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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1864 September 21

Thomas W. Cahill

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In Camp in the Field near Strasburg Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

My Dear Wife, I write this on the second day after one of the severest  
Battles of this dreadful war, as from the tenor of a dispatch just ma-  
iled to the Line from the Secretary of War and also from General  
Grant it seems to be considered at least that we escaped  
in a most wonderful manner only one  
slightly wounded. It was a dreadful scene  
after the battle was over on the field but  
being brothers of course we could manage to  
take care of our own wounded. We followed them  
up immediately and camped at Winchester that  
night and continued the pursuit next morning.  
I have written so far an account for to Jack Jr. and am  
informed that you to make a nice narrative of the  
Enemy's position. Sept 22 we made the reconnoissance  
and remained under a severe fire with C  
and B. and part of D for four hours and again thank  
be to God escaped without personal injury on this  
occasion we lost 3 killed 9 wounded and 1  
missing. We were attacked in strong force by the Enemy  
but being lucky in our position kept them off till  
until after dark when we succeeded in driving  
away in safety. This afternoon another battle was  
fought beyond Strasburg and I had a splendid  
view of it as our Regiment was on Picket and the country  
through which the battle was fought was in full view before  
the Rebels have again been routed and I suppose we will  
be on pursuit again to morrow. Every body is well  
and in good spirits. I do not know how much further



As intended to pursue early up this letter I have  
just heard of the death of Lt Col Beck of the 12th Conn  
I have no means of ascertaining the truth he was  
badly wounded in the battle near Winchester by a frag-  
ment of shell. In the hurry of my writing I forgot  
to say that I received Ellen's letter announcing your  
sickness on the evening before the battle. I am  
very sorry to hear this and am anxiously looking  
for a letter by the train which should arrive  
to night and by which I hope to hear that you are  
well. Ellen says you are getting on very well  
on which I hope to do soon. I do not think we  
can have much more fighting here now and  
the time will soon slip by. Give my respects  
to Father & Mother and say that I have not received  
the long promised letter from him. My love to  
Ellen and kiss the babies as usual for  
me. The Dr is well but I have not seen him si-  
nce the morning of the 14th. He is busy enough in the  
Division Hospital.

Good Bye and God  
Bless you all  
Yours truly  
Henry Hensford  
H. Hensford