
needs a little money to get
such things as he needs

and besides it costs so
much more here than
it does at Wmone that
I have to save so much
more, I am well & so is
all of the boys, Stubbins is
pretty near well.

I am just as healthy
as I probably could be
Give my best respects
to all of my Friends
& C. M. Smith
C. C. Goodland

To my Brother
Oren Smith
Write me as soon
as you get this so I
may know that it is
true all at
you will find \$11.00
enclosed.

I am afraid of Brother
Health in a good
manner of your letters
you have spoken of his
being sick or complain-
ing. I am very anxious
about his health and
when he is sick all-
ways write to me and
let me know. I sent
a few dollars the other
day to you if he needs any
thing boots or cap coat-
or pants get them for
him and your self
Mother if you need a
new dress dont try to
save any I give you
use it for the health
of yourself and Owen.
The pay master said
we would get another
payment in 10 days
but we cant rely on him
for what he says for he
is subjected to orders the
same as our selves.

Camp Near
Harrison's Landing

July 20th / 62

Dear Mother I
received your kind
letter of the 16th & it
brought sad news to me
the news of Gran Mother's
death. I did not have
the slightest thought
of Gran Mother dying
you had told me in
your last letter that
she was sick but I
did not think that
her sickness was so
serious I think if any
body gets to heaven it will
be her for she was a
devoted christian I
believe, she was so kind
to folks around her,
she always was very kind
to me and looked out for

my interest - she is
far better off where she
is than in this world
You think because
The Government calls
for some more troops
that - we are getting the
worst of the bargain but
I think you would have
a different opinion of
things if you were live
ing in the Confederate
States. You must remem-
ber that - the Army
of the Potomac has been
in a few battles and
in an unhealthy part
of the country which
greatly retards their
ranks, but the Army
of the Potomac is far
from a demoralized
Army yet, if you had

but - seen the respective
Corps of this Army on
review the other day
you would say that
is a splendid Army
(I am proud to say
that - General Sumner
complimented the
19th Massachusetts and
1st Regiment Minnesota
Vol for the manner
in which they passed
him in review, & they
were an honor to their
States. he said, this
was read to us on
dress parade) but
Mother I make allowan-
ces for the people of
Winona for being
down hearted for after
our retreat - the news
must of been discourag-
ing at first but are better now

I am not one of those
persons that think that
England and France
are going to interfere
unless we rush things
it seems France has
about enough to do
with Mexico and that
England hasnt going
to interfere alone I am
sartin for Russia is
watching her like a
dog would a bone then
I have a lurking idea
that England thinks
it pretty thickish business
a pecking around Ameri-
can affairs, Tell Uncle
I thank them for the
kindness they show
to you and Brother
Owen Give my respects to
Grandfather and all of my
friends. I sent Smith Goodland

like mess just a day
I dont know whether
you will receive it or not
General Posters Corps
received to day.

I am quite healthy
now in fact I have
not been sick at all
only felt kind of played
out - not off of duty since
I been here.
Please mention in your
letters the date of my letters
you receive if I dont forget
to date them,

Write soon
C E Gardner

wait for me for Uncle Sam has got a mortgage
on me for three years or during I don't like
to hear you say you hate to use the money
I send home for I consider I owe a good
deal more than money can pay and I
have writt to you to use all I send for
there is not much and what there is
will help you along some I recued
Kingdom come when I was at Fair Oaks
but was obliged to throw it away when I thrurow
my knapsack I don't know where you ever
got your news from in regard to General McClellan
not allowing the troops to sing Patriotic songs
it is something very new to me and it will
take something pretty weighty to make me
believe it. I don't think much like you
do I want the slaves to be kept for extra
duty men not for soldiers we can do
the fighting but it is the hard work
that kills us digging trenches building
breast works picketing &c

My love to ~~you~~ Yours by
Aunt Lolly C. F. Goodard
& Brother

Two of our Boys that were
taken prisoners on the
reheat were exchanged
they got here this morning
I there names are
Joseph Reynolds & Bill Winstell
My best respects
to all of my
friends

Harrison's Landing

August 7th / 62

Dear Mother

I have just this morning returned
from an expedition up to Malvern Hill
We left here the evening of the 4th marching
most all night and evening up with the
enemy the morning of the 5th but they
would not stand for as soon as they found
we were on them they took the back door
for Richmond or even their own cavalry
& artily pursuing them but they could
not catch them with out endangering
them selves We staid there the 5th and
on the evening of the 6th we started back
here we had a real pleasant time we
camped on Malvern Hills where the cool
breeze from the river bottom struck us
but if it had not been for the shade of
the apple & peach trees around us the
breeze would do no good for the sun
was hot enough to bake a person then
we had good water and being up so
high that we could see the country all
around us then in the evening we
could walk over the ground looking at

The young that showed what destination
of life had been going on at the battle of
Malvern Hills, a great many of the gun
Boat shells were laying around on the field
showing where they had tore up the earth
I measured them with my hands and
I should judge they were about 20 inches
long, they make a little noise I reckon when
they go through the air I received your letter
of the 21st July just before we started and
was unable to answer it for we were going
right off and when I got back I received
yours of the 31st July giving me the good
news that the money I sent you had
got home for I knew that if any body would
think there was any money in it they
would open it and take it out consequently
I felt uneasy about it I hope you enjoyed
yourself when you were out in the country
you must not allow your thoughts to be
all on the war I see that you have en-
gaged Cousin Hellen to enquire if I
write to any girls I don't think there is
any need to go to all that trouble for I could
just as well tell you as her I only write
to Cousin Sylvia, Gertrude and I write to her
very seldom I have write to her twice since I

have been on the Peninsula and I
write to her more to find out how Cousin
Smith got along going over the plain
to California I have received no answer
I have write over or twice to Susan
and Cousin Hellen, Indeed I have done
things else to do than to make love
to the woman you spoke about going
and tend to the sick Soldiers in the
Hospital and that you would like to
be with the 1st Minn Reg I would no
more allow you to come in this Regt
as a nurse for you would have to walk
when we marched I saw two women
on the last retreat in the mud up above
there was a following along almost gave out
the artillery horses coming along I patted
and all over them I pitied them more
than any soldier I ever saw for they most
likely come in the army for the same purpose
you want to they looked like respectable women
and one of them quite a delicate Ladies like
looking person I consider myself military
General of our family and I don't allow you to
make such a rash move as that, as for
the money I send home I suppose you
could claim me money and all but you would have to

them a little if they kept
a following us up so when
we came to a rain in the road
Colonelully ordered the two
traces of artillery to be planted
and we forger on both
side of them. it was begining
to get dark fast now and I
we kept very still we could
hear the Rebels artlry a
rattling over the stones a
following us up pretty
soon we heard a clattering
of hoofs and pretty soon
there was a lot of cavalry
came up to the top of
the hill and Colonel July
stepped out of the edge of the
woods and hall tell them
with who goes there
the man replied me
the Colonel found out that
he was Rebel Cavalry ordered
us to fire at the same
moment the artlry come
near and fired a couple
of shots when our artlry stopped
we could hear the Rebels
officers a trying to rally them
but it seemed impovisable
they went back a yelling

Sept 4th 1862 Maryland
Dear Mother I have
received several letters
from you since I last
wrote which was at
Harrisons Landing. we
since then we have been
constantly on the march
or stowed away on some
Ocean Steamer. We left
Harrisons Landing the 6th
of August and ~~arrived~~
marched by the way
of Yorktown to Newport
News about 45 or 50 miles
we then took the transpor
to for Alexandria being on
water 3 days we marched
out of Alexandria 4 miles
and camped staid one day
and wer ordered to Chain
Bridge marching all night

got there in the morning and staid there until
dark at night when we were ordered to support General
Pope we soon got under way and marched all
night until soon the next day we arrived at
Centerville where General Popes army was then
encamped. we staid over night there and in the
morning the trains and army commenced to
retreat toward Chain Bridge and Summers
Corps were to cover ~~the~~ the retreat and toward night
the troops had all got away and we commenced to
march after them. we marched all night and
encamped at Fairfax Court house in the morn-
ing staid all day and ~~and~~ commenced to retreat
again as it became dark. from Fairfax Court
house General Gommans Brigade was to cover
the retreat of General Sedgwick. General Sedgwick
was covering the retreat of Popes army but Gommans
Brigade was the rear of Sedgwick and the 1st Minn
Regt with two pieces of artillery was to cover the
rear of Gommans Brigade as it began to grow
near sun down the Rebels began to push us
pretty hard throwing shells in to the rear of our
wagon train and Col Sulz thought best to check

we then were allowed to
retreat in peace until
we got to Balls crossroads
when a squad of our Cavalry
thinking us Rebels charged
through our ranks (it being
dark they could not tell)
firing their carbines as
they passed our men divided
and some went in the woods
on one side of the road and
some on the other, and
firing our muskets as
they passed there was about
15 killed & wounded, ~~and~~

After that blunder we
got to Chain Bridge
and encamped here
We have been with out
clean shirts for 4 weeks
and ^{had} not time to wash
those we have on you may
bet we are used up soldiers

our knap sacks having
been sent on hands from
from Danisons Landing and
all our clothes in them
but those on our backs

Please excuse bad writing
and take your time
to make it out
for I think it will
take you some time

My best respects to all of
my friends

Good by Mother
C. E. Goodland

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and Owen are getting along
whether he is going to
school I hear that the
Governor has postponed
the draft until the 6th
Oct. I suppose he will proceed
on to the Indians with
a vengeance

Give my love
to Brother Wren
and the best quality
and a good quantity
to your self

Best. Respects

to all of my Friends

If Green Fether is
there tell him I am
glad of it, for I think he
will enjoy himself

Good By Mother

Chas. J. Don

1st Regt. Minn. Vols

Camp Near Rockville
Maryland Sept 8th 1862

Dear Mother

I wrote a few lines
to you while at camp
near Chain Bridge it was
written so miserable that
I regretted sending it after
it was gone After leaving our
camp near Chain Bridge we
took up our line of march
toward Edwards Ferry until
we got to our present camp
we did not know that the
Rebels were in Maryland but
we had not been here long
before a squad of our Cavalry
reported the Rebels in Poolesville
We are all right and prepared
for them I am inclined to
think that our Generals want
the Rebels to get in Maryland

and let them make their way up to Pennsylvania
and we will have a good squad of them in the back up
if I dont miss my guess I hear the Indians have burnt
Mountain City and are playing foul generally I would
like very much to take one of their scalps and exter-
minate the whole race But if they come to Winona
I hope the brave men of that City will not get panick
stricken but will stand up to the sack and play
generally around their ears with lead slugs I have
not much fear for you there if I had I would desert
and come home But as it is I feel like giving the
Kets down in this direction the best gun we have
in the whole house. Mother I am afraid you may be
hard up for a little money but I cant help you
any until we get our pay there is 4 months pay due
us now but for some reason or other we are not paid
I suppose you think that the Kets are going to walk
right in to Washington if you are very much mistaken
We are getting pretty well rested now we have had
a chance to get a clean shirt and wash ourselves
and sleep one night without being disturbed
Charly North John Geyre Chas. Ely are all right and
getting along well Write and let me know how you

Sept 19 1862

You will see that I have
got 10 killed wounded &
missing, the one missing
has returned leaving 9 killed
& wounded

And
On the Battle field
near Fortification Caek, Sept 19th
Dear Mother: The Battle
ground, which we now
are in possession of. There
was on each side a display
of the bloodiest contests of the
War, & many of the brave
soldiers of the Union Army
as well as those of the Con-
federate Army have with the sword
while sustaining their colors
Our Regts have lost a good
many. The loss of the Regt I
do not know but the loss of
our company was 10 killed and
wounded. And missing Capt
G D Holborn; Corporal William
Smith, Joseph William
Martin, killed; J. Mornings
Sergeant D B Dooly, Chap. Country
man J. Burgess, H C Hinters

Corporal Carpenter wounded
I inclose a lock of Corporal
William Smith's hair which
I wish you would please give
to his Mother. (if you can't
find out her whereabouts
advertise in the Virginia
Daily for the residence
of his mother of Corporal
William Smith of Co K 1st
Regt Maryland Vols) Tell her
that he fought bravely while
sustaining the stand and
stripes. His remains will
be seen to by the boys of
K company, Chas. Ely is all
right and come out with out
a scratch also Chas. North John
Lynn Hiram Bink. If the
honours of war cannot be
seen on this battle field they can't
be seen any where. The Rebels
bought well. I will give them

credit for that, In Maryland
it seems more like fighting
at home. The citizens came
with their buggies and
waggons to carry off the wounded
Union soldiers, which you may
bet did not do in Virginia
We very much regret the
loss of our good and brave
Captain the boys thought
all the world of him. We
buried him at midnight
the night after the Battle, and
for the life of me I could
not help but think of the
burial of Sir John Moore
All the boys we lost over time
soldiers and beloved by all
the company (Please give
my best respects to all of
my friends and love to Mother
Ours
Chas. E. Goddard

Boliver Heights Va.

Sept 28th 1862

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter dated the 10th of Sept. day before yesterday and was glad to hear from home. I wrote a few lines to you on the Battle field of Antietam stating the number of killed and wounded out of our Co. You will see by the heading of my letter I called the ground where we fought the Battle field of Antietam that is what some of the citizens told me was the name of the creek that runs close by there or at least I understood them so but since I have found out different - I was glad when we were ordered to march from there for the starch was getting to be very bad and unhealthy. We are now encamped on Boliver Heights. Boliver Heights are quite healthy but very scarce of wood and water and as the boys have to make their own coffee and eat their own meat they very much

dislike the camp ground Poor Brother
Ory I am so sorry for this little fellow
I hope he will not be troubled with
the ague long, it is one of the most
detestable diseases a person can have
Tell Brother that if any body abuses
him to jest him to them that
he has a big brother in the army
that may some day return when
he will proceed immediately to
settle up all these little accounts
I would like to know what you
think of little M. by this, it is
my candid opinion that he is
the best man on the job I think
we will stay in this camp some
time but it is impossible for
a person to tell I hear some grand
stories about Indian fighting up
in Minnesota by what I have heard
I should judge they are getting the
upperhand of the brave men of Minn
I would like to know if all of the
Indians that you'd be around Wm
have left or still remain around
The men that was taken ^{prisoners} at Wapere
Gerry here have been ordered to Minn to

fight Indians. They think they will have
a fine time. Some of them was
talking with boys in our company
and said they would a great deal
rather fight Indians because they had
nothing but bows and arrows to shoot.
I think such men as these had better
be sent home. God by Give my best

respects to all of my
Famonds
Chas. E. 1st Regt

Bolivian Heights Va
Oct. 3rd 1862

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 25th arrived duly at hand on the 3rd day of this month. Some how I never knew Brother was as sick as he is your own spoke of him not feeling very well but I did not imagine he was down sick. I hope he will soon get well. You said there was a lady at your house to know if her son Ben Harison was in the 1st Regt. yet. The band has all been discharged and left at Harris-son's Landing. I know nothing farther about him I supposed he was home before this time. Tell William Smith's Mother that her son was shot in the head by a musket ball and killed instantly.

he was acting as file closer and it seemed as if the ball went right through the ranks and struck him in the rear he had not time to say anything. Do you remember Sheriff King of Wmson
I saw him on the battle field of Antietam I think he said he was a surgeon in Gov Cutlers P. B. State Militia he had come down from where they were incamped to see the dead I think that he said they were incamped between Hagerstown and Williamsport
I saw a list of the killed and wounded in the ^{1st} Union printed in the Union daily I would advise the Editor of the daily to try and get a more reliable correspondent he has got - John Manning of our Co. in Co. A and a great many other things not worth, Charley C. Charles North John Lynd N. D. Brink are all well also my self. I don't like for you to put my letter in the Union daily.
Give my love to Brother Orren
C. E. Goodland 1st Regt

Bolivian Heights
Oct 9th/68

Dear Mother

It has been our good fortune to be paid, and I am again able to send you a few Dollars which I hope may get through safe and do you some good. I am very sorry to tell you that our Sergeant D. B. Dooly died on the 6th day of this month from a wound received in the action of the 17th of Sept. he seemed to be doing very well when we started to come up here, but the doctor says his wound commenced to discharge very freely and at first discharged out of the wound, but for some reason or other it commenced to discharge inside and it brought on the fever and he died.

Daddy was liked by all and
was a good Soldier. he was
acting Orderly Sargent at the
time of the battle. I would like
to know if Ory is any better
I am so afraid the little fellow
is going to have a spell of sickness
maybe you can get him some
things that will help him and
dont forget yourself Mother

Nothing more at
present Your Son C. C. Goddard

You Well friend enclosed
\$30,00 thirty Dollars

Bolivar Heights Va Oct 23rd 1862

Dear Mother

You would be surpris'd and would scold me I am afraid if I tell you that I have rec^d 4 letters from you since I last wrote but the sled is done and I am at your mercy I have no excuse to offer, only negligence on my part. I have felt very anxious about that money ever since I started it off. For the day after I sent the letter there was a man caught robbing the mail. I consider my self very lucky. I do not eat tobacco as you supposed but I will confess I smoke and I find my pipe a companion I would be very sorry to lose it. Fair Oaks when we ever over picket in those tall lines I found my pipe to be my best friend. I have not bought me boots and gloves yet, because it is not near enough winter we will be paid before it is cold enough to wear gloves. You want any picture again but you will have to wait until some future time for the diganians soon is so crowded every day that it is so hard to get one as you like. My health is very good I could not wish for better health. I am not much afraid of hurting my self by long marches nor heavy duty at least I come in the army to stand my chances with the rest and now I am going whole hog and more. You wanted to know how I felt when I went in to an engagement I will not tell you know but when I get home you shall know all about it for I am afraid Mother you would not feel any the better for it some things would seem pretty hard

You want me to write long letters when you know it
is not my nature to sit down for a couple of hours and
write a long let. if you insist on it I shall have to
reduce the number I cant stand the penne if I was
at home I would make an effort I dont mean at
home but if I was living like a white man. You want to
know if I want to leave the Army now I would like
to say much but I have settled my mind to never
leave until I am discharged and the war is settled
unless I am crippled then I could not stay any how if I wanted
to. I know that there is friends to you there that would never
allow you to suffer but I dont like to be in debt so I would
rather you take the money I send home and buy your
self and Brother Owen such clothes for winter as that money
will buy. The boys are all getting long fine none of them are
sick except Stebbins he is away in the Hospital, it is a
hardy crew that come from your house. I like this
Camp very well. that is I like the ground right
around here for a camp but it seems that the men
in command pick out the very worst place to camp
and they have done so this time

My love to Brother Owen.

Y. Respects to all of my Friends

Chas. E. Gooden

Give my best respects to
Brother Low

Falmouth Va
Sunday November 23^d / 1860

Dear Mother If my memory
does not fail me I have not wrote
to you since we left Bolinas Heights.

The mails have been so very irregular
that if I wrote a letter I would have
to carry it a week before I could send
it off. I can tell you it does not
require a great length of time in our
five ket to run a letter out. I have just
returned from meeting. Mr Reverend
(Mr) Conway of Winona delivered his first
sermon to the 1st Regt to day. I suppose
you know him. he is a methodist, and
you sit live up near Lewises house

I am very glad to hear the city of Winona
is being rebuilt. I cannot help but
think that it will make Winona a
City such a one as it should although
it has been a great loss to some of the firms
they cant help but think of the money
they have made there and will rebuild

much finer buildings, such as are
in progress now. The railroad in
Winona I hear is being completed fast
and that will make Winona quite a
grain depot as well as all the produce
of a farm. grain will be bought in
the country and shipped to Winona on
the cars & from there to the Eastern
market on board of the boats, or the
farmers will ship their own grain
to Winona and sell it to grain buyers
in the City. We are paying very high
prices for every thing we get here tobacco
is from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a plug and smoking
tobacco \$5.75 a paper Ches 50 ^{cts} per ¹⁰⁰ lbs
flour 10 ^{cts} per pound, peas \$1.50 a peck
and beef 15 ^{cts} per pound and can hardly
get any of these things at these prices
The weather has been very fine until
the last day or two it has been disagree-
ble, I hardly feel any interest in this
war since General McClellens removal
it was a grand mistake and I think

they will see the day they took
him from the command of the army
of the Potomac. They will keep Gen
Burnside in a little while and
then the Editors of the ^{papers} through the Coun-
try will raise the cry, he is doing nothing
and the people will take it up after
them, until the President thinks he
had better put another one in, and
let old stone wall Jackson get after
him, and chase him back to
Washington. Then they will begin
to think there is no man in the world
like little McClellan after all

Give my love to Grotus Crew

And best respects to all of
My Friends

Your son C. L. Goddard

We are not far from the
City of Fredericksburg it is just
a crop the Rappahannock River
The Rebels are in possession of
the city

I have no postage stamps now
can I get any here so I will have to mark
it soldiers letter and you can pay the postage

Dec 3rd
I have since yesterday
got a postage stamp
of one of my comrades
It is raining and
hailing like every thing.
there is fair prospects of wet weather for
some time

I have this envelopes
direction and Soldiers
letter on it but will not
change it now

Falmouth, Va.
Dec 4th 1862

Dear Mother: I received your kind letter
of the 16th of Nov. informing me you had a grand
entertainment for the benefit of the sick Soldiers. Nothing
gives me more pleasure than to hear that the Ladies
of Falmouth are doing so much for those who really need that
help, I am so very glad to hear that you are in such good
health. There is very little going on here now and I
do not think there will be much done as long as Gen
Burnside is in command. I have no confidence in
him New York papers dated 3rd state that he is likely to
be removed. I do really hope so. General Hooker will be the
next one I think. It will be little time before long
that is the day I long to see. The people of the United
States will learn before long that it requires a little time
to move an Army of this size. Falmouth is one of the
most God-forsaken places I ever saw in my life. The inhabit-
ants that are around in the street, standing or leaning
up against the corner look as if they had not a friend
in the world. And if you ask them how they like
these visitors, "Right smart," will be their answer and you
cant get a nother word out of them, the greater part of
them do not know how to read and write. On our

last tramp through Va via Ashby gap and Mountain
I was sent to a farm house to guard their property they are
kind hearted people but very ignorant. there was not one
of his family that could read or write and he had a
host of children he had never been 50 miles from home
in his life. and even in Ind there is families that have lived
all their life within 10 miles of Washington and never was
there in their life. one said they seem to have the least desire
to see the Capitol. We can hardly blame such people as
these for being Rebels. they have been taught to think that
the Yankees were coming to take their property away from
them and the only way for them to save their property would
be to join the Rebel Army. the leading traitors have put this in
their heads and you cannot get it out of their heads

(I am very sorry for Ruben Black but it cant be helped. there
has been more than one poor fellow put his name down for
Uncle Sam's service thinking he would have a fine time
but would await, alas to late, and find him self in a bad
scrape. Ruben is in the Mounted Rangers is he not.) Since
we have been here we have not had near enough to eat - I
suppose it is on account of the rail road not being in
repair from the mouth of Aquia Creek to the Rappahannock
Flour is only 25 Dollars a barrel here and 60 there is a plug

I tried to get a couple of pounds of flour the other day the man
showed one corn flower that he said was a little sour, and that

it was only worth 10^{cts} a pound I concluded I would go
without. We have had a great deal less rain so far this fall
than I expected. the roads are very bad. We have heard that
Sam Bettins was going to get his discharge I do hope he may
for I dont think he can stand the fatiguing marches the Army
have to undergo & beside Sam is a really manly man, and I
have no doubt he is very anxious to get home. Cy is in fine health
but nearly as dark as an Indian he is in fine spirits
Charly North is well and good health, and often works for a meal
at Mrs Smiths John Lyons has enlisted in the 1st Regular
Cavalry for the remainder of his 3 years. William Bink is well also
At one time when we were at Bolivar nearly the whole Regt was
going to enlist in the 1st Regular Cavalry but they stopped recruit-
ing and that was the only thing that saved our Regt. or they would of
been scattered through the different Cavalry & Artillery Regts

(I tell you that you came very near having a son in the Cavalry
for at that time there was a great deal of talk about a Winter
campaign and I thought I could serve it better on horse
back than on foot. but it hapens so I could not go.) Lieutenant
John Ball is assigned to Co G of this Regt and is first Lieutenant
he was our orderly sergeant at Camp Stone M.D. Joseph Periam
is our Captain we like him much better than we did when we
first came in the service. (I have heard that Mr. Kennedy
is in Winona if so he will be entering a great dash around
there I expect. My love to Brother Orin Good by Mother) (I had done

Camp Near Falmouth Va

December 16th / 1862

Dear Mother I received your kind letter some time ago but could not answer it for at the time we were under marching orders and were liable to move at any moment. We have just returned from the fight at Fredericksburg our Regt did not lose many men for we supported a battery during the battle and could not be reached by the musketry but were under a continual fire from the enemys heavy guns. Mother I do wish you could see the city of Fredericksburg after the Union Soldiers had been in a day. They were allowed to go where they pleased, any thing any of them wanted they could

go to the houses and get. every thing was turned up side down
houses that- were furnished splendid had there furniture all
scattered over the floor. I saw in one of the houses a set of silver ware
that- was not worth less than \$500 and there was 4 volumes of books
that- if I had them home I would give 50 dollars. nice pianos sat all
around the streets and the boys were playing on them. splendid china
ware all scattered over the buttry jars of preserves bottles of wine butter
sugar pickles flower watches gold pens paintings nice turkey carpets
Ladies bonnets silk dresses splendid lounges. matreps. in fact any
thing a millioan could wish for was scattered all around. This is
the first town I have saw pilaged since I have been in the service
I do wish you could of seen us some had fiddles playing there while
others danced. you could not of helped laughing. we did have a
fine time Good by Mother

My love to Brother Green
Your son C C Goddard

Camp Near Falmouth Va December 22nd 1862

Dear Mother I received your kind letter dated the 20th and 21st of this month. I was very much surprised to hear that Brother Chen was sick. I can sympathize ^{with} him for I know what the sneeds are for I have had them since I have been in the service and I want to ask you if I ever had them when I was young. I have heard that after a person has had them once they will never have them again. if I ever had them when I was young, I certainly have had them twice in my life. We are still incamped on our old grounds and have put up quite comfortable wood houses with our shelter tents, for a roof, and we have very good fire places made of stone, so that we can warm our apartments. I would like to know what you think of General Burnside by this time for my part I do not think he is half the man that McClellan is. I do not blame him entirely for this blunder over the river here for the war department ordered him to cross and attack the enemy, but he might of had some better plan laid for the capture of the Rebels intrenchments than to undertake to storm them if he can not form any better plan he is not the man for that place. My is satisfied that he has enough to tell his children if they would only let him go home but I don't wish you to understand by this that he wants to quit before peace is declared for he is bound to see the thing through. he is well and gets along fine

I am very glad to hear of the return of Sam Sletting to Denmark safe and sound for I do not think he can stand this kind of life. I am very much surprised to hear of the increase of his family. I suppose Sam will be rejoiced well I wish him a happy life with his present wife for he is a good fellow.

Tell Brother Owen that before a great while I will be home and I will learn him how to skate. but Mother you had better be very careful when he goes a skating if you give him skates for there is a great many bad places on the river and skate skating will be very good exercise for him but it is crupled with danger. if I was there I would like nothing better than to learn him how to skate. If you have the pleasure of meeting Lady Black give her my best respects. I would like to hear her say she detested a smoke that chews tobacco but it seems she has forgotten all about that. I wish her and him happiness. I am very sorry to hear that those soldiers up there are treated so bad or rather fare so bad. for I would like to see them treated well for protecting the state from the Americans. I am surprised to hear that so many of the friends are sick but I hope none of them very bad. I believe Mother I would try and crawl through a pair of glass if I could get at one of your Christmas dinners I would not be so anxious to skate all day but would see if I could not get some grub. Charly North is well also Edward Brink and all of the boys that come from Denmark. I havent got a very good opinion of the 3^d Regt I think they had ought of been arrested for taking things

that did not of course belong to them they had ought to of been ashamed of them selves
Mother I want to know if you think I could be affronted at your kind letters if you do you are very much mistaken I will promise to write as often as I can. it is not always that a soldier can sit down soon after receiving a letter and answer it. he is often detailed at the Quarters Masters department or on extra duty or the Regt may be starting on pickett and he will be obliged to shudder his pack and tattle. I do not mean to say that I cannot write but that I have to wait until I am not engaged. I have been down to Halmouth to day and I think less of the place than I ever did before I wish we could spend our Christmas in Fredricksburg for then we would have a gay time. eat our Christmas dinner on marble top tables and in fine parlors and we would have a fair of presents for a change and see how it would go. Brigadier General Alfred Sully that commanded Lewis Brigade has command of Frenches Division and Col Moorhead of Burns Brigade has taken command of us After we had come back from across the river General Brown complimented us for standing so firm over the river at the Battle of Fredricksburg

My best respects to all of my Friends

C C Goddard 1st Regt