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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1862 January 2

Thomas W. Cahill

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My Dear Wife

I take advantage of the non sailing of the Kingfisher until to day to send you another letter to the last moment I send you also a box of shells We have been in one constant turmoil of working and writing even since we have landed I never conceived it possible that there could be such a horrible amount of writing as there is about a Regiment it is nothing but write, write, report report. We are sick of the sight of papers The Regt. have just been mustered to make the returns to send on to Washington for payment it has been a very tedious and perplexing job and what made worse the rolls made out by Chamberlain were all wrong and roll after roll were spoiled trying to make them right: I was sorry that you did not write at a later date than Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> as the George Green the vessel that brought the mail did not leave Boston until the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 15 days later than the date of your letter I did receive a single paper and not a letter but yours: I received some more of the allotment rolls returned by M<sup>r</sup> (Chapley) I cannot find time to answer the long letter

he has written me about these Confounded Rolls they  
have almost set me Crazy I cannot keep track  
of them I have set the Captains to work at them  
Capt Garvey has written him to explain his  
and I send by this mail Capt Wrights signed  
There is a horrible amount Book Keeping to be done  
and it requires more Book Keepers than Officers  
to keep track of them let this be understood  
by all that expect to hear from me by letter  
I cannot at present write letters We are all  
in good health at present I wish you  
would send out my Commission to me by  
the very first opportunity as I may need it  
and I think the Jr had better have his  
he feels very much disappointed in not  
having a letter this mail it is mighty strange  
we had no letters and the Officers and privates  
had piles of them, I see by the papers that  
have come to hand that the Hill continued  
to publish their scurrilous letters about  
us I only wish I had time to spare I would  
give some of the anonymous scribbling  
magabonds a dressing down but never  
mind it is a "Long Lane that has no turn"  
our turn may come yet, I hope you will try  
to make yourself as comfortable as possible  
and to be fretting about me. The mail is closed  
for so good bye Kiss the Babies for me

Your Loving husband J W Cahill