

Septemb the 3 [1862]

Dear Julia

I recived youre kind letter³ last nigt and was glad to heare that you was all well and I hope thes lines will find yu the same i am wel this mornig i have bin on dril this morning and feel some tired when i got youre letter last night I took it and went out in the grove and read it and it made me feel childdish Julia i think of you all evry day Julia i will send my likness if if can get a pase down town we are in a tight place you soke about going to meeting Sunday and that it was a solom time i should think it would bee but put youre trust in the lord and he will carry you safe thru o how i would lik to see you all and take you by the hand te mother that i think of here every day Julia you must excuse me fore makin such work righting fore thare is such a noise that I cant think of eny thing but i will do as wel as i can I stood on gad moday and it was a wet cold time it takes 108 me fore gard good by fore the present

Sept the 4 Julia i feal prety smart this morning and i hope you are the same this is a hard place to right so much confusion Shep come to camp last nigt and give me a letter i was glad to hear from you it dos me all sorts of good to morrow is pay day and then i shal try to come home Saturday it is plesant to day i wish could spend the day with you i expect every minit to be cald on dril Julia you dont know mutch about camp life it seams as if every boddy was her but that dont make me to home Adelia i am glad to hear that you are good girl be good to youre sisters an god wil bles you viola I think of you every day cis chuby and dely

G D G to J G

[Granville Decatur Gardner]

June 2 [1863] no 27

ever dear companion

I received your kind letter of the 28 and was glad to here you was alive I hope they will get sick of you and send you home I wil send you money to you to get things and you can be sick as dog as you want to when you get home I can doctor you it makes me feel bad when I here of a soldier ding but we have al got to die soon redy or not redy I am tired so I cant rite much to nite I sent you a paper and a line yesterday rite if you get it I wil tel you what I have been doing to day washing and moping chub has been sweeping and playing with the kittens that the old cat brought in from the barn dely was afraid of them so she filed up the little stove with chips delia and oly went to thans to get some black potatoes to plant in the garden elick Chase has took the plow land to work dont you think I had better hire the upper meadow mowed with a mchine and then make a bee to get it up it hard to get any thing done I tel you the fence that than fixed all blowed down austin haint worth a cold tird to do any thing he has gone to tickle town now he is good to the little ones did peat m [Sgt. Peter Messinger, Co. A] bring you any tobacco I payed 7 shillings for a pound I would like to no if you got or not I have made most a firkin of buter in 3 weeks it onley 16 cents now you can finish this and send it back

Julia _ Gardner

rite soon

Stafford Cort house

June the 8 of 1863

ever Dear Companion

I received youre Cind letter and was hapy to hear you was all well and hope this will find you the same there was one dollar in this letter when I got it and I was

Granville Decatur Gardner to Julia Gardner, June 8, 1863, continued

glad to see it for I was out of money you wanted to know if I got that tobacco I did and it done mee good to Chue it and think hoo brought it I got the paper with a letter in it that you sent to me O how much good it does mee read your letters and think of home Julia I dont know as you Can ever read this letter my hand trembles so that I cant hardley right but will try and doe as wel as I can you spoke about hiring the upper medow moed I think it would bee a good plan Julia tel mee how meney lambs you have got this Spring I think you have done wel making buter I wish I had some of youre butter down hear we have to pay 55 cents a pound and poore stuff at that I supose horatio [probably Pvt. Horatio Gardner, Co. H] has got home by this time so you will hear al the news tel me if he stoped to see you before he went up home we are in camp yet but dont know how long we shal be the Company has gone out shooting at a target but I thought I would have a ___ visit with you O how I would like to see you and the Children tel ___ she must kep up good courage and helpe you al she Can tel the Children that I love them and think of them al the time thare is nothing new in Camp at present onley the boys are talking about being 9 months men but I am afraid we aint tel me what folks say about drafting and if they have Comenced to draft Julia right as often as you Can it does mee so much good to get a letter from you how glad I am that we Can right to each other Thare is a good meny that Cant right to thare friends my helth is very good at present Julia you must keep up good Courage for I think this wore wil Close sumer if we have good luck and whip the rebs but never mind that you know my mind and I shal Come home the first opertunity that I get this is from the one that loves you

D G to J G

heare is some verses i wil send to Julia

[Corporal Granville Decatur Gardner, Co. A, 154th New York]

St Johns College Hospital
Annapolis Md
June the 21 64

Mrs Gardner

I just receivd your letter and I was suprised to hir you never hird from Mr Davidson [Pvt. George H. Davidson, Co. D] when you rote to me you ast me to have him write so I did and thot no more abot it but it appirs he never rote but he told me all abot it and all so abot Ugean Ballet [Sgt. Eugene Baillet, Co. A] and I dont know as he rote to them but abot Decater Davidson sed he came to the same hospital that he was in but Decater was in one room and he in another as soon as he fond out he was there he went down and saw him he was smart and feeling well for him then in a day or to he went down again to see him and he was not So well Decater then told Davidson he thot he coud not live long but wold not give up Davidson sed he went down to see him often after that but he faild all the time it was the dropsy and the hardest kind to Davidson sed one night Decter cent up after him and he went down and Decter told him he new he cold not live and gave him the check I sent to you and sum likeness that I cnt and you did not say whether you got them or not wal when Davidson com hir and told me how it was I thot it my duty to write and so I did when you ast him to write I thot of cors he had done so of corse but it dont seam that he had Davison has gon to the Regtament now I believe after Dcater gave him those things he died that knight abot 10 pm this is all I can think of abot it now but if you shold want to know eny mor that I can inform you of I will do so most asurdly he was berrid more respectabul than meny of the men was he had a coffin and was berrid in a good plase I know where he was berrid just as well as tho I had of bin their there is meny a poor widdow left that is not half so well situated to take care of their family as you are and dont morn your self for if you do you wont live six month all you can say or do cant replace your husban just think it is all for the best and try and reckonscile your self and famly the Lord will provid sum day for us all your husban was a good man and thot a good deal of boath in the Regt and at home but he has gon to to rest and his trubbls and trials and affliction are no more

Perry Baxter to Julia Gardner, June 21, 1864, continued

as Elder _____ use to say bleset be god

July I wish you wold write and let me know if you reseivd the likeness and how you get along all all the foaks their and I wish you wold go up to hour hose and see them it will relieve your mind wal maebly you wold like to know how I get along I am not very well not so well as when I was at home last

Respectfully yours my respect to _____ Thomas and all in quire friends

Perry Baxter

[Corporal, Co. I, 154th New York]

Miss Viola Gardner
Seymour Conn to N.Y.
Presented by her father
for the year 1863
from the army of the
Potomac

Friends are selected
like ours in several cases
to the trial of some
to the tomb

Miss Viola Gardner

Septemb^r the 3^d Dear Julia I received
your kind letter last night and was glad
to hear that you was all well and I
hope the lines wil find you the same
I am well this morning ~~but~~ I have bin
in bed this morning and feel some tired
When I got your letter last night
I took it and went out in the grove and
read it and it made ^{me} feel childdish Julia
I think of you all every day Julia will
send my ~~a~~ likeness if I can get a pass
soon town we are in a tight place you
wote about going to meeting Sunday and
that it was a solom time I should think
it would be but put your trust
in the lord and he will carry you
safe thru o how I would lik to see you
all and take you by the hand tel
mother that I think of here every
day Julia you ^{must} excuse me ^{fore} makin such work
righting fore there is such a noise that

... of any thing, but I will do
as well as I can ~~stand~~ stand on god's word, and
it was a wet cold time, it takes 105 men
to go good by, lose the present
I've got the idea, I feel full of smart
This morning, and I hope you are the same
This is a hard place to fight so much
Confusion, each corner came last night
and give me a letter, I was glad to
hear from you, it does me all sorts
of good, the motion is for any work
there is, that they can come, we will
obey, it is a good one to the world
ever, I spend the very best, you
never had ever, I want to call on a
man, you don't know with what
a wet ridge it means, is of every
reading, we are, but that don't make
me to know, I'm glad to hear
that you are good, will be good to you
to be on, get in, will you, with a
Thank you, every day, is chiding and
very

with my mind I think of your having
in it but will say and we will do
you speak about having the water
of think it would be a good plan from all men
have done well making water of which had some of
open water down here we have to pay for water
a pound and for the things of things
water was so hard to get and we were
hard at the water we had to be taken to be
you before we went up there and in camp
get water from some other way we had
Company has gone and standing at a height
with a height of water here which will
we have found like to see you and the children
you at the camp. All the water that of the water
and think of them at the time there nothing more
in camp of present water the way in looking about
being 9 months men but of an again we will
let me what water has been dropping and if
they were to come to camp with a lot of water
as on them it does not do much good to get
a little from you for good and that is the
thought to each other that is a good many things
the thought right to have things to my health
is very good at present from you may keep up
you know for a while this more will please this
I think it is from one that loves you so truly

St Johns, Currys
Hospital
Emergency 11

Jul 14. 18. 21. 59 20

How good Mr. Gust?
Thank you. Well

and I was surprised to hear you
have not from Mr. Hutchins when you
asked me your son to mention it to -oss.
It is not that, no, no, not in that Patrick
the, name not but the fact we all submit
and all to what began, I feel, but I don't
know what to tell them but what I think
I think and the same to the same I think
that he was in that Dealer was in one
room and he in another as soon as he found
out he was there he went down and he
think he was smart and feeling well for him
then in a big or to the next 2 men
again the Hutchins and the was not

you of I will be so most certainly
I was heret. well respected. that
many of the men was heret. suffill
and was heret. maggot. that I know
where he was heret. just as well as
the Stat of her there there is many
I have written left that is not half
so well situated to take care of. their family
as you are and left more your self
for if you be you want live six months
all you can say or do out replace you
heret. just think it is all for the
best and by and reckonside your self
and family. The Govt will permit some
I say for us all your heret. was a good
man and that good deal of both in
the Regt and in France but he has gone
to rest and his troubles and sickness and
affliction are no more as Col. Newcom
used to say heret. we got

July I wish you would
write and let me know if you
expect their likeness and how you
get along all the people there
and I wish you would go up to Grand
Lake and see them it will relieve
your mind and maybe you would
like to know how I get along
I am not very well not so well as
when I was at home last

Respectfully yours very deeply
C. S. Thomas and all in quite friends

P. S. Carter