

Old Fellows Hall

Jan 30th 168

Dear Mother

I thought I
would write a few lines
to you to night to let
you know that I have
got here all safe & sound
I started from Elmira yester
day at half past 8 o'clock
and got here at 8 o'clock
to night I found lots of
fellows here But only 3
of the squad that come
when I did. I am the only
one that has come back
from a furlow yet. I have
not reported to the Doctors
yet I will write in litt
morning & get the
pay for my rations first

there is all most as much
snow here as there is
in Leatt. & about as cold
Between Williamsport &
Herricksburg, the snow was
so deep that it was hard
work for the cars to get
through. there was one
train loaded with Leatt
coal run off the track last
night just ahead of us
& detained us about 4 hours
as els I should have been
here sooner than I was.

Well I am some sleepy
so I guess I'll go to bed
I will write again in
a day or two

you can tell all the
Galls to direct to
C. T. Hall as
ours Add

what that I was very busily
engaged and she came along
and handed me a Tract that
opposed David Priding very stro-
ngly I suppose the old fellow
thought I was a head Boy
to be reading such stories on
the Sabbath.

Well Sarah it isn't quite 3
o'clock yet but it is good honest
bed time so I must be thinking
a little of the land of
(how do you spell) nod knod?
for it wouldn't be right for me
to keep late hours here in Wa-
would it sat? in ^{Shir}town
it is different. I suppose Mrs ^WHarney
thinks I am a very ungrateful
Boy but I can't help it I don't
like to cry. Well Dear I must
bid you good night please
write soon and tell me all
the news every thing don't
be a fraud to write what
what you think. I am yours
true Friend Adrian.

O. F. Hall Washington
Feb 1st 63

Sarah

To night is Sunday
night the same that last
Sunday was Sunday night
in Shir town. But I am not
engaging my self half as
well this evening as I was
then. Sat. I am so low some-
to night. it seems as thou-
gh I had no Friends or any
one to care for me. But sub-
a good I am. I know better
than that. I have got a
sister that loves me however
I sat? I am not half as

had off as I imagin I am
But afters all I do feel sorrow
callin' to night. I dont know
why I need to the Pays are
all feeling first rate there is
no surry sick ones here now
I got here Sunday night about
5 o'clock all safe & sound had
a good journey I came a crest
same soldiers that was com-
ing to Washington so I had
company all the way.

I spose Mr Richs is feeling
much better now isnt he?
I hope you perhaps he thinks
his school will increase more
I should like to go to him
a week or two he would be
better natured as a great deal
crossed it but as I would
get compassed by whiped
one at the sit.

But I wouldnt advise you to
be ugly it is best to get
a long with as little trouble
as possible isnt it? even if
one has to put up in conven-
ienses. I hope his school
dont dislike him as I do

There is no snow here now
it is warm pleasant weather
it looks like spring. But
there was a hint as much
snow here Friday as there
was in Shirlown when I
left But it has all gone now
Sat. I got hold of a paper
to day that had a great
long love story in it and
I was dreaming a way over
it when the preacher came
in with a lot of Tracks I
didnt mind him. But kept
dosing a way at the story
and the old fellow took notice

Adrian Fay to Sarah Flint
U.S. Genl. Hospital, Philadelphia
11 Feb 1863

Thursday Morning

Let me have a first rate time
last night I tell you we
had fun enough, I wish you
could have seen the performance
they have something a going on
every night here but they would
let us go only once in a while
I went to the Academy of music last
Monday night and had a
pretty good time there it is the
most splendid building I ever
saw it was trimmed off with red
white & blue and the glorious
C. & S. Stars & Stripes was hanging
on either side, it looked much
better to me than Friedrichs ^{class} Burg
Hall I guess I have searched none
else enough for this time

Write soon for you don't know
how bad I want to hear from
you

Yours &c

U.S. Hospital

11th and Tenth Sts

Philadelphia

U. S. Gen. Hospital Phila
February 11th 63.

Dear Sarah

I have been trying
to find something to busy
myself with to day, but
I couldn't so I am tired up trying
any more, and I thought
I would try and write you
a few lines just to keep
myself at mischief &
to give you a kind of an
idea of where I am so
that if you do take a
notion to write to me you
will know where to direct to
I left Washington last Saturday
& got here Sunday morning

I like it better here in
Philadelphia than I did in
Washington all except one
thing they dont give us half
the liberties here that they give
at the C. H. Hall they wont
let us go out into the City
only once in 4 or 5 days and
that isnt half often enough
these were pleasant days
I want to be out all the
time I cant help but stay here
cooped up in this wretched brick
cage all the time it is worse
than Slaves prison with a quill pen
man. So I dont had any
letter from you yet. I presume
you have sent one to Washington
But it is doubtful what
I get it or not. I wish I
could get a letter to day for
I am curious to hear from
Shiloh

to know if the inhabitants
of that town were all
in good health, and married
to know what this mean
topic of conversation is. I
hope Mrs. Henry ^{the 24th} ^{of the nation} (and all is)
is as good as ever as they
was when I left, I think the
Old Lady would have been
glad to have had me cover
there so that she could have
seen me ery again.

Well Sarah it has
got to be evening and the
Hall is illuminated with gas
so it is as light as day
There is 26 Beds in this Room
and as many more up stairs
and I dont know how many
there is see the Ward below
So the Ward-masters come along
just now I say I may go
to the concert to night

Alas I wish the
next time you write
you would write so that
a fellow could read it
it took me more than
8 hours to read the damn
thing it was worse than
my writing ours does
I hope you don't write so
fast when you ^{write to} ~~write~~ the
man, if I should get
a letter ^(from the folks) ^(I mean) as fast as that
was I look on as lucky
to read it as it did me
to read that I should
write Book that I prefer
print Oh mate there
is a Irish man here
from Pa that gets me
to write his letters and
you may but I have
been I have written a 1/2
to his girl & you'd laugh
if you could read one
of them

in days) you may write to his
that I have sent his things
and I want to see his so had
I can't wait till I get my discharge
us how
and I am on after
that I don't know how long

M. J. you Hafflas Philadelphia

February 16th 1863

Shelley Dear

I recd your
letter to day I was
glad to get it for it
is the first I have
heard from Shertown
since I left I have been
so all killing here since
since I come here I
don't know what to
do with my damn self
it is a good place enough
only they don't give us
a chance to go out into
the city enough they
don't give passes only
every other day anyway

and some times rest in
pains as 5 days I have
been here 9 days and I
have had 3 passes. But
was out some evenings
one night I went to
a concert and the other
night I went to the
Academy of Music
had five half times too
(I did) if they would
let me go out just
when I wanted to I
would be as happy as
a Turk

I haven't got those letters
yet. But I am looking
for them every day
I don't see how in thousands
in their promotion of God
that they can get me up
as high as Sergeant Parfit
there is some shewing there

I guess. But let them
mark. Add about
belong to the 105 two
months from now I'll
let you. I'll see them
Redmond before I go
back again. I'll see my
time out in the regular
Cavalry first before I
go and take a Knapsack
around it's any more
I hope I shall get Pat's letter
I must write to him to
morrow. My arm is so
that I can use it some
But the darn thing where
the Ball went in
has Brake out again &
keeps sore yet it has
commenced to heal up
again & it will be all
well in a few days
it healed up to soon before

That Doehman is a good
Boy I like him first not
he wants me to go home
with him if we both
get our Discharge here
and he'll show me his
prow he was wounded
at Fredericks Bay in the
arm and he got a furlough
and went home and got
more fatally wounded
with one of Campbells darts
So I guess he is sure of
a Discharge

I wrote a letter to Char
Field & one to mother
the other day.

to day is a awful pleasant
day it is as pleasant
as summer.

evening

I did get out a letter
while this afters noon
I got a pass up one
of the Boys he had
been out and run all
he wanted to and then
he came in and
let me take it and
I went out a little while
I Burned around a
while and then came
back

then I think I
have written all I
can think of and
more too so I guess
I want write any
more this time
Write soon and
tell me all the
news
from Dad

Oh yes you think
I had a serious time
of it when I went to
the P O do you?
Well I didnt I had a
first rate good time
and you may blow as
much as you please
But I think you would
do well to dry
up about the P O
(we has enough)

I
give my respects
to all the folks
and yours
to

M. S. Hapt. Philadelphia
Feb 28

Morning

I know how long 2
weeks ago and I know got
only one letter from
home. I miss how got
those letters Mary sent
to Washington & am
sorry for I do want to
hear from the Regt
Well what I was a going
to tell you was that
I am sick a little ~~but~~
but I am not so poor

at home as any
matter else
Will I most write
any more this time
if I get any news
I will let you know

I was taken very sudden
Thursday night with dizzy
ness and sick at the stomach
I made for Bed as fast
as I could & I have been
there ever since But I
am a little better to
day I guess I shall
get over it in a few
days you need not make
yourself any unnecessary
trouble by worrying your
self about me for I
shall be as good as
here as I could be

Adel
I was invited to day
has pay if I get
any money here
I shall send it home
as soon as I get it

I shall apply for a
Discharge as soon as
I get well enough to
come home

Well mate

I guess I meant write
any more this time
I have been trying to
read this but I cant
I think you can

Adm

Oh I had a letter from
Chris Field the other
day his is well
&c

M. S. Harp

Philad a March 2nd
Hallie

I recd your letter yesterday
morning, when I was sick
a bit I came over near
having the fever I was awful
sick for three days I could
not sit up a bit. But this
morning, I feel a good deal
better I got up & have been
up all day & I am feeling
less now this aft. noon
I shall be all right in a
day or two that Duchman
has ~~gone~~ back to Washington
poor fellow they have
sent him to Mr Regt
But I was never so surprised

in all my life as I
was when he got an
answer from that little
I wrote for him I suppose
I was writing to some German
duck girl, so I wrote it
as awkward as he told me
what to write. But I was
greatly mistaken she is a
tip top smart girl & a school
Mam at that, she wrote an
excellent letter to the greeny
I don't know what they
will do with me I
shall apply for a Discharge
in a day or two & they
will examine me & either
Discharge me or put
me on guard or send me
to the convalescent Camp
& if I go there I shall
get my papers any way

the Boys how most
all you get an party
this gets soon it is a
very pleasant day I want to
go out to Port they want
let me I think Clarke
had Peter look at
as he will get hit
with one of Cupido darts
they are so apt to strike
a Saldos for all my
body etc. I hope you
don't think I got hurt
with any thing of that
kind while I was at home
What do you want of
a Duckman? I thought you
was a going to make your
living by Patrol Patrol ing
the mails or sent you see
through a mail bag? I am
sure you cant see into a
Post office when the door is ^{open}

But a sadness comes o'er us and hark Boys
That our son has so suddenly left
At noon by our carriage went down Boys
So bright, so proud, and so pure
That none they never can take Boys
Of that we are certain and true;

Oh! the great times coming Boys
When peace o'er the land shall reign
When the thousands of cannon shall cease Boys
And all of us harm once again
There round us fire shall meet gather Boys
And talk of the desperate fight
But we'll ever remember the time Boys
When our Regt. they did not see right.

So to our gallant old Col. goodbye Boys
Good bye to our brave little band
We'll oft think of the dear ones at home Boys
As we still fight for our dear native land
Farewell to the hundred and fifth Boys
 midst a hall of glory. We die
No better men charge on the far Boys
As time on his onward course flies,

M. S. Hapt Philada
March 10th 65
Walter Smith

I got a letter from
Pete the other day he
says the log is all packed
up & consigned with the
94th Regt & most all the
officers have been relieved from
duty Capt. Stackman and
Lieut. Bushnell are both gone
they must be a long time
out of Boys. I feel the poor
Devils. I am feeling good
now a days I have got well

I was a going to apply for
a discharge when I got well
But they are a going to send
us a way from here to some
other place I think the
Regt. will be sent
to Regt. we shall be
sent off to day as to morrow

It is a hard matter, for
a Regt. falls to get a
Discharge in Pa they look
out for their own Boys
If they send me away
I will write as soon
as I get there.

Is there any fault in
shintamen?
What do you think of
my great splurge?

A true
I say

The hundred and fiftieth
The storm gathering over our heads Boys
I feel its coming breath
The air is thick and heavy Boys
Our Regiment's doomed to death
That Bonus we have lost so long Boys
Through many a bloody fight
We must lay for ever on side Boys
Can it be that this is right?
The news have turned our backs Boys
Unless by that command
And our men would have done it then Boys
Had our Col. just back as stand
But the storm that hurstling over our heads Boys
So dark, so dark, and cold
Still cloud our spirits in sadness Boys
The news can fight as of old
Our swords are bright as the sun Boys
Dishonored we never were yet

Ms Adrian Gay

McClelland U. S. Gen.
Hospital Nicetown
Penna.

March 12

Nice little town

McClelland U. S. A. General Hospital,
SIXTEENTH AND FILBERT STREETS.

Nicotown Philadelphia, March 12th 1863.

We have had an our
walking at Filbert 16th
and they have sent us
to about 4 miles out of
the city to a Hospit
called McClelland U. S. Gen
Hospit) it is an nice
hospital the are the first
that have ever come here
I guess. I think I shall
like it better here than
I did in the city.
I dont know when I shall
get my discharge I hope
all must get over my
hurry about it. But I
am sure of it some
time But I must make
this time I cant get it

untill they are a mind to
give it to me. You need
not worry and fret your
self about me I dont
feel ~~so~~ discouraged still
now I know that I
never will be fit for
study any way, and they
can keep me in the
Hospit & pay me 19
dollars a month just as
long as they please I am
willing to take my
~~Discharge any time they~~
are a mind to give it
to me. But I shoud care
any Doctrs to give it to
me. I am well as can
be expected afters having
a slight run up the
fever that lasted a least
a ~~week~~ week.

I got a letter from
Ma yesterday she need
not think of sending me
any thing I have every
thing that is necessary and
more it times than you
have (I'll take care of ~~add~~
I'll let. I have got a little
money yet I guess enough
to last me untill I get
my pay.
I guess that's all

~~The Seiland St. General
Hospital Philadelphia Pa~~
Write when you mind to

Adrian


I am glad to hear that Harrison
Markham is doing so well I wish
that John & Ike had ~~xxx~~ to part
of the courage that he has got
but I suppose they are loafing
around Skintown as long as
ever. I had a letter from Charley
Field the other day he said the
Boys was all well and having
pretty good times they was
at fair fax east house, he did not
mention Nelson's name in par-
ticular, but I presume he is well
Then you are just having winter
in Cal. are you? it has been
summer weather here until
within a few days there has
been a little snow storm but it
has about all gone off now
we haven't had any cold weather
here at all yet it has been
just like spring all winter
But I will warrant you it seems
different to the Boys that are coming
out this winter than it does
to us loafers that are caged up in the
Hospital

of
of
McClillon M.S. Hospital

Vicstown Pa.
March 19th '63

Dear Sadie

I recd your letter this
morning and you better think
I was glad to hear from you
again. it seems to me a great
while since I have heard ^{from} the
folks in Skintown. We have
been removed from 16th Street
to the McClillon Hospital it is
about 5 miles out of the City
It is much pleasanter here than
it was in the City. But I
cant tell how long I shall stay
here they are a going to discharge
a lot in a few days & send

same to these Regts. I dont
know which they will do with
me, I dont like the idea of
going to my Regt. since they
have been broken up & consolid-
ated with the 94th Old 105
has you up. & it is comf id
at o my calculations all to
gather. But never the less I
stand as good a chance for
my life as the rest do.

Well late you and ~~Wheat~~ ^(but but) Weston
have your times stay riding dont
you. couldnt he keep you from
warmer, I dont remember of
your complaining of your face
being cold the night we went
down to Ks. as Mary Willoughby
calls. But I believe I did hear
Lydia complaining that her nose
was cold didnt you? later
when I think of that stay load
it puts me in mind of a
nest of young Pigs.

But didnt we have a good time
that night? I enjoyed myself
first rate & hurt my shoulder
in the bargain. But Sads
according to your own accounts
you are keeping full as late
hours as you did. One other time
but perhaps it is because your
mother is gone a way, I should
advise her ^{if she} wants a debt house
keeper to chose a good steady
guy that would see to the
Household affairs in her absence
& that would retire at a proper
hour. perhaps you would do
all this ~~with~~ if the oil of
Hickory was thoroughly applied
late ^{you} ~~you~~ want get med at my ^{will you} ~~son~~ ^{or}

I suppose Clark tells good Big
stories like all the rest of the
soldiers, as a matter of course
he is a lucky Boy, he has
got only a little while longer
to work for Uncle Sam & then he is free

Late when you get this letter
you will say it is the flattest
& silliest mess of stuff you
ever saw & I will agree with
you there. Sara you and those
girls must have had a capital time
that night. What was I doing
about that night? did I think
it was time to bunk? I dont think

I had such pertious times that
night I went to the post office
as I might have had. But
there seeing was blind as
Bats they couldnt have
seen through an open window
that night, I do believe

I hope they will get a post
office up in St. Louis

I will be so handy for the
falter around there

Well Dear I dont worry your
postbox any longer with my
silly non sense Please excuse
poor writing poor spelling read
Black & Blue ink & all the mistakes
and write to me soon send me
my best love & wishes for you
William

My dear Sara
I hope you had a
very good time
that night

Friday Night

Oh, Dear Sadie you cant
guess how lonesome it is here
I like it better here than I
did in the City too. But there
dont any body come here
only once in a great while
& when we were in the City
we had lots of company
all the time & that is the
reason why it seems so awful
lonesome to me. Sat. I really
wish you could just call
in here this evening to see
a poor scamp a little while
I'd give 18 Chin plaster if you
could come & then I am afraid
that I would talk you so
Blind before you could get
a way that you couldnt
see to get home a gain
dont away in a few days

My dear Sara
I hope you had a
very good time
that night

I don't know but what that
was the best way not to say
any thing about that letter
it must be that it will
get worn out after a while
if Lydia continues to sing
it much longer. But I hope
she has got it a least worn
out. Late I have no objection
in what ever of you telling
your Mother. of course that is all
right. although she may not
approve of such a thing. But
it is all perfectly right that
she should know your intentions
I advise you accordingly.

Thou Mother is peddling as Baking
the money is this. I think she
had better go to the Post Office
like an honest Person and get
her mail than to be peddling as
Baking. don't you think so?

then you are a going to stay

at home this summer with
your Mia are you? if you do
you must be an awful good
girl but we know that you
can be good if you try and
I would like to be at home
with my sea too. But I
don't much expect to this
summer. if Uncle Sam thinks
it is profitable to keep me
a year or two longer he can
but I don't believe I shall be
of much service to him this
year. Well so do they are putting
out the light, so I shall be
in the dark in a little while
if I don't stop writing. good night
Tell Irving it is time for him
to bunk. I am not quite ready yet

Sunday I guess if I have
good luck I shall get this letter
finished after a while. I am
glad that informal Duckman is
your a way. Wishes if to come

from his net. I don't see
why she need to be so much
taken up with peddling as to
forget his Prayers do you?

Will hate it is getting late & I must
close please excuse this short
& uninteresting letter & I will
try and do better next time

Write soon. Tell me all
the news want your Ties?

Yours as ever. A.S.

McLellan Hospital

Victoria April 7th 68

Dear Sarah

I received your ever well
letter last evening & was glad to
hear from you. I have tried two
or three times to lay the answer
your letter. But I can scarcely
think of anything to write
you that will be interesting to
you. There is no news here at
all every thing is going on the
same it was when I wrote you
last. I had a pass to day, &
went down to the City & have just
got back. But I shall get a
chance to go out a gain in a
days

I wish I could see you to
night for I have got lots
to tell you more than I can
possibly write in all night
No sat I dont think I shall
ever be sorry as regret the
time that I became acquainted
with you as what I promised
you that night. But I am afraid
you will do you think you will?
I should like to know what your
mother said. didnt she think you
was a little insain to think so
much of a Poor worthless soldiers
Bays (as as ~~his~~ says a Poor dead
as I am, sat I dont think I
shall give you a lecture on civil
war for that is just what I
desire. But I should have given
you a lecture on swallowing pins
if you had not made a name
not to take any more indignities
month that is a very poor practice

I you deserve a good scolding
as unforgiving every time you
put one in your month
My sat. I should rather lose
forty rings than to swallow
a paper of pins. I should expect
that they would kill an old did
I should prefer a vegetable diet
such as warmwood or warmgreen
the laugh is blowing for us
to go to Bed so I must
close for this time good night
Wednesday night

Well sat I will try to finish
this now if I can. I declare sat
if it want for you I dont think
I never should hear from my
pinks again I havent had but
two letters from home since
I left there - I guess Mallie
has forgot that she has got
a Prattus in the army, I
havent had but one letter from

McClellon Hospital. Phibia.

Nictown April 10th '68

Dad, & Mam, & all the rest
of you that dont think enough of
a feller to write to him

I am a good mind to give you
all a ~~damn~~ good jouncing for not
writing & tell me how you are a
getting along whether there is any
of you sick as well as did.
I havent had but 2 or 3 letters since
I left home & it has been more
than a month now since I have
heard from any of you only by
the way of atturs, it is gall down
quacere that attur letters come all
safe from Great Walling, and none
from home. I dont believe you write any

I am well as usual I can eat
all I can get & sleep half the
time days & all the night time

The United States Christian Commission

Was organized by the Young Men's Christian Associations, for the purpose of promoting the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Army and Navy of our Country. It sends its delegates as volunteers to battle-fields, to aid in the care of the wounded on the ground, and in removing them to hospitals; also, to hospitals, to aid chaplains where needed, and to act as chaplains in such hospitals and places as have not been supplied by the Government, and to camps of our soldiers in the service.

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The Commission will endeavor to distribute everything committed to them by everybody, in any and every part of the field, in accordance with the purpose of its organization, accompanying each distribution with the consolations of the Gospel.

The following instructions will aid friends of our soldiers and sailors in deciding what to send, and how to pack, and how to direct what they send:

I. AS TO WHAT TO SEND.—MONEY IS BEST OF ALL. It is injudicious to spend money or labor for trifling articles. Clothing is greatly needed, such as cotton shirts, woollen shirts, woollen socks, Canton flannel drawers, woollen drawers, surgical shirts of the same pattern, but tied with tapes down the sides and sleeves, instead of being sewed; cotton drawers large enough to serve as pants in-doors, dressing gowns, slippers, sheets and pillow cases, bandages of muslin, four to six yards long, and three or four inches wide, rolled up, each by itself, but not fastened; lint, picked, not scraped, wash-rags, handkerchiefs, and small hair and feather pads for fractured limbs. **OF STORES**—oatmeal, farina, corn-starch, dried rusks, soda biscuits, jellies, fresh fruits, dried fruits, lemons, white sugar, brandy, wine, bottled ale and porter, beef tea in cakes, canned meats for soup, good black tea, cranberries, pickles in kegs, good fresh butter in small stone jars, barrels of onions and apples, and tin cups: all these are always wanted. **TO AID THE SOLDIERS IN CORRESPONDENCE**,—paper, envelopes, and pencils. **OF READING MATTER** for convalescents, a library is a valuable hygienic appliance, and for the able-bodied, good publications are mental and spiritual food. For convalescents, lively, interesting books, the monthlies, the pictorials, the works of science and literature, as well as those for moral and spiritual culture,—such as you would put into the hands of a brother after severe illness, are such as are wanted; and for the well, also, good interesting books, tracts, and papers. Those designed specially for the soldier and sailor are the best, but send no trash. Our noble men love and deserve those that are fresh and the best. To suspend in the hospital, The Silent Comforter, Green Pastures, and Choice Hymns are excellent.

II. AS TO PACKING.—Never pack perishable articles like eggs, sausages, bread or cakes, nor jars of jellies and jams, with other goods. Never send perishable articles unless specially called for, to supply some place to which they can be immediately sent. Pack eatables by themselves in separate boxes. Tin cans should be always soldered; all other modes are worthless for the army. Stone jars of jellies should be corked and firmly bound with oiled linen or leather over the cork, and packed in sawdust or hay, in boxes very tight, never exceeding a dozen and a half bottles in a box, and nailed strongly, to bear tipping. Boxes should not be so large that two cannot conveniently lift them into a wagon.

III. AS TO DIRECTIONS.—Mark: "GEORGE H. STUART,

President Christian Commission,

13 BANK STREET, PHILADELPHIA."

Mark, also:

From _____ [*giving place and donor's or Society's name.*]

No. 1, 2, 3, &c. [*numbering on from the first sent to the last.*]

Mark legibly with ink or paint on the boards (cards rub off). Send, by mail, an invoice, on paper about this size, and written only on one side, specifying the articles, and the marks and numbers of each package, and giving the Post Office address in full to which acknowledgments are to be sent. **WRITE PLAIN;** give the signature in plain hand, so that it can be read without mistake. If the writer is a man, mention whether or not he is a minister, and if a lady, state whether *Miss* or *M s.* Besides the invoice sent by mail to Philadelphia, let the donor put in the box, under the lid, in an envelope addressed to himself and stamped, a copy, on which the delegate, opening the box in camp, can indorse an acknowledgment and the regiment or hospital to which it is given, and mail to the donor

Send all Moneys to **JOSEPH E. PATTERSON, Esq.,** Treasurer, Western Bank.

Sunday 19th

to day is an warm pleasant
day. it seems to lead to be
thived up here in the Hospital
such nice pleasant weather
I want to be out in the
fresh air & at liberty as I
would be if I was at home
or at my Regt. I couldnt
get a pass to day. But I am
a going out by & by I can
do what was call running the
Blockade. that is to eliminate
of the back window & roll
through the fence. then if the
guard dont see us we are all
right & if they see us then
I for the guard house.

But they want get me in
the guard house. these
guards howat been soldiers long
enough to catch a fellow
that has run the gauntlet
as I have (thru all this time add

McClellan Hospital

Richmond April 18th 69

Dear Mother

I received your
letter at the 15th this morning
& was glad to hear from you
& began to think that I never was
going to get another letter from
home again. it has been a while
it seems since I have heard from
any of you until to day and
only hoping letter come stay-
ing a long. I dont see why
it is that they did not come.
I got other letters from Richmond
but none from home. I wish I
could have got that letter
before I merge I delay I.

had all most forgot that there
was such a thing as earth
till he wrote again and
I will answer it immediately with
out fail. What is the old
cat is mate doing now is
mynt so long is she at
mark there as is she trying to
catch that Peddy? You said
that Sarah told you that she
had been down to eggs and
saw the Baby you dont mean
to say that the folks have
got a Baby do you?

I declare there is some queer
things going on in Shintone
they say Mary Ward is going
to teach our school this sum-
mer. I wish I could be
at home this summer I
would have lots of fun
I would go to school every day

you wouldnt know how to
whip me to make me go
either as you used to do
Do you think you would?
But I guess there is no danger
for I dont expect to get my
discharge this summer if I do
I shall have it soon for they
are examining here soon and
they discharge all the worst
cases and all that are not very
bad off they detail to do
light duty in and cannot
the hospital I shall either
get discharged as detailed for
duty here and that is better
than to go to my Regt for I
have done all the fighting I
am a going to do I guess
that it is bed time I will
finish this in the morning

I had a letter from Eva
Willet the other day & she
said that Pa told her that
Lehorley was better I did not
know that he had been sick

Adrian Fay
McCullon U S A General
Hospital Nicetown
Tenn.

Old Tighthen Fee
has made a move
hup, hup, Hora

McCullon Hospital
Nicetown April 14th
Well Pa I hope you are
driving things in the shop
this spring as usual. (letting the
marks drive you more than
you drive the marks.) But I
wish I could be at home
this spring to help you. I
had rather be at work in the
shop than to be here doing
nothing I dont expect to get
discharged now for the order
is not to discharge any that
can be of any use in the
Hospitals that are not fit
for the field & I never will
be fit to do any thing in
the field any more so I

think they will keep me here
But I dont know yet what
they will do with me
I can use my arm enough
so that I could do light
work such as guard & other
work around the hospital
I had a chance yesterday to
go to Rome Spack City. But
I thought I would not go for
I like it here pretty well
I should be more sure of my
discharge if I was there than
I would be here. But I
dont like to be moving around
from one place to another
so much. There will be an
other chance to go again in
a few days if I want to go
But I dont know what I can do
well off here as I would
be there (& perhaps better off here

I expect to get some money
name in a few days if my
description list is here & did not
get any pay the last pay
day, just because the Doctor
at Washington didnt send my
description list but when
he sent me he has either
forgot to send it or he has
lost it I told the Doctor the
other day & he said he would
send for it so if it comes
by the first of May I shall
get 6 months pay. I dont
know as I can think of any
thing more to write this time
write me a letter if you can
find time & tell me all the news
Adrian

McLellan Hospital Victoria
April 25th 63

Dear Father & Mother
I thought I would write
a few lines to day, to
tell you that you need not
send any more letters
here for I am ~~going~~ going
to Sea Park in a few days
& perhaps to day, as the
morning I think I should be
better off in my own state.
All though this is a good place
here but may I can get my
discharge quicker in N. J. than
I can here. I want if
^{Constantly} I can live in N. J. yet?

I got that paper the other
day that had that shug in
that was a great thing I couldnt
think for my life what
that was until I smelt the
scent. I guess we shall
go to day so I can't wish
much this time

Adrian

U. S. A. General Hospital,

SIXTEENTH AND FILBERT STREETS.

Philadelphia, April 30th 1863.

Dear Sarah

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

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

Well I don't you will excuse me until evening & then I will finish this squally looking letter yours with much love
Adrian

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

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

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

A. S. A. General Hospital,

SIXTEENTH AND FILBERT STREETS.

a great rate I guess I will change
the subject. When you think of going
to Ohio this fall to teach? I think
it would be much more pleasant
teaching with Weston than it
would be in teaching a district
school like ours. Mrs. Miller
thinks it is a disgrace for young
Ladies to teach school; it would
be if they didn't know enough to
teach a Cat perhaps he will make
a grand Lady of his Daughters

Why is it said that there is so many
getting married in & around Gt. Valley
what makes them in such a hurry
Why don't they wait untill the Soldiers
come home then the girls will have
a better chance perhaps these 2 years
men are coming home now & the girls
will all get married so there will be
none left for the 3 year men. But it
won't make any material difference with
me will it Ladies? I guess you will
be tired enough before you get this all
read so that you won't want over to
write you an other so long a letter
in a good while. But I shall write to
you as soon as I get to Gt. Valley so to
tell you where to direct. I don't think I
shall stay here long enough to get an answer from

Philadelphia, Thursday eve. 1863.

Sarah I suppose you think you
are worthy of a great deal of notice
now since you have got to be
Aunt Sallie don't you esteem it
a great honor to be called Auntey?
Oh Dear Sister I wish I could see you
to night it is so handsome here
to night it has been raining all
day so I haven't been out to day
I have been reading all the Books
& papers I can get hold of untill
I got so tired I had to go to sleep
& I have just waken up & I feel
now as though I should like to
sit up untill about 3 o'clock if
I could be just where I meant to
be, as when I was an other time
Sara if I could be at home this
summer I would have lots of fun
I would go to school every

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

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

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

So you may write me a
letter as soon as you get
this & tell me all that is
going on in Gt. Valley

I expect Charley Field has had
a chance to see a little fight
by this time

Old fighting Joe Hooker
will show the rebels a trick this
summer. if old Abe gives him
what he needs & the ^{abolitionist} ^{big} ^{bug}
don't get jellous of him & try to
scot him out.

As they did little ^{me}

P.S. Tell Mathis if she sends me any
more sugars to do it up in the
freeman as some other papers. for it
turns black afters it has been in
the Tribune a little while

From C. Fay

16th & Tellerst
Philada. May 3^d '68
Dear Father

I thinking that
you would be anxious to hear
from me take this opportunity
to write you a few lines to let
you know where I am & what
I am doing. I went out to
N.Y. yet as you will perceive
they sent a squad the day afters
& came here but they didnt
have transportation enough
to send all that wanted to go
so I shall have to wait untill
they send an other squad & I
cant tell when that will be I
have been mustered here for pay
& send the pay roll yesterday

& they say we shall be paid
this week I am glad of it for
I have got out of money &
want some bad. I shall get
6 months pay I expect & I shall
send home the most of it
you can pay it in towards the
place if you think that is best
I dont think I shall want it this
summer for there is no certainty
of me gaining home this
summer. unless I go to N.Y.
& through the influence of
some big Batt. man work
out a discharge that is the
only way I can see now
for they have got so partic-
ular now about discharging
men. I am not able to do
duty in the field & there
is no certainty that I ever
shall be I dont hear any
news on my shoulder yet

of any amount it would be
wishes for me to try to carry
an knapsack. But they will
be likely to keep me on
some light mark ⁱⁿ around
the hospital & I had rather
be with the Regt. than
to do any such thing I have
got so that I had rather fight
than work. I would rather go
to the Regt. now than go to
N.Y. if I thought there was
no prospects of getting a Disch-
arge I should like to hear from
you to know how you are getting
along I havent had but one
letter in a long time I guess I
will go up to Westtown to ~~day~~
day & see if there is any
there for me. If any of you
have any inclinations to write to
me you direct your letters here
& if I go away before they get here
the sword marks will send them to me

Mr Addison Jey

M. S. of Gen. Hospital New York

Livington Avenue cor. 51st St

if any Capt. Galks come
This way tell them to call
& see a fellow

M. S. of Hospital 51st ^{at} St

N. Y. May 29. 1862

Well. I went out to N. Y.

after a long time I came here
last night. I staid on Bellam
island 2 days & of all the same
places I ever saw in that is the
Paradise it is enough to turn
a dog to death such grub as they
had there. This is a grand
place here I guess I shall
like it first rate here.

I want you to visit just as
soon as you get this & tell
me how Ma is. & if you
know them kindly please send
me 2 or 3 stamps will ye

I am a going to visit to
Mantrae to day & let him
know that each of mine is

Pa dont want it,
& see if he will send me
2 or 4 dollars to last me
for spending money so till
I am paid a gun

I dont know when that will
be I am going to see the
Doctor & from him send for
my Prescription list.

I was in hope that I should
go to China But I dont
believe I shall now But
I may for all I know yet
It seems good to get back into
my own state again But it
would seem better if I had
what money Uncle Sam
ows me & my discharge in
my pocket couldnt it
buy? Write if you have
heard from Chasly Mills
as any of the Boys I dont

heard a word from the
Regt. since the fight
Write write just as
soon as you get this will
you

Sincerely

W. S. Arney Gen. Hospital
New York
Lexington Avenue Cor. 51st St

I haven't heard from any of the
Boys since the last Battle & wish
I could hear how they was getting
along. When you write tell me
all the news & all a heart long

Miss Alfred is getting along with
her school I wish I could be there
this summer I'd have some
fun it but Ah Sarah you didn't
know that I had a birth day last
week did you? well I did 23 and en-
ough to me called a man who I
think it I'd more to some whole
sam & then I shall be pro. to seven
Sarah do you remember where I
was 4 years ago last Tuesday?
I remember it well. & you gave
me a hint that I saw a green
-looking Boy to be 19 do you remember
I didn't think then that 4 years would
find me on Bullons island fighting
& bleeding for my Country in the
Hospital. Well please excuse this
short & uninteresting letter & write
me a good long letter wont you? I
remembers me as ever & ever yours
Adrian
*Let it that may be the small you
can't think of it. I'll see for a long
time*

When I think of the last
I am our last well done
I wish I could be there
this summer I'd have some
fun it but Ah Sarah you didn't
know that I had a birth day last
week did you? well I did 23 and
enough to me called a man who I
think it I'd more to some whole
sam & then I shall be pro. to seven

M. S. A. Gen Hospital New York
May 27th '63

Dear Sarah

This evening finds me once
more in my own state & in very
good health so that I am able
to write to you I have had for a
few days back a very severe pain
in my side but I guess it won't
amount to any thing very serious.
~~has been a long time getting to~~
New York? But I have got here at
last. I staid at 10th & Yulbert then
week & expecting to go every day but
after a long while the day came
& I went to Bullons island in the
harbor & staid there 7 days expecting

To come here to the City as to Elmira
as to some place we are know where
But the 8 days were a way like 9 years
& I have got to the City & it seems
a good deal like getting home to
get into New York a year. I come
past the old barracks where our
Regt stayed when we first came
through here But they looked lousen
I can tell you I dont see any of the
~~105~~ there. But there is one fellow
of Co. D. here that is from my Regt
he is the only one I have seen for
a long time. I havent heard from
the Regt. since the fight I dont
know but they are all killed.

Sate I do want to hear from you
awful bad you cant guess how
lousen it has been for four
Weeks But I have got out here I shall
stay a while more I guess & you
will write me a good long letter
just as soon as you get this want you?

Dear

Oh Dear Sate I am getting so tired
of the Hospitals that I dont know
what to do I wish if they wont
going to discharge me that they would
send me back to my Regt.
I dont like this fighting for my
Country & being in the Hospital
all the while. I find that Uncle Sam
dont pay the hospital's holder very
well at least he dont pay me
at all he is owing me eight or
months pay, & he dont seem to think
that I want any money, I shall have
to talk to him I guess. Well Sate
I dont write much this time for
I am one letter a head of you
now & it is getting all most dark
& I shall have to hurry & scribble
this over with what little I
can think of & write until the next
time. Now Dear please dont give
me a scolding for not writing
more will you?

West. Hospital New York
Lexington Avenue Cor. 51st Street
Jan 4th 1868

I rec'd a letter from
Mary yesterday & was glad to hear from
home again. I am as well as usual my
shoulder is all well as well as it ever
will be. But I haven't got near as much
strength in my arm that I had before
I was wounded. But I guess I will not
grow it after a while & it will be
about as good as it was before.
I received that money you sent me
But I didn't expect you would send any
for I wrote to Montrose to have him
send a dollar or two if he had it to
spare & told him he could have
that coat if he wanted it for I don't
want it. I have got me an other one
& I am looking for a letter from him
every day. Mary said you wanted to
know if I had enough to eat & clothes to
wear. That is a foolish question to ask

I want write my mother
this time. I will write to mother
in a day or two. Tell them
you write tell Dad to write
a word or two. It won't
hurt him any to write a little
tell Chasley to write
& Asa too. He can give out
a little if he tries.

Tell Sam if he will
come down here & see me
I will take him all around
the city & show him lots
of things.

Dads Sam & Joan
go to school this summer.

You need not send me any more
money. I shall get some before
long I guess.

Write Sam Add

such an unrelenting great lie
I allways knew she would lie
a little But I didnt think she
would tell such infernal great stories
as that I never mentioned such a
thing to her dont you see what
she is at? she wants to make you
open up that you have got my likeness
^{she would really like to know how I feel}
that I cant believe that Mate Tray ever
saw that ring. if she did she picked
my pocket when I was asleep
no one knew any thing about it
but matron he saw me when
I got it. but he didnt know what
I was a going to do with it. & I made
him promise that he never would
tell Mate that I had got such a thing
of course he mentioned what I was
going to do with it. But Mate is
only surmising I guess I dont believe
she ever saw it ⁱⁿ But I never could
have any thing but what she would
find it out some way she is for
ever watching me I dont believe I
ever don a mean trick as a good
one but she would find it out

I dont think Trace would
tell her for he made no
such a good promise. But
if she has seen it what does it amount
to there is nothing criminal about it
is there? I like it her first rate as
well as in any Hospital we have got
times here, it is much more comfortable
here than it could possibly be at
the Regt. But for all that I had rather
be there than here if I was able to
do my part when I got there, as you
say I am not exposed to the dangers
here that I should be in the field
but you know a Soldiers must expect
peace & safety while in the service
I should hate to have it said of me if
I had been in the service 3 years & then
come home all sounds that I had
spent the most of my time in the
Hospital that wouldnt sound good would
it? or that I had Decided as pretended
to be sick to get rid of a Battle
as a great money has that I know of
then you are thankfull that I was not
in the last Battle are you? not you

We dont have some
of the darndest times
but you ever thought of
I cant think of much to
write now I am in such
a hurry it is must night
excuse this poor letter
and bad writing I will
try to do better next
time write after
Adrian Fay

from Charles H
Field

my health is very good

Charles
Fay

Near Stafford
Courthouse Va

June 8th 1863

Dear Cousin Adrian
I have just recd your
letter of the 5th & was
very glad to hear from you
Well Adrian I got out
of the fight at right but
I had a pretty narrow chance
for it our regt went
into the fight with 500
men and came out ^{with} 250
so you see that half was
killed wounded and taken ^{ers} prison
you said you had been
in six or seven battles and never
saw but once well hold
I had to run the first one
I went in to but I want
any to blame for that

our regt fought well
but you see the way it was
the rebs attacked a division
in front of us they run
right back through our lines
two regts of our brigade
fired one or two rounds &
then run about half of ^{er} another
regt run that left our regt
and a half of another to
fight it out we give
them the best we had
in the house untill
they had flanked us on
both sides then we had
to fall back through a
cross fire of grape and ^{two} canes
and shell & rifle balls I tell
you I dont want to get
into another such place
Henry Ellis was shot &

left on the Field I
think he was killed but
no one knows for certain
I am back now where we
was last winter when I wrote
to you dont know how
long we shall stay here
we hold our selves in ^{readi}
to march at a minutes
notice but we may stay
here a week or get
Wm Markham and St. Ellis
was here to day Gen Reed
is here get at right I
hope you will get your
discharge I dont see
what they want to keep
a man for that aint
of any use to them
I tell you St. Ellis if we
ever do get home if



Fort Ward N. of Warber

~~May~~ June 8th

Dear ~~son~~. I will try and finish
this scribble as you say. I have
changed my head quarters & go
back onto Redlands Island again
I expect name to soon be
sent to Washington I am expected
for duty now & will perhaps get
to the Regt. after a while
Now you can see how much a
Saldus knows where he will
be or what he will do.

yesterday at this time I had no
idea of being sent away I
was making great calculations
on gaining & seeing the 8^yth
Regt. to day But I have been
greatly disapointed as you will see
I dont expect to see them at all
now for I cant get off of this
Plaguy Island. I hope I shall
be sent from here in a few
days But I may stay here a

month But I hope not
for I want to get to the
Regt. again as a Discharge
that would please me best
Well Dear I cant write much
this time for it is getting late
I will write you next time
Please write to me want you
Dear as soon as you get this for
it is awful lousome here

Please excuse poor writing & all
mistakes

yours with my best love &
sincerely

Adrian

Fort Wood Bedloms Island
New York Harbor

I want forget to give you my
address this time

Oh Dear Sadie I wish I could see
you to night for I have got
the Blues the worst kind

Fort Wood N. Y. March

June 10th 1863

Well Pa. & Ma. & all the rest of you.

I am back again on Hellous Island I
change my head quarters every after some weeks
ago I left here & went to 51st Street Port &
don't stay in one place but a little while at
a time I don't know when I shall go to where
I have been but quite likely if I am well
enough I shall go to Washington & there
be thoroughly examined & if I am fit for
the field I shall be sent there & if not
I shall be put into the 9th Militia Corps
they must discharge me I don't think as
long as I am able to do any kind of
light duty. I don't much expect to get to
the regiment again. Although I would like
to go well enough if every thing was all right
there as it used to be but I suppose there is
not a spare of the old Co. left by
this time I expect if I had staid at the
Post I would have been promoted to Lieut

Fort Wood Bedlows Island
New York Harbor

By
omit soon if you write at all

Adrian Jay

well ma I want
visit any more this time
dont put a heart on
I'm all Hanky

Write soon

A. Green

Fort Hood Tex 18th / 63
Dear Mattie

I just received your
letter & was glad to hear from
you. I think you are having a
great deal of trouble about me
more than there is any need of
what ever. you write awful lousome
letters some how or other. just
as though I was in some torter
or torment some where & wanted
to get out & couldn't & you
was trying to help me
Well now that is all. ~~for~~ I
I am having gay old times
this is easy talking a great deal
easier than last summer was
I am just as happy as a clow here
on the Island. But I dont know
how long I shall stay here. they
want send me to the Regt. with

I am able to go, & I don't
care if they do send me to day
But they know very well that I
would be of use in the Regt
I am well all except my ~~shoulder~~
shoulder & that is all healed up
& sound. But of course I cant
expect it will be as strong & healthy
as the others, my arm is not withed
any, & it will be perhaps in time
as good as ever it was. But you
cant expect that a wound like that
to get all sound in 6 months
I shall probably be put into the
regimental corps. But I dont enlist
for 3 years as no other length of
time they can transfer me if they
see fit to serve the rest of my
time out as well I am able
to go back to the Regt.
They have got to discharge me
first before they can make me
enlist in the Corps. But they can
transfer me now if they want to
untill I am able to go to the Regt,
as well as my time is out.

They have details me here
& I am at work in the
kitchen house a cooking and
the reason that work it is not
hard work at all it is nothing
but fun & I have a plenty to eat
& a good rest to sleep in &
Montrous sent me 3 dollars the
other day. So what more can
a soldier ask for? I dont want
you to send me any money you
need it all your selves & I have
got enough to keep me in cooking
materials & that is all I want
I had a letter from Chasby Field
the other day he is all right
thus Regt was ~~according~~ to be about
in just such a position as ours
was in the Bull Run fight
he said they was surrounded before
they knew any thing about it
& had to scud back out
down such rattles as our
Army fight now a days
Jim is little. (Smack)

Will Pa I want
write any more
this time. Has has you
will think I am getting
to be a rebel. But I am
no rebel. I am a true Blue
McCluer man to the
back Bone & I want to
see the speedy determination
of this war in the Union.
Yours
write soon
from Adrian

Jan 17th

Hull. Dad
What do you think of the
war since prospect isn't they?
Reb. into Pennsylvania & gain.
I hope they will go into N.Y.
this time. It is a shame for
a government like ours, a
government with the population
that ours has, & the splend
armies we have had, & the
great Army we have all ready
should be demoralized and
over come by that inferior
confederal army.

It is a compounded disgrace
to have such commanders &
such managers as we have got
There must be men in the
north that is able to take

Command & manage our Army
better than it is, or does the
blame all lay upon the Soldiers;
are they the cause of all our
defects? I don't think you will
say they are, then it certainly
must lie in our Commanders

I thought fighting for was a
going to do the thing up (Barron
when he came out, But I guess
he has fized like some of
the rest. There is just one
thing a haunt it I have said it
before & I say it now they don't
get me into a fight if I can
help it, untill they give us
back our little "Mack" &
there is lots of others that
say the same thing, when they
give us McEllhan I want ask
for a discharge I will sack put
my self in fighting condition
But untill then I want fight as
hard I can play off, & get
rid of it, do you blame
me any?

there has been too many men
sacrificed for the honor (as
they call it), of our news
papers Generals, it is an honor
for a man to sacrifice his
life for the good of his Country
But to sacrifice life for others mens
pocket is no honor or humanity
& it will soon play out, I think
they will how to call on
"Mack" to haunt them out of
Mary Land a gain as he I
hope they will go into N.Y
& give the old capreheads
& Abolitionist a punching
up, I wish the Lord the
rebs could get into N.Y.
City there is more old
Black Albs, & capreheads
ther than a little, & it
would be the best thing
that could be don if they
could see the supring & indure
some of the hard ships that
this Lewis war is causing,

I am the 23^d 1868
Camp of the 94th regt
Near Edmonds Ferry
Mr Fay

I take the opportunity to write a few lines to you and ask of you where Nelson ~~is~~ is. I have not heard from him since the regiment were in camp at Belle Plaine last Spring. I would like to have you write and let me know where he is and his address also if you please our regiment has become taken from the field and put on prompt duty for the

present but how long
it will stay on the
duty I cannot say but
hope that it will not
go to the field again
until the war lasts
the weather is pleasant and
warm here now we have
had some rain here now
more this time direct
your letter to
Co I 24 regt N Y I W

Peter Lewis

We are a going this after noon
I will wait as soon as I
get to a stopping place

good day

W. J. May

Fort Wood June 26th 1863
Dear Mother

I recd your letter and
that paper day before yesterday
I was surprised to see Mothers
knowledge in it. But that is
all right enough (Only think of
the Sunday little papers) that is what
the matter. Well ma, I am well,
not as well as usual (But well
I expect to go to Washington as
Alexandria this week or next
there is a 13 going from here &
I expect to go too. I have staid
here here long enough I have
been here 3 weeks. that is as
long as I can stay in any
place. I am in hopes I shall
get to the Regt. again soon
for some reason or other I cant

get a Discription list & dont
know what the reason is unless
the Company think I am dead
or something it has been sent
bes several times but dont come
yet & if I get back there I shall
find out what the reason is
When I get to Washington I shall
be examined & I hope they wont
put me into that old best
Corps for I had rather be a ~~Private~~
Whore ~~or~~ Soldier or non
But I cant help my self if they
are a mind to do it

Well Ma. there is no news
to writ as I can think of now
But when I get to Washington or
Alexandria there will be something
new & I will writ after for
I know that you are anxious to
hear from me. But dont
Morry & cause your self
any uneasiness a bout me

for the same hand that has
led me through so many dangers
is still leading me on, and as
long as I look ~~to~~ to that hand
for help I have nothing to
fear and will be just as safe
an the Field of Battle as I am
an Bedlars Island or any other
place Well Ma. I should like
to be at home the 4th of Oct I
cant so what is the use of wishing
any thing a bout it if Charly
Field and I wear an Whig St.
the ~~fourth~~ 4th of Oct but we would
have some powder What do
you think? Well I want with
any more more But will
writ again in a few days

{ till some there is an aweful
deep ~~dark~~ ~~fur~~ and great
big fish in it, and I saw
a whapping great rat last
night A. Gray A. Gray }

Near Fort Cass on a hill sitting down resting
or waiting for orders. } July 24th
Friday 1st 1867

Notes, We took a transport from Bellows Island
and came around by (Fortes Maurae) & up
to Washington We got there Sunday morning
We staid at the Soldiers Retreat untill yesterday
at 10 o'clock and then we came to the Concession
Camp just across the Chow Bridge. We staid
there untill evening and then they ordered us
all to fall in & they marched us out & gave
us all a Masket & 40 rounds of ammunition
(then they marched a bout 500 up us up here
I should think we was about 2 miles from the
Chow Bridge (up the river from the Bridge)
Then we are going to, or what we are going to
do, we cant tell. But I spose they are a fixed
the Rebs are a going to try to get into Washington
& they dont know exactly where our Regts. are at the present
time, so they will set us a guarding around here
untill the Big fight is over. There is going to
be a big old fight soon every one is looking for
a fight & arming the Concessioners too looks a
little like fight. But we dont fight any probably
we are only for guard I guess

I saw Bryant Johnson yesterday at the Cavalry
Camp I dont know whether he is going to his
Regt or not. I saw ~~Mr~~ ^{Wm} ~~of~~ ^{Davis} from my
company he says the Regt is Cavaladated with
the 94 & we are Co. I. 94. Regt they are doing
Prou duty now so they are having good times
& I wish I was with them now & I shall go
just as soon as I can Rogers is our Capt.
Adrian R Root is Col. ^{of the 94s} & a Bully man too
I dont know as there is near now this time
I dont know where you would direct a letter to
have it get to me so you dont write until
I get to a stopping place & I dont know where
that will be

I will write after so you can
know where I am (I am Well)

G. Susan Hooker is relieved of his command
I dont know much about Meed, but I think
when they have tried ~~all~~ Gen Meed, I shall recommend
to the President for Yanka Gordon to take command
of the army

God bless you in little "Mac"
if they want me to fight

W. A. D.

Near Fort Eather Allen, Va.
July 2^d

We have taken up our quarters
here near this fort & near the
Chow Bridge I should think
by the look of things that
we should stay here a while
now & guard the Bridge & other guard
duty. This is a good comfortable
place there is 4 of ~~us~~ us in one tent
one from the 104th one from the 39th
one from 4 Ohio & me & I don't know
what Regt I do belong to But I call
myself 105 y. S. We have riced our
tent so that it is quite handy
we have got a place for our guns &
cartridge boxes knapsacks &c. and
a place in the corner for our papers
I got Bible Hymn Book & Mothers desk
so we have a full kit

I wish I could get a letter from
home But I don't know as I can
I may not stay here long enough
for a letter to come

But you may write & direct
to ~~Convent~~ ~~Camp~~
Adrian Jay

Camp Distribution
Near Alexandria Va.

I will get it if I stay here
long ^{enough} & ~~will~~ ~~write~~ soon

Abdd

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Fort Eatten Allen

Fort Eatten Allen Va. July 9th 1863

Dear Father, I thought I would write you a few lines this evening, for fear that you & mother might be missing your sleep a heart sore and thinking that I was in these fights, as in some place just as bad. But I am not. I am having good times here we dont know hardly any duty to do cant hardly to give us an appetite for our. Bean soup & salt pig we have a plenty of Ammunition here they have formed us into a Battalion they call us Co. A. First Union Battalion there is five companies of us here & there is five more at the Distribution Camp. I dont know how long they will keep us as a Battalion some think till our term of enlistment is out. But I think as soon as this fight is over & our Regt get to a stopping place they will break us up and send us to our Regt. We are getting good news now every day, news papers are in great demand here. I am glad to see our Generals all making to gather so nobly. That is the way when they all take hold and pull together they will do something. We are all surprised at the great General ship of Meade he is doing. Bullies and we are giving many hearty cheers for Gen Grant and the sunders of Vicksburg

Genl Lee has got ~~himself~~ himself into a fine
 trap I hope and says will succeed in Distroying
 him & his Army the Potomack is very high
 I dont see how he can possibly cross it I saw
 govt dams to the Potomack & I never saw so
 much water in it at once as there is now
 we are all so receiving good news from Rascals
 he is giving the Rebs govt. in Tenn. Genl Keys
 is on the Pennsylvania. Things cannot look dark
 for the Paas Rebs now and it is encouraging
 for us I feel just as though I would like
 to be in the field again ~~when~~ when I hear
 how our fellows are giving them such
 splendid playings I am well and hearty as
 a Buck. My shoulder is all most as good
 as it was before and I guess after a little it
 will be better than it ever was
 well I wont write any more this time
 for I guess you cant read this

I havent had my letter from home since
 I left N. Y.

I wish I was in the land
 of laws
 shooting Bullets into Rebels
 asses
 look a run
 back a way to Dixie

I wish you would
 write just as soon as you
 get this case I want to
 hear from the folks

Adieu

Aduan of my
 Genl Cathen Allen Va
 Washington Dc
 care of Capt Birtzell

I would like to have seen them
though, I would kill one of them
miserable hounds a good deal
quicker than I would a Rebel
soldier any man that will resist
this draft from Mobile every thing
looks so favorable for us
for us ~~as~~ as it does now I
say any man that will resist
it I would like to help hand
& hanging is to good a ditch for
him to die When there is prospects
of putting down the rebellion
then is the time to strike &
damn death it if ever

Then the Orderly just came &
brought me a letter & thought I
would get on to night Will I
will finish this & you write again
I wish some of you would write
to Pitts Davis if you count. & tell
him I am trying to get to the Regt.
I have wrote to him, but dont get
any answer yet till mat to write
I want had a letter from her in a
days age

~~Fort with Fort with~~
Sold Fort Ethen Allen
Washington Del

Fort Ethen Allen July 20th
Dear Mother

I should think it was a
hard time I had a letter from some
of you I have received ^{now} ~~was~~ since I left
New York but I am intaps to get on
to night. We are all here yet at
the fort having hadly times a
great deal better off here than we
could be at our Regts But after
all I want to get to the Regt.
I wish I could go to night, but
there is no prospects of leaving here
very soon as I can see. We are
we doing patroll duty & marking on
the fort that is our principal emp-
loyment I have nothing of impor-
ce to write to day only that I
am well and my case is quite strong
the more I use it the Pites I can
use it But it gets awfull tired

some times But I dont have to work
any unless I am a mind to I generally
Winters to go on guard as patrol
and so get rid of the Fatigue
but I havent done any duty yet of
any amount, ^{at} not so much since
I have been here as I should
have to do in our work if I was at
the Regt. I dont know hardly
what to think about getting any
pay I shant get any till our next
pay day I guess But I shall get
it some time & when I do get
it I shall have a good lot of it
130 if I am paid next pay day
I wish you & Father would write
to me & tell me all about
the situation of the Place how
much more it will take to
pay for it & all the particulars
about it & if that road has gone
through & how much you get
for it & if you are raising

any crops this summer & if
Pollard was down his gate he took
last winter of chopping
Answers all of these particulars will
you in your next letter. Discharge
has failed out I wouldnt take
it now if I could get it I am
bound to stay 2 years any way
(if I live that long) then I shall
get my Bounty if I am discharged
& I wouldnt care & if I should
get killed as do you could get
the Bounty & Back pay just
like that in mind will you in
case that some careless rick should
accidentally shoot me But I dont
intend to get shot again by no
means there is no fun in it
I should like to hear how Charley
came on in the last fight
He got a way from N. of, great
soon enough to get out of that
battle with the Private didnt see

Evening I just got your letter. But I will send
the one I have just finished in answer to it
although I had begun to think I never would
get an other letter from you. I would like
to hear some of your writ to Peto Davis
& tell him I am on the way to the Regt
I dont know But the Company think strange
that I have not written to some of
them I dont know But they think I have
died as did as some perhaps or other
All I have written all the memo so I
will close. Write soon

Ask P. if he thinks he could pay
for the place if I should send him
\$200 dollars between now & the first
of next April 1864?

Adrian

Hart ~~Co~~ then Allen
Washington D.C.

I not in care of any one our Capt
has you home & I dont know
Body I dont know ~~under~~ is in command

Till Pa I am much obliged to
him for that long ~~letter~~ letter
he wrote

Has Sam got any Ducks,
Till som I go down to the Patomack
a fishing & catch great Bullheads
the same as I used to catch
in Manassas, out of the
Fishwake

Old Sears making for Richmond
so the Papers say (he got some sweet little
plagiarist)

There is any quantity of Red
Gardes looking about fields church & about
these parts stealing horses cattle & carrying
the Old hairey

Well that
All this
time I dream

Evening, & I will try and finish this
uninteresting letter. Some how or other
I cant think of any thing that I
to night that I want to if I could
see you I could tell you a great
deal better than I can write it
But there is no use of talking I cant
see you until this cruel war is over
then if nothing happens we shall have
a chance to talk all our lives (if there
is no serious opposition). What Spl
ended success our Army has had for
the past 2 or 3 weeks it makes me feel
as though I could hardly write to
be sent to the Regt. I want to get
there so bad. I havnt heard from
them since I first came here I dont
know But half of them are killed
Nor I havnt heard from the 154th in a
long time there is one man here
from that Regiment his name is
"Woshburn" from "Hinsdale" he doesnt
heard from them since the Battle of
Gettysburg. I dont know how long
we shall stay here by all appearances
now we shall stay here a good
while. But we dont know for sure
how soon we shall leave I would
like to go to night if I could go
to the Regt.

Fort Gathin Allen

Washington D. C. July 26th / 63

Dear Dear Sarah

I received your letter
a week or so yesterday But have not had
a sufficient opportunity to answer it
until now. my duties for the past
week have been more than common
so that it has not given me much
time to write. But I shall have a
rest now for a while. we have
been at work on the fort most
every day last week. & last night
I was sent out a bout 9 miles in
the direction of Falls Church with
a squad of 8 men to look for some
suspicion that was lurking around there
But they did not happen to cross our

path But our Conely brought in 4
of them this afters noon they will
very likely be sent to Washington
to night. Sat. I was very very glad
indeed to get your letters it had ~~been~~
been so long since I had heard from
you & it seemed a great deal longer
to me than it really was, I suppose
too really I had not heard that Eli &
Hera was married. Shintson must
be wonderfully changed since last winter
It must seem so odd to you to go
up to your Uncle the now since he
is married & taken his wife home
I know it must seem so odd that no
wonder you how to laugh when you
go there. But then I suppose it is all
over he is a lean old enough to
begin to think about commencing
in life. I expect Clark & George
are having gay old times now
since they have served out their
term of enlistment & got home

all safe. I suppose the girls are all fighting
to see ~~which~~ which are to have the
first choice in the two Souldiers
Then Clark had some inclinations
of being mad because you preferd
walking with Joe. "O pity about him"
Sat. I never thought you & Joe would
become Friends I know he perfectly
hated you, & all ways laughing at
me a least you, & trying to plague
me a least you. But if you have
Pursued the Tomahawk & resolved to
be friendly I suppose it is all forgo
tten. "Sasah" it is awful hard work
for me to write to day I am all
most a sleep now I didnt sleep a
wink last night. So I will lay
this one side & write untill I can
keep a racket & then I will finish it
Dear Sadie I wish I could see you
to night & find out what you
want to tell me. I have got lots
lots to tell you if I can see you
you & gain, & I wish I could see you now

27 July 1863

This is a Rel. envelope
that one of the Boys got
up at that jettys Burg. What
do you think of it?

That packy would have
been very appropriate on one
certain occasion, would it?

Will date. I must stop writing
for I shall have to get ready
for drill. Good bye Darling.

Sir

Yours truly
Adrian

Monday Morning

The orderly told me that
was not going in fact to
lay. So I will finish writing
I am sorry I told you anything
about what I had to say.
But I thought you had heard
the "Tomahawk" and did not
think you would dig it up
a quirk. I supposed that he had
said up that he had called you
"Katie" and all that he had said
and been forgotten. or I never would
have told you what I did.
But let it all pass it is not
worth quarreling about any more.
Oh! I had my likeness
taken Saturday (Fayette's funeral)
and mine taken to gether it is
the oddest looking thing you ever

I sent it home yesterday, you may
look at it if you like, only
dont make fun of it because
it looks so, it is bad enough
to see it with out saying any
thing about it, I look more
like a "Parkey" than any thing else

There was a lot more of the Brass
came in last night. Others were
in came he says taken prisoners
too, then Mrs. Childs thinks it
would be ailing thing to go
to Richmond does she, may be
she would like it. But for
my part I had rather not go
there, even if I did not have
the honor of telling, when I get
home that I had been to Richmond
I suppose that a great many of
the 159th are there & a great many
of my regt. are there too

I dont intend that they will
ever get me there, although they
may, but I shall try hard not to
go. There was a squad just came
in from Campment Camp, and
Benny Southwick has come with
them, we will run some gun
with him "East what is" came
last night.

Well Sarah
I cant write any more this morn
& I guess you will be glad
to have some stop pos & dont
intend you can read this if
you are sick & have you cant
write as soon as you get
this, dont make as ^{Camp} long as
I name "please dont"
& Oblige your Alvin
Sarah