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Mr. Thos. W. Cahill
227 Franklin St.



New Haven
Conn

Head Quarters 2^d Brigade
New Orleans July 15th 1863

8-45 P.M.

My Dear Wife

Your welcome letter
of the 3^d came to hand to day, with Extract about
the 9th Conn and the 2 Batteries being captured
"how are you captured" but to tell the truth
if I gave them a few hours more time they
would be very apt to do it, about one hund
red more of the Rebel Officers from Port.
Hudson came down to night, so that
I have near two hundred of them on hand
now, I believe the privates are to be paroled
for Exchange I am glad of it in one sense
as I shall be saved the trouble of quenching
them, but I do not believe the Rebels keep
their paroles, I heard from Major Mahan to
day he is well and writes in a very cheery strain
unfortunately I have left his letter among my papers on
the desk and I have no time to get it now, he has sent
down my horse "Jack" looking as though he had been
through a hard campaign, I shall turn him out to grass
tomorrow, I wrote you last night, I have forgotten the
number of my letters but think this is twelve or thirteen
Count them and let me know in your next

in mine of last night I intimated, that I had
just heard that Col. Farn of the 26 Mass was coming
out as a Brigadier and that it might displease
me I do not believe it except that he is just the
sort of folks they make them of, A good for little
inebriate that can not write ten words con-
secutively in the English language, well Congress
is not in session thank God, and if he does
come out a brigadier I do not think I will
serve under him. though to tell the ^{truth} I ought
not to find much fault - as I am probably doing
better in a pecuniary sense than I ever did be-
fore, although I always have hard work to do
and this Command is very trying to the patience
from the peculiar Character of the duties.
I ought to have mentioned before that Major
Maker says that Patrick M. Carlen is well and
looking finely, I think I mentioned that there was
some talk of his being killed but that I did not
believe it, I ~~happy~~ am happy to be able to give the facts
He also says that he received a letter from John anno-
uncing the birth of the heiness, All are well I am sorry
to hear of Tom Healy's death. Give my love to Ellen Miss
the Babes as usual from me and don't fret about Tommy
but tell my "Ma" "Ma a" he'll get over that

Your Loving husband
John Cahill