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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 June 29

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# "La Fourche"

Head 2<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>a</sup> Brigade  
Defenses of New Orleans

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Wife

Yours of June 16<sup>th</sup> came to hand to day I have already one in the mail for you in answer to one of about June 1<sup>st</sup> which I received while on my way way to the La fourche Count ry in that I answered what I could recollect of your letter for as I was then in the enemys Country I distroyed it I will try to get my two month spy tomorrow in time to send it home by the 15<sup>th</sup> July I would advise you if you have not enough on hand to make a thousand dollars to try and borrow some temporarily as I shall certainly get it home for you within a few days of the 15<sup>th</sup> I am sorry to hear of Sommers continued troubles but continue to hope for the best



I had a narrow escape from the  
Enemy at the Lafouche Crossing  
but succeeded in getting every  
man away except those in Hos-  
pital. Seab. Poles Donnelly Co &  
and Hospital Sten Hunt Poles  
Orcovan and a man named  
Robinson who enlisted in New  
Orleans. Edene left in the Hospital  
have since come in all right  
having been paroled. I was fearful  
for Robinson as they hang every man  
who enlists with us down here.  
Orcovan brought off the Du Co.  
tho swearing they were his own.  
He also took apart the Dr Pistol and  
concealed it in his stockings  
and brought it away. I was obli-  
ged to leave poor Francis Hope  
who had been badly wounded  
that morning behind as he could  
not be moved; also a number of  
the 23<sup>d</sup> Corp in the same Cond.



tion and their surgeon remained  
with them to take care of them  
In Gallagher wished to remain  
but I could not spare him and  
brought him back against his  
will The Enemy were in even  
whelming force over seven thou  
sand and 13 pieces of Artillery  
but I just saved my "back"  
I had about 1500 men and  
made good my retreat to this City  
without loss of men but Banks  
has lost Brashear with an im  
mense supply of stores "A such  
Generalship" The first Order I gave  
when I was ordered to the front was  
as for the stores to be brought in but  
it was too late The Rebels had cut  
the track In one hour more I would  
have saved two heavy trains, Brashe  
ar City was 28 miles beyond where I was  
So Capt C, did not call to see you so m  
uch the better The sergeant that went home  
with was a decent fellow and I am



So Glad he got the birds home  
safe look out for them on some  
one will steal them from you  
you must thank Bill Starkey  
for them I have received a let-  
ter from Michael Fahy and a  
paper from Mr Morrissey  
John Michael also sent my two  
Heralds the poor fellow is in  
great trouble about the draft  
and I do not see how they are  
going to get out of it  
Capt Re Brien is in town and will  
probably remain while the En-  
emy is about

The Dr is well and busy. Capt  
Sheridan has a touch of Chills  
all others are well we have lost  
one man by sickness since I  
came out. The Base number  
is changed it is now 500, not  
"25 58" Tell Father that I  
am setting myself to write  
a good long letter give  
my love to Ellen I will try  
to home the letter present by the  
press this week Kiss the babies  
as usual for me. God bless  
you all at home

Your Loving husband  
Thos. W. Whill