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FAMILY LETTERS

Brooklyn Feb 8 1862

Dear Son Thomas.

I am very much at a loss to account for your silence as I have written many letters but no reply. I am really sorry to write thus but what can I do if you defer writing only to remind you I am always happy to recieve information off of you and family We are all pretty well and have been all winter so far I hope you have enjoyed the same blessing all the children grow nicely I wish I knew something of Henry it is too bad. Johnny go to Washington in a short time to assist in laying a Submarine Cable as H, husband has a situation as superintendant of a telegraph line between Fort Tress Monroe after being Idle four six months John may see Kate and learn of Henry I have written and directed as you say poor man how strange

to forget all his near friends, how miserable
I am, still boarding at Aunt Sally's though
I am on a visit to Harriette, as she is, alone
with her little ones. I wish I could see yours
once in a while, and Hers likewise.
I hope you will hear something of him
ere long, I hope you are prospering in business
as usual. Miss B Mary was to see me yes
terday to say she intended to leave in March
as she had a letter from her sister you
can say if you as still informed of her place
of abode or does she live with you, the girl
appears very steady body. I hope she will
do well. The Small Pox prevails very
much in N-Y- & B- likewise in Washinton
amongst the poor Soldiers oh! my how
sorry I am that we have war. we may
have War with great Brittain they
were greatly installed as they considered
I hope we shall have no more War
at present for me I should say
you must feel anxious about us

Thomas have tried to give you all
that may please or interest you
I am looking for the likeness of your
family your self included.
I may have to move for ought I know
the people almost do old for me the
lady rather delicate in health.
I have been looking around for a house
but I am particular to the location
then how could I live a lone. I can
not fasten up at night. I am not
willing to live alone always had so
many about. Now is the time I need
company. Mary Pye has been with me
this winter I presume she will want to
change by Spring.
gone visiting to cry for past two weeks
I trust you are doing pretty well how
is Monsieur Desnuthurough poor fellow
I fear he has lost his magestic manner &
deportment does he hear from M Mark
I hope they are all truly happy
please remember me to all friends
Your mother R Wheaty

Thomas Whaley

Feb 7 19 I have to write since finishing my letter that two more of Johns children has the S. Fever I am sad indeed I know John feels dreadful indeed I fear to go what shall I do poor Tommy comes next I feel as though I could cry my eyes out all friends fear to go where the awfull malady is, I have not felt so bad in a long while, I have had something of a cold feele better I will write again soon as the children are so ill Your Mother R Whaley

~~I will inform~~ if I hear more of, Mr Murry I will inform you, I shall give her the Draft when she decides to go if not return it to you she appeared in no haste told me to keep it safe untill she was to go.

These wan times I should if war was with you. Thomas, it pains me to informe me of the death of my sister Araminta, Mrs Tripp, she lived at Bushnell Ill – she had a tumor in her breast I am fearfull, it might be cancer we have not heard the particulars John Tripp went on and remained untill her demise she was buried there I am very sorry that it has occured so far away.

Thomas, I wish you all a happy New and may it prove so to you I hope and pray war will soon end I do not like treasury notes I recived 300. dollars yesterday what a great expense to the Government You no doubt have heard of the Trent affair if you take the papers I get tired of reading so much then I begin again a most miserable concern I wish the northerners were more dignified but time will bring forth I am sorry J. has decided to go to

Washington I fear something
may happen to him I shall
be uneasy untill he returns home
he would be a great loss to his family
and to S. and family desires great love
to you I see another arrival from
San Ff no letter for me. I would
be glad to hear from you.
the weather fine to day over head walk-
ing very bad We have not had a se-
vere winter that is one thing. Only think
within a few days of spring el S. ——
I will write again soon if permitted
may the Lord guide and direct
us all is the hope and prayer of your

affectionate Mother
R. Whaley

Tahiti - South Sea,
January 7th 1862 -

Dear Thomas

Here we are literally under limes, & fig trees - & lots of tropical fruits scattered around - My wife enjoys it very much - the climate is all she could wish & she has no desire to leave - I have had a fever since I have been on shore, but am in hopes it will leave me soon - if not I must take passage in the first vessel for San Francisco - We had a very pleasant voyage of twenty-two days. on head winds & not much calm weather. I felt the effects of the motion but little - but my wife sick the whole passage - She injured herself so much I think I will leave here here to take passage

for the Sandwich Islands — as the voyage will not be so long — she suffers so much from sea sickness — I have not been able to see anything in this Island to fix & my health would not permit — we are very pleasantly situated in house with a lady who has had the kindness to board us — this is the last of the rainy season — & the hottest time of the year — I hope your health has improved since we left — I hope Sen Stirling & all your family are well — give them our regards — A vessel leaves this morning for San Francisco — I have endeavored to send this scrawl as a remembrance — although not much in the humor for writing — I presume Col Bryson has left for the States before this — if not please tender him our regards — I expect to leave here within a month

Yours by Lord W P Thompson

1862 – 1867

General Letters To thomas,

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Brooklyn June 1st 1862

Dear Sir Thomas.

I am sorry to say I have not received a line to my last three or four letters, sent to you if you do not think proper to write, I will not perplex you with my communications as I consider they must be irksome to you or at least not quite so frequently as I have written. I was ill some weeks past but am getting better I have not been so ill in more than 20 years as you know I have great reason to thank my heavenly father for his many blessings bestowed upon me. Your brother F is I trust on his way home from Washington as he has been engaged at Fort Ress Monroe laying the Tel^n Cable much against mine and his wife wish, as he had such a perilous time some months past, I wrote you of it. he went to W, to see annie people as I want to hear of him to day he may return I long to see him safe home again it would be a lonely house without him, then he is all I have to call on his family five little ones growing needs a fathers attention as well as a Mothers, the baby little Rachel grows first rate, people say she looks like grandma he has now a F W & a R W, as it should be if people only think so. I expect your are improving very much

I sent a man to see that Budget M — she told him she had letters from her sister saying she had better not come at present, is it not too bad, little Amelias dresses will be to small shoes stockings and all things I have in store but they will come in for baby that is one comfort I hon has had his grape taken long ago only think how I have been tripped with by B M, to had have to send by Express. I yonce that J has returned safe to his family the information from Kate very dissatisfactory to me, as they say they have not heard from him in six months, O my! then he wrote that the place was inundated and they thought to return to San J, if they have done so you may know it, do inform me without delay should you have heard any thing concerning him I had word that Aunt P Lynar was sick Elizabeth went to see her yesterday she is attacked with symptoms of a paralissis I am so very sorry as I am not able to go to day as it rains but J will after dinner I hope then I will tell you know P is a little to day

Thomas, I asked Harriet if Wm had sent you cash or what it is not to you, she said no, I said why does he not do so as J has told him he would not recieve it from him. I thought I would inform you what I knew about it. he would not speak to me about it, I can tell you, or I to him, we understant Quaker silence better than most people do that is proper

Harriett has another Son born the 21 of April a fine boy. She is pretty smart four children quite a family for her she is very domestic mother. its bad that her husbands business calls him away most of the time but I presume she has become accustomed to his absence time, brings forth all things

As I promised to inform you all about Hen, Kates husband is doing a good business in Washington he says if H, will come on he will take him in business with him, he is well acquainted with Henry disposition I would greet his return with open arms, I tell you we all think they will come on, you would be the only one away. Thomas, I wish you would write to John about the payment of your taxes as he would like to be reimbursed for the general payment on your Lot. I trust no more unpleasant feelings will occur than has already, I wrote you all about it in my last hoping that you would write on immediately. How is all your friends Monsieur D— Mr Tompson & lady my best remembrances to them all likewise Mr & Mrs Day all whom I respect speedily. Enquire of Mr. T. mother and inform me if she still lives Do speak often of me to your little ones I hope to see them one of these days. O my! this dreadful War I wish it was at an end then there would be less slaughter and blood shed what a shameful doings to hand down to posterity I expect you get all the papers so you are posted up about the War its too bad John says there is great number of negroes at Norfolk Thomas do write and send on the money I has paid out for you that will be right you will know you must allow me to advise you for the best as he only wants the amount he has paid on your property write soon Receive my love to you and family

Your Affectionate Mother
E Whaley

do ask Mr Ellis if she wrote home for her not to come

San Francisco, June 18th 1862.

Dear Little Wife

I got back safely Monday noon not so much wearied as on the former trip. I have been very busy ever since and shall be for some time to come. but can find time to write you a few lines as you wished me to do very much. The weather is very warm so I judge you must enjoy yourself and that Sister Mannie and Frankie are improving every day - Kiss them all for me not forgetting Sophie and tell them to be good children and mind what you tell them - On my way home at Redwood City I hired a side saddle which the livery-stable man promised to send by the stage that afternoon and I gave to Mr Sampson five dollars to purchase hay. Having a horse will conduce to the passing your time more pleasantly till I can go up to see you again on Saturday - I delivered Sophie's message to her father and she may expect to see him Friday though not for certain as he is much occupied. The folks are all well. That is the Major. They went last evening to hear Star King lecture and so did I but not with them. The Thompsons

an well. I delivered the flowers to Capt Kellogg — who was pleased with them. I don't think he will be able to go out to see you this Saturday as we are unusually busy — take good care of yourself, don't be afraid at night, no one will hurt you. I hope to see you much improved by the next time I see you — Kiss the Children for me and don't forget how much I love you and that if it were possible I would go and spend all my time with you as I find it rather lonesome here — My respects to Aunt Jaggers and tell her she must not work herself to death on your account.

From your loving husband
Thos P Whaley

San Francisco, June 27th 1862

My dear little Wife and Children.

Great will be the disappointment I know, but I cannot possibly go to see you on Saturday, as we are so very busy in the Commissary department. On the third of July I think I shall be able to leave and stay over till Monday to content yourself like them. Since bring Hanky some fire crackers and a miniature flag — Going to see you last Saturday cented me a great deal of trouble, as I had much to do and some errors to correct, made during my absence — But busy season will soon be over when I shall be more at leisure — I send you the clean clothes &c &c. I took out two a handkerchief and pair of socks. The majors mother and Nancy went to Benicia Monday and Returned to Stockton Wednesday. Tell Josephine that her father is Deputy Paymaster General with the rank of Lieut Colonel by the death of Cantrell — I have not time to say more. Kiss the children for me and believe me ever your affectionate husband Geo Wheaton —

Bowronville July 7th 1862

Dear Son Thomas.

A gent called at Johns House a week ago, and inquired for ~~you last~~ I am sorry to say I was not there, he handed — Elisabeth a small package it prove to be likenesses of you and family I was pleased to see them, I still regretted much that I did not see him he left his address and said he should leave in August I shall be glad to have an opportunity, to send a few presents to the children, being deprived by B, Harry, the last from her friends persuaded her not to go, that the last of her you ask her sister, so much trouble as I have had all for naught, I feel afraid least my budget might be too much if I had only seen him I has called but he

+ you sent only two of your dolls

How can we have one of your sweet girls +

was gone to Boston I am fearful
that John will be weary of well doing and
not call frequently, It is in vain that
him if he would invite him to tea I would
come down as I desire to see him, but he
is like yourself knows all things, in his
own estimation, and what is the result
if I thought the girl would ride up to see
me I should send him an invitation as you
must know I live four miles from Fulton
perry you say so little in your letter I am at
a loss what to do, and it is not very complisan
to strangers, he ought to be, coming from you
I liked the situation of Sallys house.
Therefore I hired part of a house of a gent
who has a wife & one son 14. it is very pleasant
The R.R. runs past I first corner
within five minutes walk to my house
they often come up to see grandma, then
I live near to Sallys which is very pleasant
to me and have some acquaintances of Sally
as I am fond of social intercourse I love
to be under my own Vine and fig tree

think as frequent of us as you are thought
of I do not pretend to say I think we would
all be glad to hear of your determination
to return to your native land but you have
been away so long, we dispair of your return
home you may begin to think of it one of
these days you will let us know I will you
I must say your inclinations to stay is greater
than to come home, It appears to me that
It should be so for such a great length of
time I could not make myself contented to
remain so long away permitting all thing to
progress in nature and me not to be familiar
with rise and fall. We might all appear
greatly changed to you since you saw us
last Some would regret exceedingly
that they had not witnessed the change
as it progressed it grieved them sadly
to see their once sprightly sisters grown old
their Mother wan & feeble where she used
to preside she now surrenders her position
what a change but I will say as [redacted]
only stay the Lord bless and prepare
us for events as they come to pass Your Mother
write soon to us all and Rachel Wholey

as they are truely enterprising people and well disposed I presume you visit them frequently I never received an answer to my letter to Anna Day though she might have written she was a nice child. Thomas, I wish you would run home and see how we are all progressing the children are growing large Mary Lizzy is 13, soon be a young lady she resembles her Mother Lina 10 looks like J. jenny, looks like my Amelia your sister. Tommy grows back like J. about the forehead has a fair complexion baby little Rachel is very bright looking dark eyes. H. children are bright, eldest like her father very smart, Billy, looks like father & mother, Amos resembles himself eyes black and bright feature small he is a real noisy fellow how large Hens children must be by this time Harry is a fine boy I hope he will be as good as he looks — I expect they will be well taught as they are generally at those catholic Institutions as they go to, I wrote to you the particulars you may have forgotten I fear that you do not think much of me but you may not be asked or told what to do, or hear the noise of children, when I am writing or reading — Now, I am quiet, I hope J. will be up to day I was to see him and H. yesterday two of his children has just recovered from remitting fever a fine appearance they are well I expect Lina will be up soon as she is quite feeble my baby grows fine looks like me many handsome that you cannot deny is a fact I think you will know my photograph J. has framed one not you do not look like it I know I cannot say I should have known J. says you looks like him I wish they had tryed me when you get mine show it to Thomson & Desmond Borough I believe they will both recognise it to be me I fear all I write does not interest you much or you would answer my frequent letters to you I shall not write any more of the lot as I given you a full detail of it and all I know of the Government note you sent Wm I hope and pray you will refund J. for what he has paid

cat for you on the lot. Thomas do be
attentive to look for poor Henry her friends
thinke he is there, I trust he will come
home, write quickly if you have heard
any news of him. The familys all well
it is quite warm to day, cools of towards
night the church a few hundred feet
from me I saw the little shirt you made
the patchwork is as you left it I wish I
could sent it and the many little curiosi
ties I want your children to have them
perhaps you do not care for them.
I am old fashioned, I begin to wish
I had a horse & carriage if J. kept a
horse in his business I would soon buy a
carriage I have walked long enough
God bless any child, may the Lord pro-
tect you and family untill I see you.

Your affectionate
Mother R O'Whaley

Your aunt P has a paralysis attack is
pretty smart only has speech she can see
she thinks she is better RW

San Francisco, July 9th 1862.

My Dear Nan,

The Major goes down to day and I have made arrangements for Mary to go with him as she will be of great service to you in helping you to take care of the children. One week in the country with her will do you more good than a month without her, so improve the time to get fat and strong as I shall certainly bring you home Monday July 21st. Mary intended to go to San Jose to live. I knew of no way to retain her except by offering to lend her to you and to remain till you came home — I pay her expenses there and can to give her some little besides which I will leave you to determine. Mayor Folsom got home last night Miss Ruggles from Folsom, and Mrs Lidball ~~and~~ Mary and Walter from Benicia. They are look well. I breakfasted with them this morning. I think Mrs S will likely pay you a visit before you return. I tried to persuade her to go with the Major to day. I send you a sack containing oranges, ladies fingers and candy. also the Gazettes.

but could not find the Slide belonging to it. You can take off the Straps and wear it without if you find it necessary. Let me caution you not to ride or fatigue yourself going up the mountain. I would not recommend you to bathe in any of the creeks, better to get a tub of water in your room and take a sponge. I could not possibly get the Clothes ready to send to day but will tomorrow — My foot pains me considerably. I am obliged to wear a slipper. It affects my nervous system so that I can scarcely hold my pen to write — and as I have a great deal of writing to do I hardly know how I shall get along. I will try to go down to see you on Saturday. Many kisses to you and the children — and believe me

Your fond and loving husband
Philo Chauncey

My Julien McAllister died at New York. Capt Kellogg sends his compliments and thinks it likely that he will go down to see you the end of this week. He is complaining of a cold. Remember me to Sophie. I gave her letter to her father. —

San Francisco, July 10th 1862

My dear Mary.

The Major and Mary did not get off yesterday in consequence of the sickness of the Major who is now confined to his bed, but much better this morning — I have made arrangements for Mary to leave by the Stage to day and to take with her the sack containing oakum, oranges and the two bags containing clean clothes. Mr Dawley has just called and thinks he will return this afternoon or tomorrow. I will go down Saturday, if possible, and if I do not, it will be because my foot is so much worse I can not go and I shall therefore wish you to return on monday, but I trust I shall not be quite so bad as I think an other week in the country with Mary will do you much good. The citric acid is to make drinks during the warm weather. I send also a few crackers, for the Children. My foot pained me considerably yesterday. I could scarcely walk. Major's mother dressed it last night and this morning. It feels better and I get along tolerably well with two canes, but I must keep quiet. My love to your dear wife —

— Thos Wharton —

San Francisco, July 16 – 1882.

Dear Nem,

The Major goes out this afternoon, so much against his inclination to remain at home – Don't forget the lady's saddle. Let it be left at the Hotel when you send the waggon to go to Woodside. I forgot my clock when I got out of Cooley's waggon at Redwood City yesterday ~~morning~~ – Have you reminded the Major to enquire about it? If he should not have it ask him if he recollects taking it out of the waggon at the hotel and then enquire of the landlady if he knows anything about it – You will come home with the Major on Saturday morning. I will be on the look out for you about 12 o'clock. Mind and pack up everything – Don't forget anything – I will send out the clean clothes tomorrow to be on the look out for the stages. Ask the major if he has the key of the black bag and if not break it open and tie it together with strings, you can put the soiled clothes in the cotton sack Mary took out to us to have more room in the trunk – The surprise present is all ready for you. Love to you the children Alice and Sophie. Yours affectionately, W. H. Ellis

Brooklyn Sept 17th 1860

My Dear Son Thomas.

I am still waiting for a letter from you, but as Mr Ferrier left such a kind word at J that he would take any thing we wished to send, I was very desirous to see the gent. I told J to call at his address & I would be down to see him any time, he promised to come but J failed to see him. I live near to Aunt S were you dranke tea, when you was home from Cal. I hope you have not forgotten. I would have been much pleased to have seen him to inquire of him about you, it was to bad to treat him with so little courtesy you know J is not very polite, I trust you will make the best of it to the gent any way. I hope you will got the package safe no doubt you will if his life continued

I hope it will be if it is he a married gent
you will find my photograph Johns and
family which is very good, only J. is so dark
we tell him he looks like a negroe. Minnie is very
serious looking, I will go again but since
I have been sick I am not quite so stout
though quite well; appetite good as ever
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enjoyment of good health and that your
little ones grow finely, I may see them
one of these days when you bring them on
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have you heard if Mr Murry has ever
arrived to greet her Sister I was happy

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heard from you since first letter you sent, one to
Mr Pelton with the Minnesses, I believe another
[illegible] not caught again, as you wished
have a chance always [illegible]
[illegible] Farm [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] and so as soon I cannot
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] Mary [illegible]
[illegible] yesterday [illegible] Angeline [illegible]
[illegible], Sam Cornelia and Mary [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] they often [illegible] of you [illegible]
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a [illegible] for [illegible] but not [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] as our [illegible] cannot
[illegible] you, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] little ones. [illegible] I [illegible] Henry [illegible]
them when, yesterday I met Angeline [illegible]
Will, Sam Cornelia and Maggie [illegible]
[illegible] they often [illegible] of you [illegible]
[illegible] you will [illegible]
[illegible] you
find you had better [illegible]
[illegible] to do so, when the War shall cease
it may be a long time [illegible] happens
but I hope not, there has been great
blood shed, they say [illegible] to [illegible]

Aunt Priscilla, is middling [illegible] considering her attack of paralysis [illegible], and [illegible] she was slightly attacked, which we are all very thankfull for. Thomas I sent my Photograph in the package by Mr Tatten I hope you will recognise it with pleasant remembrances and think it good some say it is to serious, looking Thompson may know me. Now my dear child I will close with love to you all.

Your loving
Mother R. Whaley.

Thomas you have had the lot 3 years last May thirty eight dollars is all you have paid of ~~the~~ expences therefore the remaining bill you can soon sum up.

Cost of the Lot ——— $900=00
7 per cent Interest on four hundred doll- 000=28
Taxes ——— 000„10

Thomas please keep this Statement

[illegible] that [illegible] say it will make [illegible] [illegible] there is difficulty enough [illegible] I [illegible] let [illegible] tell you that Robe in [illegible] with a fine young man of good standing has gone into [illegible] banking [illegible] rather averse at first. but I hear in letters [illegible] will do well, I wish you would write to Robe, he is an enterprising [illegible] [illegible] good [illegible] [illegible] growing family, my baby little Rachel has been very sick with her teeth and [illegible], [illegible] not [illegible] it, she is very pretty little girl [illegible] eyes and [illegible] she is getting [illegible] as the weather is cool [illegible] children [illegible]. I have written you a considerable long letter as I have written frequently I am not weary of well doing, so you see. you [illegible] will [illegible] to see him, I hope he takes good care of his [illegible] as that is sensible in a smart boy to do so I have the likenesses beside me to give a

[illegible]

Lest, to my wishing, I find I took the longest at my own day, if he is of age, this day is his birth day, all the people exclaimed how small he is not I but he is very pretty what beautiful features, do not be vain, if I do write thus I had a little prettier beauty than you, but Almighty took her from the trouble to come, his will be done, I submit in obedience to his Holy will. Amen.

Eliza and Mary you children will be as good as they can, I think more to them if ever they pay you due respect for your great care, which you show to them. I have written since Mr Felton left Vt. all particulars enclosed a receipt from John Jan the draft of $138 dollars as you desired in a previous letter I wrote all the expenses during a year on the Lot

Aunt Angelina sends kind remembrances to all. is glad to hear of your good health and good plenty. She thinks the children are very good looking

to send the little presents to the children I hope they will be pleased with them but they do not know the giver or would they care the more if they did as know off I hope you have received your government note you sent to Wm H. why do you not I told him he would not receive I wish you had have written to Smith if any thing was wrong he would have been willing to be interrogated by him — I think you had better send on I money as there is two years standing I will get the bill of him and the receipt for what you have sent on, I am sorry that any thing disagreeable should occur between you that you was wrong to write to him concerning as though your Mother and Brother had committed themselves — If I take one of your likenesses and I one that is two all you sent, I want the one without a hat of yours they are all good Harriette has your two eldest children —

Jennie who stands at her fathers left hand is a pretty little girl, she has the most pleasant countenance of the group Tommy, is a pleasant noble looking boy. children generally look well enough, their behaviour is the thing I must close as I have given you all the information I think will interest you. may the Lord bless, you all, is my hope.

Your Mother
R Whaley.

Brooklyn Sept 13/62

Received of Mrs Rachel Whaley Thirty Eight Dollars in a draft on Act of Thos Whaley for Dogies & Interest Money paid on lot in Clafson Ave

J. Thos. Whaley,

Thomas, you will see that I have been a good steward to pay your money over to your brother as you directed and I have informed you several times therefore you can do as you please in future you will not find that I swerve from the good way. I hope you have recieved your government Note from Wm safe. I have informed you all I know about it -

R Whaley

Sept 14, 1862
Lt. Wm C. Hayes
to Whaley -
Re; Indians 75-100
attack scouting
party of 20 -
near Camp -
Anderson - Good
description -
Request better
whiskey

— Received Oct 6th 1862 —

Thos. Wheeley Esq.

Fort Easton, Sept. 14. 1862

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Sept. 4th has been duly received and contents noted. At the time of the receipt of your favor as above, a party of us were talking about the matter of pay rolls, and I had concluded to write you on the matter. But it is now all arranged and so soon as the Paymaster arrives to pay the troops, I will sign the rolls, as you desire, or make any other arrangement you may suggest, as I am very anxious that you shall get your money. As you see by the heading of my letter, I am now stationed at Fort Easton, having removed from Anderson last week. Easton is a very pleasant place; we have good quarters, good society and everything to make us contented. Lt. Col. Olney is in command, and there are three companies stationed here, viz F. I and K, all commanded by agreeable gentlemen and sociable comrades. I have had some hard scouts since I joined my regiment, scouting through these infernal mountains, and last Monday morning, at daylight, whilst scouting at the head of Redwood Creek, with a small detachment

of 20 men, I was attacked by a body of 75 or 100 Indians, all well armed with rifles and shot-guns. We were ascending a very precipitous bald mountain, with no signs of Indians around, and when about 250 yards from the summit, the Indians opened a heavy plunging fire upon my little party, killing the mule I was riding (putting three rifle balls through him) and grazing my neck; as also three of the pack mules, accompanying my party, and wounding Sgt. Connell in the foot. We covered ourselves as well as we could in the thick fern, for lack of any other cover: finding it would be impossible for my men to charge up the intensely steep mountain without being cut all to peices, the Indians being three times our number, and entrenched on the summit behind rocks and shrubs. There was a small belt of timber, about 500 yards distant on our right, to which I ordered my party to fall back, hoping that the Indians would follow us, to where we would have an equal ~~show~~ chance with them. In the meantime, my remaining pack mules had strayed beyond our range and been shot by the Indians. As they (the packs) contained the mens blankets, haversacks, and all our provisions, and as the Indians showed no inclination to pursue me, I concluded to fall back on Camp Anderson, the nearest point where I could obtain provisions and reinforcements; in doing which we had to march down through Red Wood Creek, a distance of 35 or 40 miles, through water

up to our waists; over fallen timber and rocks, the men suffering much and myself suffering more than anyone, as my boots gave out, and I was obliged to march half the way barefooted. We arrived at Anderson at 12 midnight, and after dispatching a messenger to Easton for reinforcement, I completely wilted, and was brought over to this Post more dead than alive: I have been very sick and am now just able to walk about, and hard work at that. Another party was sent out by me, who went to the battle ground in search of the Indians, but they had scattered. The party arrived at Easton last night, after being out four days, without being able to meet the redskins: the officer in command of the party, reported that the Indians who attacked my party, must have been 150 or 200 in number and that they were very strongly entrenched, behind immense ledges of rock, and that from my position at the time of attack I never could have reached the summit with my party alive. The consequence is, that although the citizens below at Eureka and Arcata, as well as the Humboldt Times, take advantage of my mishap to fling slurs at the troops. I have been complimented before the regiment this morning, by the Lt. Colonel commanding, for the part I took in the matter, and my men for their coolness under fire. You will probably see an account of the affair in the papers. Tell my friends not to judge me too hastily

but wait until they see the official report; and they may then come to the conclusion, that I acted well in the matter, and that the loss of 2 riding mules 4 pack mules, 40 blankets 20 haversacks, & days rations for 20 men, etc is not so great as a reckless destruction of 20 human souls, although belonging to soldiers. I consider that the good qualities of an officer can be as well displayed by the use of a well timed discretion, as by a reckless disregard of the lives of his men. But I have written you a long letter, and having many more to write, I must close wishing to be remembered kindly to Mrs. Wheley, Madame and Mademoiselle Lannay, Col. Ruggold, Capt. Kellogg, and any of my friends who may inquire. I should be very happy to hear from you; and city papers would be very acceptable. Please address at Fort Larton, Humboldt Co. Cal. via Weaverville, as it is a more direct route.

(Now a word in the corner. Do for God's sake buy better Whiskey for your Commissariat, as I have not had one single glass of good, first rate Commissary since I have been in service; and I know that the Whiskey we issue to the soldiers has a good deal of fight in it.

Pero, adios, and believe me to be your

Your sincere friend and well wisher

Lt. Wm. H. Royce
2nd Infty C.V.

P.S. Wasn't that dirty fellow, Sr. Hoffman, hit me a severe lick? How awkwardly. (See Attk Page 11th)

Brooklyn

at home

Admitted
Feb 5

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[illegible] Oct 21 95

Dear Brother

Your kind letter was duly received & of date (2) containing drafts for $50.00 we deposited it for safe keeping & will wait to see if you say so as soon as I physically can I am very anxious feel more like being dead than alive but up & large arms and legs on back but I hope give you the particulars in a few days we are all very glad to hear of your sickness and hope to see you well again do you not think it would be advisable for you to come on and get a chain here if you may do so will come on and accompany you here, but I suppose you will be the best judge in

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Nothing did not appear as well
with for the last few days
I cannot write now I do
hope one of your sisters
will take good care of him
do [illegible] I was
there Mr Miller until I
was tired could never
get him to take a pack-
age for him to take to you
not it appears he did not
get it so I must look af-
ter it again in it are the
likenesses of all the children
Sister's little James was left
to hand should not be known
yours but should an inquiry
be made where the dear
[illegible] had an old one of her
you left. Mother is very well
and looks well she enjoys
excellent health since her
last sickness.

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will be [illegible] again [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
good [illegible] children if you
think so look in the [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] all

to your Anna and hope
you will attend to your
self as it would be
a great help to all of
my friends should you
receive from it say if
you would come on if
I come for you, if only
for a short time you is
very tired of his presence
and hopes to see you very
soon to get acquainted
give all your instructions
to your all and chiefly
all for me please answer
how you are by return mail
as we are enquiring to
hear from you

service to him you
will please do so
and I will be from
the [illegible] of
expect [illegible] will
then honest and well
to do as I have to
accession here with
them you will please
make [illegible] a
[illegible] we are all
well and enjoying
good health [illegible]
a [illegible] to [illegible]
you will please [illegible]
the Good Island in
the package and be
[illegible] to me as soon as
you can for ~~the~~
vegetables as I thought
I [illegible] be [illegible]
for [illegible] to [illegible]
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Giving best respects
to [illegible] for [illegible]
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Commissary Dept - U. S. A.
San Francisco Oct 31. 1862.

Wm H. Hicks
Supt U. S. M. T.
New York.

Message welcome. Daughter born 14 Oct. My malady improving. Family well. Love to all.

Yours truly
Thos Wharley.

Recd

Fort Easton. Oct. 29. 1862.

Friend Bailey:

We are ordered to Round Valley, and it might happen that the Paymaster would not visit us, and consequently, I would not have an opportunity to sign the Pay Roll, and I thought I would inform you of the fact, and from inquiry made of the Paymaster, before he comes up, on the 5th Nov. you may ascertain whether or no he will be able to pay off Co. F. - if so, it will be all right, you will get your money soon; if not, you may perhaps suggest some other plan of getting the same. I am anxious you should get your money.

I have become quite notorious in this County as a "dead shot" Indian fighter; and from the papers I see that my fame has reached your

city. It has caused me considerable annoyance, and thinking it might have arisen from jealousy — for I cannot deny that privilege to Lieutenants, which is exercised among the spread eagle and starry gentlemen — I requested the Colonel to give me a Court of Inquiry, and enclosed I send you the correspondence, etc in the matter, and as Lt. Col. Olney, and some unknown friend has set me all right at San Francisco, I think I can rest in peace until I shed a dollie again, which I shall certainly do, if placed in the same or similar position. I did not grieve about the matter on my own account, but I was very sorry to have compromised my kind friends who obtained for me my present position. The supposition is, that if my company have any fighting to do below, we will have a very different foe, in the shape of rebels; and then you will see "what you will see."

Remember me kindly to Mrs Wheaton, Madame and Mademoiselle Lemay; also for Kingsold, Capt. Kellogg and any of my friends who may inquire. Send me a paper occasionally, and allow me to subscribe myself,

Ever your friend

W. B. Hayes
2nd Lieut. Cal. Cav.

P.S. We are to start next day after to-morrow (Saturday). If you write direct to Round Valley.

W. B. Hayes

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[illegible] make a [illegible] for the [illegible] these days

[illegible] I should write to Southborough [illegible]

see if any [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

It appears as though she was [illegible] but what

can I do? [illegible] I should [illegible] expect

to see him frequently [illegible] will, I think [illegible]

a knowledge of his whereabouts particularly

[illegible]

[illegible] days as the [illegible]

[illegible] I hope [illegible]

[illegible] been enough [illegible]

of life is to help [illegible]

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[illegible]

times. I received your letter date

[illegible] and that you are

improving I hope you will continue to do

so

John, has had quite a severe attact of disentary for the last week I have been nursing him, C had had bile on her arm which was very bad your brother is better Dr says he needs care I hope he will be carefull of his health as he can ill be spared from his family of five little ones I hope your family is quite comfortable in all respects I will write and give you a full account of your business, My health is pretty good The things are gone I hope you have received them safe. by a friend of Mr Tellens You can inquire of him if you think proper do write again soon May the Lord bless you and family

Brooklyn Oct 13 1853

My dearest friend Anna

I now take my pen in hand to write to you to let you know that we are still living and are all well and I sincerely hope this will find you and all your dear family the same dear Anna ever since I last saw you I have seen great trouble my heart is broke I have lost a kinda husband and four dear children dear Anna you can sympathyse with me at the loss of children but not of a good husband which is one of the sadest losses that ever any woman had to bear but I must bear as well as I can for the sake of my dear little boy that I have left me you did not know my dear husband but Amelia did he was at my wedding after Sutton was captain of a Kanawha packet where he was killed by accident in a storm on the 28 of December 1851 and was buryed at sea on the 3 day January dear Ann how can I bear it think

of me deare friend all though absent
from you for a long time i have never
forgaten you and the pleasure we have
enjoyed together dear anna i think you
do not think as much about me as i
do you or you would have writen to me
once since you left Sy as we was such
good friends i should have wrote to
you before had i of known your
address but i did not know it until
i have made the acquaintance of your
sister and law Mrs Whaly and she
gave me your address and i have
such a good chance to send them
by a friend that i know will deliver
them safe by he is mate of the ship
grate republic and a very fine man
i hope you will send a letter back by
him to me as i want to hear from you
ill very much i do not expect to
meet you on earth again but i hope
to meete you in heaven dear anna i
suppose you know all about this
awful war but i suppose it will new
be any beter as long as abe lincoln
is president but i do not care it dose
not hurt me i am very comfortable

i have an
from you
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i have a nice house of my own not far
from your sisters and am keeping house
with my little son the times is very
hard here now and every thing is very
dear we have no exchange but paper money
Now as here i have not much news that
will be interesting to you as you
have been gone so long that you have
forgotten all your old friends i suppose
i enclose Amelias letter in yours for
i do not know her address as Mr
O'Haly told me you did not hire
to Gather so please direct the bearer
of this letter to her house so that he
can see her dear uncle i will now
stop and bid you good by may be
for ever hoping to hear from you as
soon as it is possible for you to write
and let me know how you are getting
along give my love to all your family
and kiss all your little ones for me
a kiss i should like to see them and
you but farewell dear friend and
remember your ever affectionate
friend Mary E. Tatlow

Brooklyn

N. Y. Clearmont avenue

~~Dear Anna~~

Dear anna
i will make
you acquainted
with the bearer
of this leter
My friend
Mr Wells

M E S

with

Fort Bragg, Dec. 16, 1862

Friend Whaley:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 17th ultimo, with accompanying newspapers. Allow me to express my sincere thanks to yourself, and through you to Lt-Col. Ringgold for favors rendered; although I must say I was somewhat surprised at seeing the correspondence I sent you in print, as I did not expect it would be published. My sole object in sending it to you was to convince my kind friends in San Francisco that I stood all night at Regimental Headquarters, and had done nothing to compromise them, consequently I was as much pleased as surprised on seeing it in the Alta of the 15th ult.

As you will perceive from the heading of my letter I am at Fort Bragg, at which place I arrived on the 1st inst. after a very tedious passage of 10 days, by sea; having experienced a series of calms and fogs, which prevented our making port; having been assigned to duty at this post, I assumed temporary command on the 3d inst, and celine assumed the same on the 11th inst, on the arrival of Capt. Hull. Co. F left here on the 6th and arrived at Round Valley on the 12th inst.

(The schooner "H. T. Clay" arrived here on the 9th inst, and owing to the heavy swell setting into the harbor could not get into the river. She lay tossing about until the 18th when during a heavy northwest wind, she parted her moorings and went ashore on the rocks. Fortunately it was high tide when the vessel was stranded, and the sea going down she did not break up. Capt Knell, on learning of the disaster, immediately despatched all the available force at this Post to her assistance, and finding the commissary stores with which the vessel was loaded strewn along the shore, he posted a guard over them and with a large force of Indians commenced unloading the vessel, and are so engaged at my present writing. The stores were destined for Round Valley, and the larger portion will be saved, although in a damaged state. She had a large amount of baled hay for this Post, which may all be saved if the vessel continues to hold together.)

I am much pleased with the location of Fort Bragg, and with the officers and men comprising Co D. 2d Inf & C.C., but had rather be with my own company (F). I shall probably remain here during the winter, and rejoin my company in the Spring. 2L Johnson of Co F has been promoted to 1st Lieut. and will relieve me at this Post, as soon as the troops are settled in Round Valley.

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Adieu,

Allow me to congratulate you on the accession to your family, and express a hope "that the mother and child are doing well". But it is about time you were drying up, unless you aspire to the euphonious name of "the father of a numerous family." Remember me to Mrs. Whaley and family and all inquiring friends.

Send a fellow some papers - the mail arrives here twice a week, and I am anxious to keep posted up in the war news. If you can learn anything interesting or important in the military circles of San Francisco, let me know it.

Adieu, and believe me

Ever Your friend

W. H. Moyes

Pvt. 2nd Infty C.S.