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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 August 8

Thomas W. Cahill

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Head Quarters 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade  
New Orleans August 8<sup>th</sup>  
1863 - 8 - P M

My Dear Wife

I take advantage of Capt  
Hialys going home to drop  
you a few lines just to say  
that we are well and in go  
od spirits. I received nothing  
from you since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July  
but received one from Father  
Hart of the 25<sup>th</sup> in which he  
says you are all well but that  
Tommy had a slight attack fr  
om which he had recovered.  
Nothing new has occurred  
since my last. Every thing is  
quiet in this Department since  
the fall of Port Hudson the  
24<sup>th</sup> has gone to ship Baland  
but has left a lot of stragglers  
around the city which I am  
picking up and sending off as  
fast as I can. I or three of  
our officers as going home for  
the conscripts. We have 4000 to  
fill up with we need home b  
men for same purpose.



among whom are Old Tree,  
Shankey and Ned O'Briens con-  
in Lake Jim English I don't sup-  
pose we will get a great many  
of the conscripts and here  
non do I suppose a great many  
many will be got by standing  
watch non in short do I care  
whether or no if they don't  
come, I may be mistaken  
I, for which I suppose you  
will pray, but I don't find  
much fault as yet, as I am  
honestly getting on easier liv-  
ing than ever before and more  
money for it.

They have not got me out of  
here yet and do not know  
as they will though I don't  
know what they find for  
Manny Breca seems to do some-  
thing without commands  
I see by the papers that Bryca-  
dien and Strong and Leno's old  
adjutant General has died of  
the wound received at Fort Wagner  
and that Chaffield was wounded  
there a gain well so far I am as  
lucky as any of them Thank God.



Major Maher went off a week ago  
he was down the day before he makes  
great Braggs of getting the money he de  
not home within 5 or 6 days of now he says  
doesn't know what Mary Ann did  
with it but he sent it home, I can  
not learn that Mr & Cousen has  
been brought down from Bel  
on Bridge yet he is sick in Hosp  
ital I tried to get him brought  
down and Capt Keely promise  
d to send for him but they went  
off in such a hurry I suppose they  
could not, I will take care of  
him if he comes down here  
I see that Seavoy and Eagan es  
Caped as well as more of the Copper  
heads so much the more pity  
The fellow that the Lieut Col  
appointed Quarten Master while  
I was at home has just been dismis  
sed the service dishonorably  
The fellow it is said had been in the  
Laurens prison for theft before  
he was enlisted. The Lieut Col feels  
awfully sore over it and says he will not  
make any more appointments with  
out my consent he wants to make  
his Brother & Na but I refused my  
consent on the grounds that he was  
not a proper character which  
he admitted but served a o o



for him I told him if he placed  
him in charge of any property  
he must hold himself responsi-  
ble for it.

I wrote Father Hunt that I found  
that a lot of my Officers had  
signed a petition for a Brigadier  
General ship for Col Farr the  
fellow who took my place when  
I went home they explained by  
saying they thought it a good  
joke and thought well to hum-  
mour it and get the drinks  
but I consider it a contempt-  
ible piece of business of all  
concerned so far as I am con-  
cerned I care but little about  
it. The health of the men con-  
tinues good remarkably so  
several of our officers are  
trying to get home Capt Sheri-  
dan is rather unwell at pres-  
ent but not serious. Give my  
respects to all enquiring friends  
Give my love to Ellen. Kiss the  
babies as usual for me  
Why don't you your loving husband  
when I stop often  
this

Thos W Child