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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 July 14

Thomas W. Cahill

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July 14<sup>th</sup>  
1863

Head Quarters 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade  
Defence of New Orleans  
9-30 P M - July 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Wife

All is well and glorious with us, and ~~as to be~~ <sup>as to be</sup> ~~it is~~ <sup>it is</sup> so with you, we had dates to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and if the ~~things~~ <sup>things</sup> bungle, Affairs turn out all right. Things will begin to look better, we had 92 Officers sent down prisoners from Port Hudson to day, and more are coming, I believe we have about as many more coming, The Enemy have not yet left the La fourche and I believe Genl. Banks has sent a force down there to look after them. The Harbors and the Gunboats are all down here and things begin to <sup>look</sup> as they used to do. I have not had a letter from home in three mails, ~~what is the matter~~, O'Brien had a letter by the Creole to the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, and nothing being said I suppose all is right; I have not heard a word from Major Maher in a long time, but as there has been no fighting since the 14<sup>th</sup> of June I know every thing is right, I am pepping along here as usual. I have but a small force and a large amount of garrison duty



to perform, as well as stragglers to look  
after, I sent you a copy of the Order appon-  
inting me Military Commandant of New Orleans  
and this was done to give me control of all  
straggling officers and men and I have  
a Commissioned Officer and twelve men on  
patrol duty looking after officers and men  
I have some fun hearing officers explain  
how they happen to be in the city, and without  
side arms, and such a buying of  
swords as there has been, These men  
have had a warm time of it, It serves them  
right, and they are beginning to make tracks  
out of the city, I carried off a bill of fare  
from the dinner table to day and will send  
it to you to give you an idea of a living at  
1-25 per day, I intend to get this in the mail  
in the morning the boat leaves at 9 A.M.

Tell Father that I intend to send him a  
Roll of Louisiana Tobacco. Called "Perique"  
from a little spot in the Parish of St. James the  
only place in the state where they raise it, it is  
said to be good, Give him my respects I am looking  
for a good long letter from him. Give my love to Ellen  
Kiss the Babes as usual for me

P.S. A story is around to night your loving husband

that the drunken imbecile

born of the 26<sup>th</sup> Nov who is home on

a leave is coming out a Brigadier and may leave my place but I don't  
believe it through then on the point they make them of

Wm W. White