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Officers' U. S. A. General Hospital,
NASHVILLE, TENN.,

Sept 2nd 1864

The following officers are directed to re-
port with out delay to Colonel Jas. S. Stull
37th Ind. Infy, Commanding Convalescents.

for assignment to temporary duty within city-
limits.

Capt. John Orr, Co. "F", 107th N. Y. Wes.

1st Lt. D. P. Horton, Co. "F", 154th N. Y. Wes.

Col. J. S. Stull, 37th Ind. Infy
Command^g Convalescents
Nashville.

J. E. Herbst, Surg. U. S. Wes
In charge

Head Quarters Post of Nashville
Sept 2^d 1864

Special Order No

Lieut Col. H. T. W. 157th, New York
will report to Capt John, O'Neill
at Cumberland Hospital for duty
here till further orders

James S. Hull
Col 37th Ind Vol Regt
Comd'g Convalescen

ST. CLOUD HOTEL,
RAND BROS.
Broadway & 42nd Street,

New York, Aug. 6, 1885

My Own Darling

I am so sorry that your health was not so as to permit you to come with me. Undoubteled this is the greatest event the world ever knew and allow me to say that (without any eqotism) Your Husband has a place of Honor accorded to but verry few. I am of the Very Special Committee of the Legislature of the great State of New York to accompany the remains of the Great and Honored Hero of a hundred Battles or more,

General U S Grant to his last and Final resting Place. An Honor accorded to but 24 citizens of America.

God grant that I may acquire myself with such dignity and Honor that Our Boy will swell with honest pride when he reads in History the records of this great National Event after you My Darling and I have passed away.

The Catafalque wher the remains lay in the City Hall is a wonder. How it could be so grand is a subject to be considered hereafter. The people are a passing through and viewing the Dead General at the rate of 143 per minute by count.

General Barnam has just called for me to go to the Theatre whith him so good night My own Darling.

Your own Loving Husband

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April 1, 1965

Dear Mr. Dunkelmann:

Enclosed is a copy of a picture of Dana P. Horton in his dress uniform. I have his dress sword and battle sword which I will get a picture of and send you.

I also have his three appointments, his 2nd lieutenant, 1st lieutenant and captain. These, however, are quite large and I haven't found any machine to photo copy them.

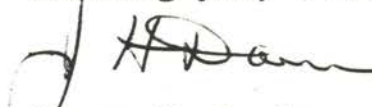
Also enclosed is a copy of a cloth badge where he was appointed to a special committee to accompany the remains of Ulysees S. Grant. Also enclosed is a copy of two other Grant funeral badges and 3 GAR encampment badges which I thought might be of interest to you.

Also enclosed is a copy of the envelope and letter of a friend of Dana P's who wrote to him on April 23, 1965. Please note the P.S. at the end of the letter. I thought this was rather interesting.

I also have a letter which Dana P. wrote to my grand mother from New York when he was at Grant's funeral telling how privileged he was to be chosen ~~xxxxxx~~ to attend. However, at this point I have put it away to save and haven't been able to locate it. When I do I will send you a copy as it further authenticates his further assignment at Grant's funeral.

I am particularly interested in the 154th at Gettysburg as my grand mother always said that Dana P. was wounded in that battle. Anything you might have about that action I would be very happy to receive.

Thanking you, I remain


Jerome H. Davis

Wd, Dec. 20th Corps
Raleigh N. C.

Apr. 23rd / 1865

My dear Weston

I have no
time to write you but a
very few lines as I am
very busy to day
I am well. Am not
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will know by this. Was
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at Sumner as they
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There was great rejoicing
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The apparent Graham has
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returned to the 1st of Cavalry
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mand of the Brig. How does
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P.S.

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Yours

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My Dear Horton

I have not time to write you but a very few lines as I am very busy to day

I am well. Am not with the Regt. as you will observe by this. Was detailed at Corps Hd. Qrs. at Savannah as Asst. Inspect Genl. and have been here since. Have considerable work to do on the march but have four good horses.

There was great rejoicing here when we heard of the fall of Richmond & Petersburg We expect Johnson has surrendered by this time The old 20th Corps had a review yesterday.

Capt Harrison Cheney has returned to the Regt, I understand. He will be Major P.H. Jones is in command of the Brig. Has stars on his shoulders. Jack Mitchell & Hotchkiss are on their way up here Jones wanted to promote me to a Capt. but I would not accept

I wish you would send my carpet bag down to Uncle Kennedys and then my sister can get it

Weather is pleasant & beauthiful. prospects are good for a early termination to national difficulties. May it soon come and last for ever Did I not know Horton that you are good as guessing I should say that you could never read this but I will risk you

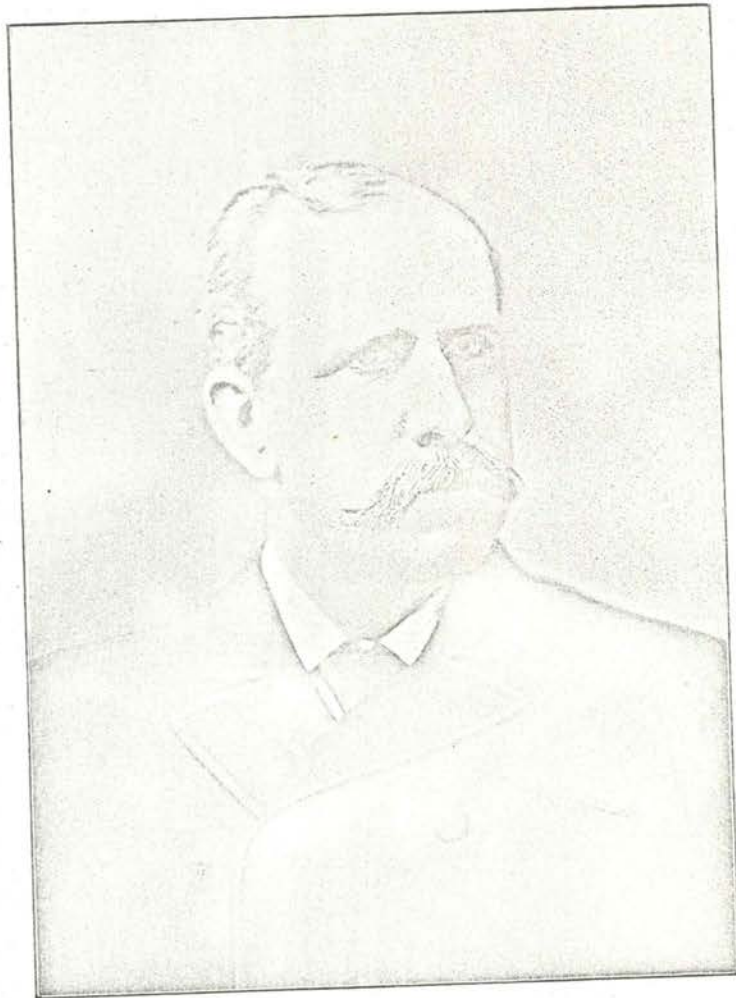
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Yours truly

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P.S. I got a bullet hole through my pants at the knee the other day in one of our late skirmishes

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DANA P. HORTON

Camp near Brooks Station V.A.
May 11th 1863

Mrs Griswold

I will send you a few hasty lines to let you know how to direct with regard to any business concerning your husbands affairs and to give you all of the information I can with regard to him.. he was wounded in the arm and started to leave the field.. I see in the papers he is reported killed but I think he is taken Prisoner and not killed but I do not know for certain he has got pay Due him from the U.S. Government to the amount of \$508.80cts up to February 28th and he has two months pay Due him from Feb. 28th to April 30th. . . . if you Should here from him before I do please let me know

Yours truly

Lieut. Dana P. Horton
Commanding Co.F. 154th N.Y.S.Vols

Camp near Brooks Station Va
May 23rd 1863

Mrs Griswold I have just received and perused your letter with intense interest I have written to you since I first heard (for certain) that he was not killed but was taken prisoner, last night I heard direct from him by one of my Company that was taken prisoner at the same time. All of my men are in the Parole Camp at Annapolis. M.D. and I am in hopes they have written you before this by request of Lieut Griswold. if not I will give you all of the information that I received from the ~~men~~ men that was with him. ~~She~~ they wrote to me that Lieut Griswold was in the Hospital at Richmond and his wound was onely a flesh wound in the arm above the elbow and that his wound was doing well. Mrs Griswold I think that our much Loved Lieut. "G" will soon be Exchanged and will soon be at Home with you and His many Friends ~~with~~ which will verry happy to See Him wee Should be verry much joyed to See Him with us again entirely recovered from his wound. As to His Pay I think he will soon be around to get it Himself. There is onely five (5) men that I have not heard from the names of the absent are as follows Sergt" William. J. Allen Privates. Isac. Burley of the Town of French Creek. Albert Bemis of the Same place Edward Huntington and Thomas T. Jones. wee are coming out verry well considering the circumstances wee was in a tight place with no Support So wee was compelled to fall back. though verry reluctantly no sane man or person could expect that our Regt" could hold a force of 50,000 Rebels for any considerable length of time. please give my respects to your Son I have often Lieut" Griswold Speak of him and yourself So it seems almost as if I were acquainted with you. You must keep up good spirits for I think the Lieut" will ~~soon~~ soon be Exchanged

I will give you a list of the unfortunate in my Company of late Private Albert H Goulding of Arkwright, Died May 18th 1863 Private Richard O'Neil, of Jamestown Died May 21st 1863 from the effects of a wound received at the late Fight at Chancellorsville. I have no more news to write this time that I think will interest you, you can rest assured that I shall give you any information I find out about Lieut" Griswold

Yours with respect

Lieut" D. P. Horton

Camp S. C. Noyes near Brooks Station
June 1st 1863

Lt" J.C. Griswold Dear Sir.

I have just received a letter from Lt" Jenkins he says he wrote by your request it was verry actceptable indeed for I thought you was in the hands of the Rebs, and I feared you could not endure the filth of a Richmond Hospital this Hot weather I am glad you have away I hope you will get along all right now. I heard the night of our Fight that you was killed and seen to fall. (You can judge of my feelings better than I can describe them) the next I heard from you was by Lt" Cameron who was wounded and taken prisoner he said you was wounded and taken prisoner and sent to Richmond I will give you a detail of the men of our Company wounded, Moses Stevens David J. Williams Richard O'Neil (Since Died) Howard Whitford (has got well and doing Duty) William J. Allen, Isac Burley Albert Bemus have not been heard from yet supposed to be killed Edward Huntington is killed. wee lost out of the Regt" 30 or 40 Killed we lost out of our Company in killed wounded and missing 25 including your self and out of the Regt" 240. Colonel Jones was wounded and taken prisoner Agt" Noyes was killed (and our present camp is named after him) the men got so badly worn out over the River that they have been sick more or less ever since wee got back. Lt" Col" Loomis has Resigned also Lt" Burdick, Maj. Allen Capt" Hoskiss and Lt" Martin has gone home sick Lts" Godfrey and Bagerow are verry sick. So you see wee are in bad condition there is not commitioned Officers enough to command the Companys S.M. Church is in command of Company (K) when we first cameback this side of the River wee went into our old camp near Stafford G.H. but that proved to ~~be~~ sickly for us and so wee moved Down toward Brooks Station I fear it is a going to be verry sickly down here this summer there is a great many sick here now A. Burnham was sent here about three weeks ago and is now verry sick again. Albert H. Gouiding Died May 18th in Division Hospital. Col. Wm. Stevens & Lt Ellis (of the 72nd N Y S vols) was killed

Lieut" I wish I knew if you have sent any word direct to your wife or not for she is verry anxious to here from you. I have written three letters to her and given her as incouraging information with regard to you as I could under the circumstances. the last that I heard ~~was~~ from you (before this) was by way of McKee he wrote me that you was in Hospital at Richmond. Lt" I guess I will write a few lines to your Family and let them know where you are (for fear you have not) if you have not got any money and want some let me know and I will send you some immediately when wee first got back I opened the trunk and the ~~the~~ Agt" (Lt" Crosby) was with me and he saw your boots and wanted them and under the circumstances (as he had none) I thought best to let him have them. I let him have them for \$6, I will send the money to you or your wife just as you direct. I want you to send me word what you want me to do with your things if I shall keep them for you or send them to you. now you must have some one write to me soon for I am anxious to here from you often

From your friend Lt" D. P. Horton

Camp S. C. Noyes Near Brooks Station
June 2nd 1863

Mrs Griswold I have just heard from your Husband He is at Annapolis Md and is getting along verry well indeed as he Did not say anything about writing to you I thought I would send you a short note I have just written to him he has to get some one to write for him as he cannot use his right arm yet

Yours in haste

Lt" D.P. Horton

Camp Jenkins Lookout Valley Tenn
Jan 8" 1864

Friend

~~Friend~~ Griswold

Haveing been verry buisy since you left I have failed to write as soon as I wished to. however the arrival of your letter awoke me to my Duty. I am not in as good health as I could wish for. the weather is cold and unpleasant. The first day of the month it snowed and the snow is on the ground now about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch in depth I have got a bad cold and the weather is such that I cannot get over it wee move Camp soon after you left and are now encamped near Genl" Hookers Head Quarters Our camp is named ~~after~~ after the late Lieut" Jenkins of Company "E" two ~~Companies~~ Companies of our Regt" are ~~sent~~ detailed to Kellys Landing to load the teams of our Corps (Cos" H&I) I guess they dont have much to do for all we have had to eat for the last ten days is beans. And in fact wee have only got about $\frac{1}{2}$ rations when they pretended to give us any Since wee got back Genl" Hooker has got after the Corps Quartermaster and I guess the hard tack will soon come. the Boys got pretty well starved down as well as my self. the news here are uninteresting wee get none to send away and but little comes to us by paper or letter It is generally believed that the Spring Campain will open early and that wee shall have a hard Campain of itto & (?). as to Burnham I have not got time to go and see him and I guess he has gone to Nashville. I think a furlough could not be obtained here on account of so many old Vetrens going Home. however if there is anything that I can do I will try and do it. ~~the~~ the Boys are as well as useal ecept starved almost to Death you spoke about my paying Lt Casler I should be glad to do so if I had the soap(?) but Col" Loomis has not payed me and wee do not get our pay until March next I am in hopes Loomis will pay me soon Well I guess I will not write any more this time but you can write longer letters for you have more news than I do, Give my regards to your family and my Parents & Friends, yours as ever &

Dana P. Horton
1st Lt. Comdg. Co. F

Camp of the 154th N. Y. Vols
Lookout Valley Tenn"
Feb" 7' 1864

Capt Griswold Dr Sir

I received yours of the 23rd in due time was glad to hear from you Sorry to hear your Wife was so low hope she will regain her health soon I saw a copy of a letter that Col" Jones wrote to you some time since I suppose you received the original one the Col" appears to think it best for you to go into the Invalid Corps. I suppose you received the letter consequently I will not repeat its contents. We have moved twice since I wrote to you last About two weeks ago we went to Kellys Ferry and fixed up good quarters and stayed there two days and was ordered to report to General Hooker wee are now in camp near Hookers Head Quarters towards Genl" Schurz's old Head Quarters have got riged up quite good again I expect to move soon again now wee have got our hand in wee have out a strong Picket for the reception of the Rebel Morgan I should have written before this but wee have been verry buisy as you will perceive the Col" is going Home soon I understand on recruting Service with some of the men what do you think about getting any recruits in our place. write to me when you think you will return the Col" appeared to think you had better get a certificate from a Surgeon belonging to the U. S. Service instead of a private Doctor. the Boys are all as well as ~~usual~~ usual Pat Garvey has returned lately looks very well. I have no particul^r news to write give my regards to all that enquire for me and no others So good day

From your Friend &

Lt" D P Horton

(Copy of 71-79.25)

Camp near Stafford Court House
May 15th 1863

Mrs Griswold

it is a great gratification to me to be able to give you more relyable and better news from your Husband (Lieut. John C. Griswold) one of my wounded men has been parolled and sent back to our Hospital and he says that Lieut. Griswold was wounded in the arm and taken prisoner he said he stayed with Lieut. Griswold one night and they sent him to Richmond I think he will be exchanged in a short time and he will probably be unfit for Duty at present and will come home before he comes back here. I shall be verry happy to give you any information with regard to him as soon as I get any relyable news

I am verry respectfully your obedient Servant

Lieut Dana P. Horton
Commanding
Company "F" 154th

Mike

George Van Vlack
to Ones at Home

LETTER # 36

Camp Bradford
Baltimore, M. D.
July 23rd 1863

Dear Ones at Home,

I am well at present & hope these few lines will find you enjoying the best of Health. As for my wound or bruise it is well entirely.

I started to go to the Regt. & left the Hospital on the 14th & went to Baltimore by Railroad with lots of others from Md. Hospital. Then we were shut up here at this camp. It is called the camp of distribution, but they seem to be keeping us here for some reason or other.

We are formed in companies, a commissioned officer has charge of us. I am acting sargent, a Lieut of the 154th Rg. has charge of us. Once a hundred in number, The duty that we do is nothing but some policeing. I think we are left here to protect the riot that is expected here when the draft takes place. It has commenced, but no fuss yet.

How long we shall stay here can't tell, though it is better than marching this hot weather. I have a pass when I want it to go to town, but the stick is I am without money & can't by anything, but I had enough to have this picture taken to send you. It is better than them that I had taken at Folmouth. I want satisfied with them I had taken, but these I bee. I had been walking & was sweaty & warm, but it looks just like the original. That white handkerchief is one that a _____ lady gave me. It was such an uncommon thing to have anything white, though it musn't be in sight. That waist belt is one that poor Henry wore when he was killed. I still have his gun yet & mean to keep it. My hair is short but my whiskers are some in the way, but don't bother me so badly after all.

15 BROTHER WAS
KILLED DURING
NORFOLK'S ATTACK
"BLOODY LANE"
9 AMTICAM,
ARRIVING THE
DAYS. BUILT
5 VERSAILLES.

Jane, I wish you were here, I could enjoy a visit now, but this picture will be better than nothing. Don't let anyone have this, this is the best one & may be the only one I can get whilst I am in the field or whilst I look like a soldier boy.

Jane, I havn't heard from you in a long time & am very anxious to get a letter from you. The last was the last of May. I may stay here a month & may not. Whether I do or not I wish Father would send me a greenback & be sure & send it if possible. It will follow me if I go from here.

Oh, I am so anxious to hear from Home, now Jane if you wish send me a letter in double quick time. I will think you are one of the worthy gals you will want. You write me a good long letter but don't be long doing it. I have had yours & my picture & Clintons out looking at them & kissed yours or tried to but have forgot how. -Will you show me when I come home?

Give my love to all & best wishes. Father, Mother, Clinton, Lib & all write to me,- write soon, Where is Lib & family? All write to me.

Direct - G. W. VanVlack
Baltimore, Md. Camp Bradford
Care Lieut. D. P. Hoiten

Answer as soon as you
receive this please

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COULD THIS BE
DANA P. HORTON?

George Van Vlack,
Co. A, 64th N.Y. Vols.

(Courtesy of Phil Palen, Gowanda, N.Y.)

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