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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 May 20

Thomas W. Cahill

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New Orleans May 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Wife

This makes n<sup>o</sup> 6 of the new series of letters the first of which was mailed from Key West. I wish you would ~~mail~~ number your letters so that I may know if any of them are missing. I consider it very singular that I have received no letters since my return although there has been a number of steamers arrived during the month the "Fulton" arrived to day and the "Morning Star" is due. Miss Bradt has not left yet as all the steamers were taken up to carry the 2<sup>d</sup> Division up the River. We have not heard from them yet and do not know as they have felt of the Enemy; The City is very quiet and very healthy I have had no occasion to order any funeral escorts for some days which is a remarkable circumstance as all the sick of the Department <sup>are</sup> sent to New Orleans to the General Hospitals, and I have to order the escorts for the poor fellows funerals; The 6<sup>th</sup> N York "Billy Wilson's" have just come to the City to go home their time having expired. I have not heard from Major Mahan except that St. Cole Cassidy of the 6<sup>th</sup> says he is well and is at some port at the junction of the Atchafalaya & Red Rivers. It is very hard to get word to or from the advance; Our men are very healthy we have not lost a man in two months, and have but 23 on the sick.



report. Cos B. C. D. H. & I. are at Pass Manchac  
a safe but I am afraid not a very healthy  
place when the weather gets really warm so I am  
manouvering to get them away but it is diffic-  
ult to do it as the position is important there is  
a very fine gun Battery there and when I sp-  
oke to Gen Sherman about relieving them with  
some of the 47th Mass he said No he did not  
want nine months there and besides that it was  
a healthy place. If it had not been for that on-  
founded Major Foye I do not think he would  
have sent them there, but he got down on him  
for some of his unsoldierly conduct while he was  
at that beautiful place "The Rose Landing"  
and sent him out there as a punishment I do  
not begrudge it to him but it is too bad to pun-  
ish the poor men for his misconduct, but so it is when  
even the ~~men~~ Officers misbehave it is the men  
who suffer for it; I hope to goodness that Bloat  
Garvey will clean out for good when he gets  
home but it is more likely he will hang around  
as long as he can and come back to bother me  
again and tyrannise over and neglect his  
men. Sergeant Eben Evans goes home  
with him to do his business he is a good Officer  
he promises to call and see you if he has time  
& Old Starkey has promised to ~~write~~ send  
me two more Mackin' binders if I can only manage



to get them home though I am afraid the  
Boat will leave before I can get them up  
from where he is,

I have not seen O'Brien lately but hear from him  
through Athens he is well and doing well  
I sent you word in <sup>one of</sup> my letters to see if I left any of my  
Copies of letters on a list of the Officers of the Regt  
from the 4<sup>th</sup> Regt of the State behind me the Com-  
missions that were promised me when at home have  
not arrived and I suspect foul play about them  
I intended to have told you to give a copy of  
Capt Williams Commissions to his father but I thought  
let it stay with me and have it here I intended to have  
left it here he is doing very well now and seldom  
comes near the City which is all the better for him  
in fact all the Officers are getting along nicely as  
are the men the most of them being outside of  
the City and away from every body is no injury  
to them,

I wrote you in another letter that I left a thousand  
dollars in the Express Office here for you on the  
12<sup>th</sup> day of May but they did not know when they  
would forward it. The Dr is well and John  
& Barney and all others you know Give my  
respects to all Enquiring friends My love to Ellen  
Kiss the Babies as usual for me.

Your loving husband  
Thos. W. Chiles



My Official Address at present is

Thos. W. Cahill Col  
Cmdg 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade 2<sup>d</sup>  
Division 19<sup>th</sup> Army Corps

but you need not put all that on direct as before  
but add "Box 2558 N.O. Post Office  
I do this because whether justly or not I am af-  
raid to have them sorted over by the deat  
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