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Wisconsin. Governor
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Mrs Harvey

To St Charles Hotel Dr

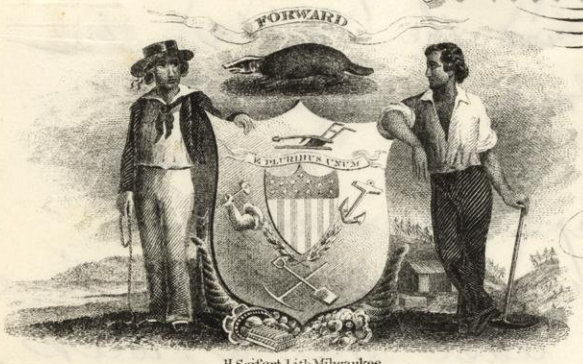
For 4 days Board at 1.00 $4.00

Cape Girardeau Mo Oct 1st 1862

Rec'd Payment

C. T. Gale

State of Wisconsin



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Madison, Novbr. 3d 1863.

Mrs. L. P. Harvey
State Sanitary Agent.

Madam.

On the receipt of this you will please proceed without delay to Vicksburg and Natchez, Miss., and other points in that neighborhood where there may be sick and wounded Wisconsin soldiers, to aid and assist them as much as possible. You will not stop to remain at any intermediate point except Helena, Ark., where a short visit from you would be desirable. As to the kind of aid and assistance to be rendered by you to the sick and wounded Wisconsin soldiers, your former experience will a better guide to you, than any special instructions; but I wish to call your attention to one point, i.e. to see that

the soldiers in hospitals not only, but also the Wisconsin regiments in the field, in and about the places above mentioned, are constantly supplied with sanitary goods from the Sanitary Commissions.

Upon your arrival and from time to time afterwards, at least once a week, you will make full written reports to me concerning the sanitary condition of Wisconsin troops that come under your observation, the names of sick & wounded Wisconsin soldiers in hospitals, the condition of them generally and of the hospitals, your own actions in connexion with your mission and such other matters bearing upon the sanitary condition of Wisconsin soldiers as you may deem of interest or importance.

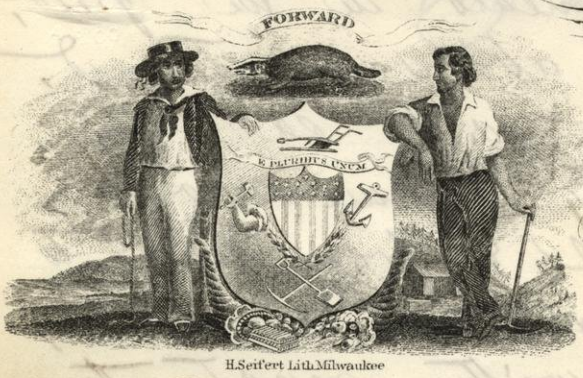
Your compensation will be the same that you have heretofore received when acting in this capacity, to wit, three dollars per day, besides which your necessary travelling expenses and other expenditures that may seem necessary for the soldiers will be paid, of all of which expenses and expenditures you will keep and make a full and detailed

account accompanied by vouchers as much as possible, which account you will send to this Office as often as once in every two weeks.

Very respectfully

Edward Salomon,
Governor.

State of Wisconsin



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Edward Salomon,
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Vicksburg Miss.
Jan. 23. 1863

Hon. J. S. Lewis
Madison Wis

Sir Sir:

My report this month must be meagre Wisconsin has so few troops on the river and so few in hospital

Knowing that you know the situation of our regiments, I have expected every mail an order to go to some other field of labor where I could be more useful than I can here

It is true that I have a good deal to do in the way of answering letters inquiring after lost friends

and the appeals of deserted soldiers - sending them to friends or, where they have been turned over to the government stating the fact.

It seems to me that I could do more good in some other way.

However I think the legislature this winter will do something towards establishing an asylum for the children of those who have fallen in this war. Almost every other state has such an institution already established.

So it is not the least we can do for our fallen heroes, to take good care of and educate their children.

I believe the people would

be glad to furnish the means for this good work if it is only brought before them in a proper way.

Any thing that I can do to aid in this matter either now or hereafter would give me great pleasure to do.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am,

Yours respectfully

C. A. P. Harvey

Camp 16th Regiment Wis. Vol.
Vicksburg, Feb. 16th 1864.

Mrs. Harvey,

Soldier's dear Friend:

I pray pardon ~~pardon~~ the liberty I take in addressing you. I am one of those eight boys who were confined in the military prison for refusing to sign the reenlisting papers. Believing that we had been deceived by our officers, we should have remained under arrest but for your kindness in coming to remind us of the duty we owe to our country. You cannot know the gratitude I owe you. Leaving a dear wife and child to serve my country, I have always tried to merit the title of patriot on the battlefield and in camp, until that day when some false spirit blinded me, and I could not see that I was doing wrong to my country and disgracing

myself by refusing to sign those papers. Now, as a Wisconsin soldier, I ask you to pardon me and my comrades for causing you to visit that prison, and I promise never again to set such a bad example while in the service of my country. I shall, moreover, try and repay your kindness, as far as possible, by cheerfully performing my duty as a soldier.

Yours gratefully,

Patrick Krogh,

Private Co. G. 16th Wis.

Sec Secretary of Army

The United States Christian Commission

Sends this sheet as the Soldier's messenger to his Home.

Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.

CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL,

Nashville. Tenn. February 4th 1865.

Too the
Governer of Miss

Dear Sir

I Write a few lines to you to let you know the Suffering and Condition my family ~~air~~ air in and have bin since the first of january and i in no Circumstances to help or releave them for i have not bin paid for the last 5 monts and a few days. and I have a wife and 6 children a Staving for food and my wife has bin sick for a bout

bore weacks and a grater part
of the time confind to hur
bed She rites She dont get
hur State Money and
haint for sum time and
all She has to get hur
wood and provisions ~~with~~
with is hur county money
the reason She dont get
hur State money is i have
not bin propaley reported
to the State trasurey what
i was I am in the ~~v.~~ R.C.
second battalion and have bin
since last August i used to
belong to the 22nd Wis Rig
and i am now Detaild in
the Hospital as wond dresser
and have bin since the batt-
le of Nashville Govener if you
can Direct some way for
my wife to get hur State

Money i wold bee oblig
ed to you. it makes me
most crasey to get the
News that my famley
are a suffering and i
cant send them money
to help them nor go to
them. My Wifes adress is
Olive O. Hozier Beloit
Rock co Wis. if you can
do enej thing for my ~~fam~~
famley please let me know

Direct to me John C Hozier
Cumberlind Hospital
Nashville Tenn
First Ward

I remain your solger frend
John C Hozier

Hoping to hear from you
soon

Refer Mrs Harvey whose address at present is Green Bay.

Beaver Dam Aug 22"

Mr Lewis

Hon Sir

I saw in the Madison Journal some two weeks ago that Mrs Harvey was about having a building fitted up for the orphans of our brave defenders & I have written one to a friend of mine for the particulars as we wish (if it be so) to benefit the energies of our society — & to know what she wishes us to do & as yet I have no answer. Now can you give me the address of some one that can give me said information

if so it will be thankfully recieved by our society.

Please write as soon as hands this to some one that can

Yours truly

B. S. Bullis

Pres'd S. S. J.

Forest-Miller

Ind

F. S. Pullis
West Milton
Aug. 22. 1865.

Asks the address of
Mrs. Harvey.

Yours & c read

That Mrs Harvey
is the proper person
to address in
reference to the
Army for Soldiers'
Orphans
She is at Green
Bay at present
Letters sent to
her there would
undoubtedly receive
attention

St. Louis Planters Hotel
Sep 25. 1862.

Gov. Salomon:

I arrived here yesterday — saw the Medical Director, was well rec'd, treated with all courtesy & kindness — today I have been through 5th St Hospital — found some twenty of our men there & a majority of them ought to be discharged from the service & will be so soon as they can procure their descriptive rolls. They are well cared for by the Sanitary Association here. & I am convinced that visiting City Hospitals is not the way for our State to do good to suffer-

ing politics. Tonight I am going down to Cape Girardeau where Col. Daniels Regt now is. They are supposing there & Quartermaster Mann of that regiment is here & thinks I can do great good by going I can at least get the description rolls for some men here, & bring them back with me, & so hasten their discharge.

This P.M. I visit the Marine & Lord Samaritan Hospitals.

The men are glad to know they are remembered by you. I visited one poor fellow today. That will soon receive his final discharge He is going to the I pen —

His name is Wm. McFarland from Oshkosh 1st Wis. Cav. Co D

the tears rolled down his cheeks when he spoke of home, & he said "I hate to do any thing now." He seemed glad to see me. He is very comfortable & has all he wants.

How the Union Soldiers work here! The war has sort here such a reality to our Ladies further North as it has not to the people here. Their whole heart is in their work. & the necessity is such, all the ability, energy, & strength of every Northern woman ought to be engaged in this work, not one.

I shall visit all the Hospitals in the city as soon as I can & report to you.

Yours very truly

Mrs. L. P. Harvey

P.S. Direct letters to St. Louis, Planters Hotel & I shall get them — Mrs L.P.H

Mrs L. P. Harvey
Camp Gerrardeau
Sept 29/62

Camp Girardeau
Sept 29. 1862

Gov. Solomon:

The 1st Mis. Cav. are here & not over one hundred & fifty men able to do duty. & they look like the ghosts of their former selves.

More than one hundred men lie in the Hospital closely packed in small badly ventilated rooms. They are sick and dying of almost every disease that flesh is heir to.

Their only nurses are the convalescent patients. who go pale & tottering through the rooms — do all they can, but soon get sick again. This regiment has

only one Surgeon. The first Ass't has gone home. The second is here sick.

In Camp there are one hundred & seventy sick. The surgeon says not very sick, only Chronic Dysentery & diarrhoea.

Major Torry has just returned from Helena with a part of the regiment.

Twenty five sick ones were sent to St Louis because they could not be got into the Hospital here. Nineteen were crowded in. Three died coming up the river. Their names were Wm. Spencer Co. G. Appleton. Rollo Co. B. & Charles Kilts Co. K. Eagle. Wis. one died yesterday. I have not been able to get his name. Just before they started Ira Adams Co. K, & Scofield Co. I. died. Others are

dead & dying whose names I have not been able to learn

Yesterday I went up to Camp with the Surgeon. and there on the grass & about one tent lay more than one hundred men waiting for him.

I spoke to Major Lowry who only keeps up by his iron will & Quinine. He will die unless he comes home - he told me he would not leave his men yet, but must bye & bye. He is growing weaker every day

I had been talking but a few moments when the Surgeon came up & said Major have you a horse to sell? I said Doct how are the poor men? & he replied Oh there is another Doct - taking care of them, this "other Doct" was a Lieut in one of the companies

& knows very little about them.
I am told by one of the Capts

The boys expect so much from the state now I am here to tell you about it. & I believe they will not be disappointed

The sick men cry like children some of them are only boys. & say oh my Mother! - My Mother! Can't I go home Mrs Harvey? Some try to look brave, but the lip quivers. One strong large framed man said to me. "Your husband has gone I wish we were all with him". I have passed through scenes that I trust will give me strength for future action. I am very well & am glad I came. ~~Will you send us your strong men for nurses & one or two good Christians~~

x Be hope no

St Louis Nov 3. 1862.

Bro Salomon

Dear Sir

I have just returned from Lawton where the 11 Regiment of Mo. Vol. are in Camp. I found them suffering very much from Malarious diseases contracted at Helena & in Arkansas. There were over one hundred unfit for duty & the following were in tent hospital under the care of Surgeon Strong.

Harvey Barnes	Co. H.	Pneumonia
Jeremiah Phelps	Co.	Fever
Orrison Washburn	H.	Chronic Dysentery
Wm. Sullivan	D.	Typhus Fever
Enos Grant	B.	Fever

Jake Flagler Co. A. Fever
John Faith " H. Pneumonia died Thursday night while I was at
Wm Trotter " H. Typhoid Fever
Charles Cherlesworth A. Pneumonia
Wm Stetson " F Fever
Wm Smith C Congestion of brain
R. S. Howard B Fever
John A. Jordan I Pneumonia
Edward Wathinson B Fever
Bradford Dodge B. died on Thursday Oct 30th
J. D. Mallory B. Dropsy
Martin L. Stone I. Typhoid Fever
Timothy Perry & David Kerr died Oct 30
of Co A. have also died since Oct 1st. I found them in need of sanitary boards & have sent them all they needed in that way." Col Harris is not looking very strong but is improving daily. The weather is delightful & I think health must come

to the sufferers.

Gen Steele in command at this place (Canton) speaks in the highest terms of our brave Col Harris and of the 11th Reg — and deservedly I know from all I hear. There are twelve or thirteen regiments at this place. I write you very hastily.

I shall want some more money soon. I have only $25.00 left I believe. I will send in my acct soon. If I have spent any of it as you think I ought not to, do not hesitate to say so to me. My own expenses, thanks to every body with whom I have to do are very little & so I am enabled to do so much more good with the same amount of money. I would like to give something to the Sanitary Comm, if you are willing. Yours truly

Mrs L. P. Hay

March 26th 1864

To his Excellency the Governor of Wis.

Dear Sir. With reference to the case of Thomas A. Merrill Co. B. 26th Reg Wis Vol Infy. I beg leave to state that since writing to you concerning him we have learned that Mr Merrill has got better and has started for New Orleans on his way to join his regiment. From all the evidence that we could gather we believed that he was dangerously sick at Vicksburg, hence our application for a discharge. I presume that if Mr Merrill is able to join his Regt he will not desire a discharge neither will his friends at home wish it for him. I write this because I think that justice to you and to us demands this explanation.

Yours Respectfully

Capt Edwin Bailey

Recd Aug 26th 1864 of James T Lewis
Gov. Wis One hundred dollars from
Soldiers relief fund to apply on acct
of service & Expenses as Sanitary agent
for Wisconsin —

C. S. P. Harvey

Issued to Mrs C A P Havey
in November

12 Bottles Raspberry Vinegar
12 " Ginger Wine
12 " Catawba "
24 " Brandy Cherries
24 Cans Fruit
2 Jars do
10# Black Berries. Dried
20# Dried Apples
58# Crackers
6# Corn Starch.
36 Pillow Cases
24 Towells
13 Comforts.
6 Dripping Pans
110 prs Mittens
144 Hdkfs.
15 Gals Pickels

J G Brown
Capt. U S Sanr. Corps

Issued to Mrs Harvey during the month of November.

2	Boxes	Crackers
18	Bottles	Blackberry Brandy
12	"	Whiskey
6	"	Catawba Bitters
6	"	Ketchup
6	"	Cranberry Sauce
12	Cans	Con. Milk
12	"	Tomatoes
12	"	Blackberries
6	"	Corn. Beef
6	"	Mustard
5	lbs	Chocolate
6	"	Farina
12	Prs.	Slippers
12	"	Socks
24		Combs
38		Shirts
32		Drawers
20		Pillow Slips

Over

7 lbs Rags.
1 " Lint

A. M. Mann
Cpt. Strat. Paulcom.

Report from Mrs Harvey at Saint Louis

St. Louis Oct. 21. 1862.

Gov. Solomon

Dr. Sir.

I did not arrive here until today at 11 O'clock. Was detained by ill health, and by business which I was obliged to attend to.

This P. M. I have visited the Hospitals at Benton Barracks & found between eleven and twelve hundred of our Army sick and wounded there. In the different hospitals & scattered through the different wards I found some sixty or seventy of our Wisconsin men & boys. As you will see by the following list.

White Nathaniel L.	1.	Wis.	Cav.	Co.	M. Confined by Rheumatism
Pasko Daniel K.	"	"	"	—	E. Been in Hospital since 1st September, will get well. The Surgeon says.
Kirkham James H.	"	"	"	—	C. Cannot live but a short time
Hutchins Samuel	"	"	"	—	H.

2

Wheeler J. M.	1.	Wis. Cav.	Co.	D.
Farrer A. D.	"	"	"	– B.
Davis Charles J.	"	"	"	– L
Chapman Johnathan	"	"	"	– A
Biggs Oscar	"	"	"	– E
Hannan D. B.	"	"	"	– G.
Wilson Edward E.	"	"	"	– B.
Fuller Herkimer	"	"	"	– F.

These are not "Convalescents" that is, they are able to travel about. Cert. that is a rare among those who will care be a well man after. They might be discharged & sent home – more to Hospitals & in private care for summer.

Brice John P.	4.	Wis. Inf.	Co.	F. Co acting as Corpl.
Gary Patrick	1.	"	"	+ very sick with fever. cannot rejoin his Co.
Clark Harvey	20.	"	"	Co. C. very feeble – Consumption Should get his Discharge at once
Piper John	"	"	"	Co K
Mills Gary	1	"	"	– C. Fever. very low. Discharged
Huntress Samuel D.	20.	"		– D
Robinson James B.	"	"		– A.
Ferguson Richard E.	"	"		– F
Gleason Edson H.	"	"		– D. Wounded.
Perkinson Richard	"	"		– F.
Brown Isaac N.	"	"		"
Burns William	"	"		"
Mc Jacon Zachariah	"	"		"
Hewit Byron	"	"		"
Joseph Jerimiah L	"	"		"

Underwood John 8. Wis. Cav. Co. A.
Bent Calvin " " " – D. Paroled Prisoner
Randy Hollis 11. " " – A. Died Oct. 15
Ahle John " " " – E
Alsen Hagson 14. " " – E
Alson Zolloff " " " "
Downs Hugh 16. " " G. Vote discharged to Cav
Loyd Silas " " " – B
Whittaker Jacob 17 " " – I
Singles Wm. " " " "
Stemenger Jasper " " " – B.
Wright H. M. 18. " " – B.
Leeay Henry " " " – E
Simmons Louis H. 20. " " – D.
Spaulding Edwin " " " – A
Fletcher Austin " " " – "
White Wellington 8 Wis. Battery
Stuart David S. C " "
Sheldon Hiram " " " Been here since Aug. 1st is getting well
Wells Wilber 8 " "
Lothrop Wm G. 10 " "
Mack James " " "
Little Dudley " " " Is very sick with fever. Just taken

Gantz Frederick 12. Wis. Battery
Rary Henry 2. Wis. Cav. Co. F. 17 years old, very sick & wants to see his mother
Whipple S.S. " " " - L.
Kennedy Moses 1 " " - D
Wheeler Wm. H. " " " - E
Fero Charles " " " - K
Leyman John " " " - E
White Nat. " " " - M.
Jaff Thomas " " " - A
Runnelle P. 2. " " - L.
Tofflemire Milton " " " "
Comstock William H " " " E
Martin Rudolph 16 " Inf. F
Parker Albert H " " " G.
Wheeler J. M. 1 Wis Cav. Co. D.

These are nearly all convalescent & many of them will be able to return to their regiments

Oct. 25. I spent all day yesterday & the afternoon of the day before in the Hospitals of B. B. and it was after dark before I got through last night. The man White about whom Mr Watson wrote me ought to be discharged but he has not his Descriptive Roll. I have written for it. It is doubtful if he get his discharge there. His order from the War Department reads

rheumatism will prevent it, unless the Surgeons can find some other disease. I found one poor fellow badly clad starting with Ague, gave him a well wed flanned Shirt & shall send him another.
Am writing to the friends of some of the sick as they requested me to do
Shall visit the Marine Hospital this P.M. & will report to you tomorrow morning. If there is any thing that I ought to do that I am not doing please let me know and oblige

Yours truly

Mrs. L. P. Harvey

SOLDIERS' HOME,

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb 10th 1864

Gen. J. D. Lewis
Madison Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Jan. 25th is but just rec'd. I should at once comply with your wish for me to go to Memphis did I not feel that I was much more needed here. The hospitals there are being broken up — many of them at least — but the recent movement of the army under Genl Sherman has filled our hospitals here with sick. New ones are being opened & filled with sick & wounded. Vicksburg bids fare to be what Memphis was one year ago. Only I do hope there will not be so much suffering. Our hospitals are in good order & in charge of excellent men

We have three Gen. Hospitals —
the McPherson in charge of
Surgeon Powell of Chicago —
Hospitals No 2, & 3 in charge of
Surgeons Hill & Kimball — are
gentlemen & well fitted for
their positions. The Russian
hospital has just been opened & or
will soon be in running order
Other buildings are being prepared
for the reception of patients
Some of our 12th brought in
twenty five — or thirty wounded
from near Jackson a few
days since. I have visited
them, then are no. Rebel men
among them. Killed the men
Told me the 12th were under
fire — & few were killed &
some wounded. Those most
severely wounded were left
at Christian about twenty miles
from here.

I regret that we have no
sanitary supplies in either of the

sending Conv. Rooms here. If we have I should take them & go out to Christian Co & know they must send them. We are expecting "boats" every day to urge upon the people the necessity of sending negro laborers & prisoners out of here. There will be great stripping here if they do not come soon.

I am convinced that it is very important that we shall be stationed here or perhaps at New Orleans for the summer. I have just returned from a boat trip up from N. Orleans in case of Doct. Crosier from the 20th Iowa containing one hundred & sixty discharged and furloughed men. It was my sad task to see so many pale, feeble, broken down men going home - perhaps to die. But they were comfortable. The boat was such as mine & I wish Mrs. would charter for

the summer or if Bris. could join with Ell. in chartering a boat, I believe my valuable lives might be spared — saved to their country & families

It is a fact that the States owe this to sick soldiers.

So let them be taken north to their homes, or Northern hospitals & not let them stay here to die in southern pest houses, our hospitals can be nothing better in the coming hot weather.

I do sometimes feel that if I could see our Legislature & talk to them I could make them realize this. But you can do it — & will, I know — Pardon me for writing so earnestly. I write because I feel deeply — & feel because I have seen so many die that might have lived. Hoping that you will approve of my action

I am
Yours Respectfully
L. S. Thomas
Stockbridge

Convalescent Hospital
Benton Barracks
Nov 19. 1862

To his Excellency
Gov Wisconsin

Dear Sir

Your excellency is doubtless aware of the fact, the results of experience and observation that few persons are competent to minister to the wants - the comfort - and the moral condition of the sick. No where is this position so well exhibited as at our Military hospitals among those who are Surgeons, nurses and those too who visit the Hospitals for humane and benevolent objects and purposes Among the last a large majority are more mischievous than beneficial in their visitations, and yet, others again are highly beneficial and efficient.

Among the last named class, I deem it a duty as well as a pleasure to mention as prominent Mrs Harvey the widow of your lamented predecessor in the gubernatorial chair of your state. She is not only efficient but untiring in her efforts, and her ministrations are characterised by a deportment which at the same time commands the respect of the Surgeons and officers under his authority, and the gratitude of those who are the special objects of her care. Kindness, gentleness, and zeal for the sick mark her intercourse with them and

no case however humble from your state is neglected or forgotten and if there is a way in which they can be benefitted, she will discover and secure it. No condition of the weather or other forbidding circumstances prevents her from the faithful discharge of her duties, and her perseverance overcomes even formidable difficulties and such as would deter others from attempting.

Her ladylike deportment, her amiable disposition, and her respectfull demeanor have rendered her a welcome visitor to all the hospitals, on the part of Surgeons, while her kindness and sympathy have secured for her, the love and gratitude of the sick and afflicted soldiers

You have displayed wisdom in her selection and appointment. I would that the Governors of other states would be equally discriminating in their selections, and the service as well as the soldier would be largely benefitted rather than injured by injudicious selections of persons whose humanity is but a blustering display and whose efficiency is mischievous

Yours with profound
respect &c
D. L. McGugin
Surgeon in charge

Mrs Harvey
St Louis. Jany. 31st 63

St. Louis Jan. 31st.

Gov. Edward Salomon
Madison (Wis)

Sir; I have from the wounded soon here, brought up from Vicksburg & Yorktown Past that we have many sick & wounded at Memphis & that they wished to return there very much. I shall leave Saint Louis tomorrow morning at ten o'clock on the new steamer Ruth in company with the present Matron of the Soldiers Home here, & Mrs Waters of Wisconsin with all medical

Sanitary Goods. There will be a Soldiers Home opened at Memphis, & Mr Waters & Mrs Astrom will take charge. I am confident that I shall be enabled to render our people great service there because I have the confidence both of Sanitary Commission & the Military Authorities.

When I asked for goods at this Sanitary Commission the other day. The Pres. said "take all you wish, & order more at any time you please & you ~~though~~ order shall fill it if we have ~~the goods~~"

I have never been denied a request got by any body.

Now you will remember what I said to you

about publishing my letters before I left Paris, what for?

This newspaper notoriety always me very much.

I have two or three articles sent to me recently that were no doubt written in kindness but I do hope I shall see no more. I do not wish to be "Florence Nightingale" nor any thing of the kind. I am simply doing my duty & doing very little compared with the great amount there is to be done. If I wrote for that you think it would be of interest to the public you will of course do what you think best with them.

I am very painfully & physically when I write for it is usually in the evening & my power of expression

and possess me sometimes
but if I get the thousand
to pay it is all I can
do. Write me at Memphis
care of Capt J. A. Swain
& I shall get it.

Always remember me
as your wounded comrade
& you will find me ever
& willing to do any thing
that I can.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. C. R. Storey

Memphis Feb. 5 1863

Gov. Edward Salomon
Madison Wis.

Sir:

I arrived here Wednesday Evening.

We came down under the escort of the gunboats which shelled the woods from above Island No. Ten to New Madrid. From reports at Columbus Ky. we learned that the rebels had established batteries along the shore & have been firing upon our boats. The reports were much exaggerated however. Lieut Hamilton

received me very kindly & is treating me with all possible consideration. He is spoken very highly of by every one, I have told. He seems a high-minded honorable energetic strong-minded man capable of accomplishing whatever he undertakes & capable of undertaking whatever circumstances seem to demand.

I have today been talking with him about a State Hospital. He thinks it practicable. says if the Legislature will not purchase the Medicine perhaps they will sent it. Donations from individuals I am sure will support it amply. Pray do consider this subject bro. Ben do

not begin to imagine
the good it will do for
our poor suffering, wounded
men this coming summer.
Any thing that I can
do to forward it I will
Please write me in reference to this at Memphis
Care of Major Lewis Hamilton
We have great many
sick & wounded here &
tomorrow I commence
visiting the hospitals.
Our Soldiers Home here
is going to be a model. It
will soon be ready to
receive the suffering. I feel
that I can do good here. I
have very well, & shall labor
with delight for I know
just what to do, & where
to go. The authorities are
so willing to aid me.
Yours truly Mrs L. P. H.

U. S. Sanitary Commission.

Memphis Tenn.
Nov. 29. 1862.

Gov. Salomon
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir

I arrived here just before the army left to go south, some twenty five thousand in Genl Shermans command. We had two or three regiments, and they were going to leave between one & two hundred sick in the Fort & in the Post Hospital. Every man left, has his "Discriptive Roll" I shall be able to get many of them discharged I labor hard in Hospital from morning until night. Am very well and the consciousness of being of some little service to my countrymen keeps me cheerful.

The 23d Reg. went into camp here yesterday. they are very well, I saw

Surgeon Dr Alley. Am enabled to supply our people with all the sanitary goods they need. Goods sent to our people here will reach them sooner than to any other point as our Western Army is all moving Southward. I have the use of rooms to store in here. Direct to Mrs L. P. Harvey

Care of R. C. Hopkins
By way of Cairo
Memphis Tennessee

Need not pay freight.

I am as economical as possible with the money of the State but, I often wish I had power of my own to spend & see so much suffering.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. L. P. Harvey

Port Hudson June 2nd 1863.

Mrs. Harvey. Dear Madame.

I having written to the Sanitary Commission at Vicksburg asking of them some things absolutely necessary for the restoration of Health and Comfort of those now sick and in the Hospital of this the 35th Regt. Wis Vol. Infs now stationed at Port Hudson. La.

Such as Vegetables. Canned fruit. Corn Starch. Chocolate. Mosquito Bars etc.

On the account of sudden change of Climate we have about (300) three Hundred new sick. and we would most respectfully ask your aid in procuring those things

so necessary to the use of the sick in this Regt. Knowing what you had done for other Wis. Regts. and for my old Regt the 23 Wis. I thought there would be no harm in asking your aid for this.

Most Respectfully Yours.

J. Wenings

Surgeon 35 Regt Wisc. Vol. Inf

late Surgeon 23 Regt. Wisc. Vol.

To Mrs L. P. Harvey
Hospital at Cape Girardeau

Received, of the **WESTERN SANITARY COMMISSION**, the following articles: 10 Boxes-

(The Surgeon will please sign and return without delay.) Sept 29 - 1862

3 Close Stools 10 Lbs Farina
50 Lbs Soda Crackers
150 Bosom Shirts 10 Doz Wine
100 Hospital Shirts
100 Pair Drawers 2 Sherry
50 Pillows 3 Bttls Port
100 Pillow Slips 10 Jars Jelly
30 Undershirts
50 Towels 1 Box Sweiback
150 Bandages
10 Lbs Lint
25 " Dried Apples
25 Pr Slippers
20 Spt Cups
20 Lbs Small Dried Fruit
10 Lbs Barley 10 Lbs Sago
10 Sponges 20 Cakes Soap.

Rel. to the wounded from the Red River Expedition. Copy furnished State forwarded May 4th 1864

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss., Apr 24th 1864

Bro J. S. Lewis
Martian Lewis

Dr. Sir;

You have doubtless before this received news from the "Red River Expedition".

On Thursday last the U.S.S. Am. Com. hospital boat arrived here from below with sick & wounded.

On board I found some of our ~~soldiers~~ boys from the 23. & 29th Regiments. Nathan Ellis wounded in the hand from Co. F. 23. said that six from their reg. were killed and 84 wounded, & forty missing. Could give me no names.

Sidney Smith from Co. B. 29th could give me no information concerning this reg. as he was wounded — the beginning of the battle he was brought a day before the reg left the field.

On this boat they were all comfortable. We sent about forty from hospitals here to hospitals farther

south.

From this boat I went on board the Cherwenga which came in about two hours later directly from Resaca. The sight that met my eyes at every step baffles description. The lower part of the boat was filled with negroes almost naked, from babies a few hours old to "old gray haired men & women & say filled, just like flies about it in a sugar barrel. It was almost impossible for one to get through this mass of humanity to the fainting, perishing, dying ones above. The cabin, the guards the hurricane deck were all covered with our soldiers — some dead some dying all suffering for care.

One after another, staggering, offering that I met a child, "Mrs Harry come away! you can do nothing. These men have had no care since they were wounded. It is impossible. Come away. They will be put into hospitals here as soon as possible." I asked if they had no supplies, no stimulants. "Nothing! nothing!" one of the nurses

sist. "Oh Bro Harry if you wife only bring us some sponges & small syringes to dress wounds & some lint too!" I hustled away & soon returned with every thing necessary. Shirts drawers. towels lemons, sugar, wines, canned peaches, jellies, nice fresh crackers, pitchers, tumblers, wash basins, sponges, soap towels, handkerchiefs, cloths, lint & syringes which last I bought as they had none at the Com. room. Lost but not least a most excellent mouse. Miss Briswell that could dress wounds equal to any surgeon. I asked permission of the Surgeon in charge of the boat to come on board & go to work.

It was given very gratefully, & we did go to work. The day was very warm. The men were burning up with fever from wounds & desertion or fainting for lost of blood. Cold water was brought us & we gave the lemonade & wine first. Their faces & hands were bathed & wiped on a clean towel

& then opened cans of peaches & you lick some a cracker & a peach. The peaches were excellent! Oh that the one that sent them could have seen the grateful, tearful eyes of the sons, brothers, fathers & husbands as I gave them that day & heard the fervent "God bless you" as I did. How grateful I was, and now every day that I am permitted to be the almoner of their bounty.

While I was doing this, Brigs Wiswall was dressing wounds: he labored until every, when the ambulances came to receive them & take them to hospitals.

~~Oh~~ I know there were many Wisconsin men on board, but I could not ask for them. This you will think strange, but you would not if you were with me. If you ask for men by state it makes hard to see that you do not ask for. That often happens done is a few times. But with this is for romantic sake.

Many of them ~~they all~~ knew one. & said to me so & pitied by them. "We knew you would come". Poor fellows they wishing help from everybody.

We are living surrounded by horrors. & I fear "the reign of terror" is not yet approaching. Since the last bloody tragedy our colored troops & their officers are crazy in breathless anxiety the result of bombardment.

Today a man from Chicago was hung on an adjoining plantation by the officers of a negro regiment for saying before them that he believed the rebels did right in killing the negroes on a plantation near here. Upon which they (the rebels) made a raid accordingly. The gentleman was a cotton speculator & had been up the Yazoo & had just returned & did not learn this. The papers do not publish only the horrors of the Fort Pillow affair.

Our officers of negro regiments declare they will take no more

prisoners — & there is death to the rebel in every black man's eye. They are still terrible. They will fight. One poor fellow (black) from Red River had one arm shot off, & the other shattered, being the best possible. Now his arm had mortified but was alive! with other life than his own! He said to an Officer "Do you think Massa I should die? I do wish to see my wife & children in Memphis once more" When told that it was doubtful if he lived. He said "Help de Lord & have done my duty fighting for my country & my brethren & I die a man, & a free man!" Help de Lord Massa He has been taken to Mobile his own compatriots & it is thought he will die. The negroes know what they are doing — Pardon this long scribbling & believe me

Yours respectfully
L. S. P. Dorr
Corporal

Memphis Tenn Oct. 24 1863

Gov. Edward Salomon
(Madison Wis)

Sir:

I have just returned from Corinth, Jackson, & La Grange.

At Corinth I found ~~two~~ no General hospitals, & no Wis. Regts.

At Jackson & La Grange I found ~~& found~~ many of our sick. Enclosed I send you a full report of the sick in La Grange & also those in the Overton hospital at this place. I will send a full report of those I found at Jackson by next

mail.

The hospitals in this degin are improving rapidly.

The 8th Reg. & 12th are located within 2 miles of Memphis on the Railroad. The 33d is at Moscow, & is spoken highly of, as have all Wisconsin regiments.

The 32d are in camp in the city. Lieut. Howe has been quite sick but has entirely recovered. His commanding officers speak very highly of him & his regiment, they have suffered severely by long & rapid marches, but are now improving in health & spirits.

Major Levi Hamilton of our state commands the confidence & respect of all soldiers & officers in this vicinity. Wisconsin

they will be proud of such an Officer

It is such as he has proved himself to be that must come the storm & disgrace which the Unfortunate Col of the 8th has ~~brought~~ upon our state

Mr Stanley, our Agent has been here & has gone to Helena. He is a faithful man & is doing a great deal of good.

I do what I can.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. E. K. P. Hosmer

Memphis Tenn.
Apr. 11. 1863.

Rev. E. Salomon
Beaver, Wis

Dear Sir: I today received a note from Rev Preston asking for the particulars, as of the whereabouts of Milton L Applewine. He died in regimental hospital somewhere about the tenth of March. The circumstances of his death are most distressing. I had seen him every day almost, for weeks. He had been a very strong athletic man but had finally yielded to disease & was broken down. The Physician considered him a proper subject for a discharge. He was examined at my request by the Medical Inspector & his papers were about to be made out when on Thursday the 6th of March

he had an attack of sore throat, with
quinsey. & I had a stand by him
all day to keep him other things to
death. On Friday he was better
Sat. & did not see him. but thought
of him often. His patience, his anxiety
to get home, & his cheerful speaking
face had interested me in him
very much. When I visited his
cot he was always so glad to see
me. On Sunday I went to Gedrau
On Monday I visited with Mr. Allen
the 2d Wis Cav. Burying Rebel mining
regiment. I as usual asked the
Surgeon to go with me to the
hospitals, he thought I had better
not go as they had a very delicate
there that morning. I insisted upon
going. On our way the Surgeon told
me the night before they had
found a young man lying
on the ground delirious,
& terribly disfigured by Erysipelas.
They supposed he must have escaped
the Guards & got out of Libby hospital

I saw him but he was in spasms & no vestige of human look about him. I went to the doctor, do you know his name, & before he could answer, a hand from the cot was stretched out toward me & a voice said "I know you Mrs Harry don't you know me - Joe Plummer". How can I describe my feelings. I saw that he was dying - that these were the few sane moments before dissolution & remained with him as long as I could.

I went to the Odd Fellows Hospital where I left him & enquired for him & was told he had deserted on Sat. night. How he ever got to Camp is a mystery. It was two miles or more & he was very weak. He unknowingly in some way deceived the guard in his disorganized state & so got past them. I wish this could be shorter but indeed I cannot make it so.

I have not been well since

my return from Vicksburg two weeks since. I was taken sick on the boat coming up the river & I do not get over it, altho' I am better the physicians say I shall get well here j I am comfort & quiet. It was not safe as tho' I could go home. & I am able to do every thing that is asked of me except visit the sick from my own room. The Surgeons are very kind & treat me with every consideration & could dispense I went to Vicksburg to see Lieut Brent. Saw him & was treated with all possible attention. I had four requests to make - He referred me to his Med. Director, who proved to be my old friend Doct. Mills of St. Louis. After talking with him I again saw the Lieut & he promised all I wished. Doct. Vollum the med. Inspector from Washington called upon me yesterday & assured me that all we had asked for

he thought would be accomplished
These orders have already reached
us. One, to send all chronic
diarrhea patients to northern hospitals
another to clean out the convalescent
camp here by discharging those
unfit for service at once, sending
others to their regiments
the third & most important
I think of the three, is, to appoint
a board, inspection to every army
corps who shall have full power
to discharge disabled men.
The fourth we have yet to receive
Dr. Vollerman told me that the
last words Genl Grant spoke to him
when he left him at Grants Point
was that he would issue such
an order. It is the same order
in regard to furloughs which
they have on the Potomac, allowing
a certain proportion of every regiment
to go home on a furlough, & sick

recommended to go home on Surgeons certificate for twenty or thirty days. If even the hope of peace is destroyed it must be given to our soldiers it would improve the sanitary condition of our army more than a hundred field hospitals

When I was below I obtained Porter from me five bales of cotton which I shall sell & use for ~~the use of the~~ soldiers. The western & U.S. Sanitary Commission have urged me to act with them as their agent, but I choose rather to remain independent of any particular Commission for they have both been alike kind to me & my thoughts upon either are always honored. The heart of U.S. Commission often I expected to act as their agent since before the retirement to Washington he should have an order permitting me to throw besides all the goods I wished. one

hundred dollars per month to be used as I in my judgment think best, & I must not render an account of it, only accept for it - fully sure that I would use it for those who needed it - I shall not of course draw many, but the composition they placed in me was certainly very gratifying

I have had so much hard work to do - so many letters to answer, that I get no time to read your reports as I would like to do. Our hospitals here are improving every day, & our Prisoners regiments in Camp here are doing nicely. Massachusetts may well be proud of her soldiers & of her Officers with few exceptions. We have the 2d Cav, the 12th 32d & 33 - You see I am among my friends & I realize every day that they are my friends. Col Howe's regiment belonging to the city brigade - for efficiency strength & good discipline is not surpassed by any regiment here. I speak of these

because they are constantly on duty in the City. The Col is a polished ~~in appearance~~ & as an efficient high-minded self disciplined officer & his regiment are worthy of their Col. I am glad to be able to say this of a friend & return so highly as I do Col Howe but I would not say it if he did not richly deserve it.

+ Enclosed I send you my receipt. I am sending money direct to the care of Col. J. H. Howe 32d Wis.

My kind regards to Miss Selma & believe me

Yours Respectfully
Miss C. A. W. Bailey

+ I do not feel able to make out my recept. tonight & so will send this along & not wait

Miss H.

Mrs. Charles Smith
Chr. 10. 63.

Mrs Harris
Philadelphia, Penn.
Mar. 20, 63

Memphis Tenn. Mar. 20. 180

Gov. Edward Salomon
Madison Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

It is, & has been next to impossible to send you any thing like a correct report of what I am, & have been doing. For the last few weeks I have been laboring constantly in hospitals seeking out soldiers broken in health to such a degree that they could in no possible way be of any further service to their country, & bringing such cases before the Medical Authorities, who, upon examination discharged them. In this way I trust many a human life has been prolonged

I was appointed Assistant Sanitary Commissioner by Surg-General of Cabinet, who I trust has spoken to you when I gave to him. His letter accompanies this. I hope you will help me in my work.

at least until they reached their homes.

This I believe to be both just & necessary. Just to the Government, & necessary to the men.

The weather is quite warm like our June days. To see poor suffering ones in hospital is very debilitating. Hope, courage, & finally life itself fails them. Death is at present thinning some exactly than the authorities. Oh how we feel the necessity of northern hospitals now. Lovell's "Water Cure" at Madison have been fitted up by the Government for a Military hospital many a valuable life might have been spared to Wisconsin & to the Service that must move forward in Memphis. How our

dying men look with longing eyes & outstretched arms northward & with their last breath, ask "Can we go home?" I have seen written histories - witnessed untold sufferings borne with heroic endurance in these hospitals that I shall never forget. I know that love of country & true patriotism is no myth but a reality - upon which alter many a human life is freely offered a willing sacrifice.

I send you a list of men brought up from Vicksburg and placed in the new hospital opened the 1st of this month. It is just as nice & comfortable as it can be. Many wept for joy when they found how kindly they had been cared for.

I have visited the 8th Reg. some
time to Vicksburg and the 12th & 33rd
33d & the 2d Cav. now in camp
here, have assisted them
sanitary goods & vegetables as they
have needed. Bro.—Lieut Whiting
of the 33d is a <u>nuisance</u>, Lieut
Casey of the 12th is a <u>Model Surgeon</u>

I shall want some more
money soon—will send in my
acct. the first of April. I should
have sent it in monthly, only it
amounted to so little that I put
it off—I get so fatigued that
it is almost impossible for
me to write in the evening & that
is the only time I have, or I would like
I meant to speak upon the reception
of Mr Watson's letter & the man spoken
of will be discharged <u>at once</u>

Yours Respectfully

Mrs C. R. P. Harvey
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A Letter to a Friend in the Western Army - written by Mrs C. A. P. Carey -

My dear Col:

There is not, perhaps, a more difficult task, than to relate simple facts; in such a manner as to convey an entirely correct impression; the difficulty is increased, when the relator is an interested party: but I do wish if possible, to give you a full description of my recent interview with the President, in reference to establishing a Northern Hospital, in Wisconsin. The high regard I entertain for him, will, I am sure, prevent my erring in self-favor at last -

I entered the "White House", not with fear, and trembling, but strong, & self-possessed, fully conscious of the righteousness of my mission - I was received after short delay, I had never seen Mr Lincoln before; he was alone, in a medium sized office-like room - no elegance about him, no elegance in him; he was plainly clad in a suit of black, however that illy fitted him - no fault of his tailor -

nothing at all, so far as our suffering soldiers are concerned.

I told him our Western men had never received any benefit from these inspections, & we had very little confidence in any good, resulting from them. "Anyone of discernment, and with common allowance of humanity, that is loyal, that has been through our Southern Rivers Hospitals knows, & feels the necessity for what I ask, and yet you say you never have received a report to that effect. The reason is this, I believe, Mr Stanton, The Medical authorities know that the Heads of Department do not wish Hospitals established so far from Army lines, & report accordingly. I wish this could be overruled. Can't nothing be done?" "Nothing until the Surgeon Gen'l returns." "Good morning," I said, & left him, not at all disappointed. I returned to Mr Lincoln. It was I think, past the usual time for receptions. No one was waiting to be received, & the Messenger said I had better pass directly into the Presidents, it would be more comfortable sitting there - as there was only one gentleman with him & he would soon be through."

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I passed into the back part of the room & seated myself, on the sofa in such a position that the desk was between me & Mr Lincoln. I do not think he knew that I was there. The gentleman with him had just given him a paper, he looked it over carelessly, said "Yes - that is sufficient endorsement for any body. What do you want?" I could not hear distinctly what the reply was but the promotion of somebody in the army, either a son or friend was strongly urged. I heard the words - I see there are no vacancies among Brigadiers from the fact that so many Col's are commanding Brigades. At this, the President threw himself forward in his chair in such a manner as to show me the most comical face, I ever saw in my life. He was looking the man straight in his face with his left hand raised in a horizontal position & his right hand patting it coaxingly he said. "My friend, let me tell you something about that." You are a farmer, I believe, if not, you will

understand me. Suppose you have a cattle yard full of all sorts of cattle. cows, oxen, & bulls & you kept selling & selling your cows, & oxen, taking good care of your bulls, by & by you would find out you had nothing but a yard full of old bulls, good for nothing under heaven. Now it will be just so with my army if I don't stop making Brigadier Gen'ls." The man only answered he could scarcely laugh - tho' he tried to - but you should have seen Mr Lincoln laugh. He laughed all over - he enjoyed the point of that story if his friend did not. The story if not strictly delicate is certainly à propos. As I commenced to tell you everything that I saw of this singular man this must fill its place -

The gentlemen soon departed fully satisfied I suppose. I stepped forward, the President motioned me to a chair near him. "Well, what did the Sec of War say?" I gave him a full account of my interview, & then said, "I have no where else to go but to you." He said earnestly, "Mr Stanton knows very well there is an acting Surgeon Gen'l here, & that Hammond will not

be back these two months. I will see the Sec of War myself to night; & you come again in the morning." I arose to take my leave, when he bade me not hasten, spoke kindly of my work, that he appreciated the spirit in which I came. He smiled pleasantly, when he bade me good evening.

I returned in the morning full of hope, thinking of the pleasant face. I had left the evening before, but no pleasant smile greeted me. The President merely raised his eyes & said, "Good morning," & pointed to a chair for me. He was evidently annoyed by something, and waited for me to speak, which I did not do. I think he was annoyed by a previous interview with somebody.

After a moment he said, "Well" with a peculiar contortion of face that I never saw on any body else. I replied, "Well." He looked at me a little astonished, I fancied, & said "Have you nothing to say?"

"Nothing, Mr Lincoln, until I hear your decision. You bade me come this morning, have you decided?" "No! but I believe this idea of Northern hospitals is all a great humbug

and I am tired of hearing about them"

He spoke impatiently.

I replied, "I regret, President, to add a feather's weight to your already overwhelming care, and responsibility. I would rather have stayed at home". With a kind of half smile he said, "I wish you had"! I answered him as tho' he had not smiled. "Nothing would have given me greater pleasure sir - but a keen sense of duty to the Government, justice & mercy to its most loyal supporters & regard for your honor & position made me come. The people cannot understand why they are left to die - when with proper care they might live, and do good service for their country. Mr Lincoln I believe you will yet be grateful for my coming" he looked at me earnestly - I could not tell whether he was annoyed or not. I continued, as he did not speak, "I do not come to plead for the lives of criminals, for the lives of deserters, neither for those men who have been the least disloyal, but I come to plead for the lives of those who were the first to hasten to the support of the Government - who helped to place you where you are - because they trusted you - men who have done all they could - and now when flesh & nerve & muscle are [illegible] will pray for your life & the life [illegible] republic, they scarcely ask for that

for which I plead. They expect to sacrifice their lives for their country. Many say, we wish we could do more, but, I suppose this is all right. I know if they could come North they could live, & be well, strong men again; many of them, I say, I know, because I was sick among them last Spring surrounded by every comfort, with the best of care, and determined to get well. I grew weaker day by day until, not being under military law, my friends brought me North. I recovered entirely, simply, by breathing Northern air. While I was speaking, the expression of Mr Lincoln's face had changed many times. He had never taken his eye from me. Now every muscle in his face seemed to contract & then suddenly expand as he opened his mouth. you could almost hear them snap. as he said. "You assume to know more than I do!" & closed his mouth as though he never expected to open it again. Sort of slammed it too. I could scarcely reply. I was hurt & I thought the tears would come, but I rallied in a moment & said —

"Pardon me Mr Lincoln, I intend no disrespect, but it is because of the knowledge, and because I do know, what you do not know, that I come to you. If you knew what I know & had not already ordered what I ask - I should know that an appeal to you would not be in vain - but I believe this people have not trusted you for nought -

The question only is, whether you believe me, or not. If you believe me will give us hospitals. If not - well -" with the same snapping of muscle, he again said - "You assume to know more than surgeons do!" "Oh no! Mr Lincoln I could not perform an amputation nearly as well as some of them do -

Indeed I doubt whether I could do it at all. But, this is true - I do not come here for your favor, I am not an aspirant for military honor. While it would be the pride of my life to be able to command your respect & confidence, still even this, I can waive for the time being to gain my object - Now the medical authorities know as well as I do, that you are opposed to establishing hospitals

hospitals & they report to please you. They desire your favor.

I come to you from no casual tour of inspection having passed rapidly through the general hospitals in our principal cities on the River, with a cigar in my mouth & a cane in my hand, talking to the "surgeon in charge" of the price of cotton & abusing the Generals in our army for not knowing & performing their duty better, and finally coming into the open air, with a long drawn breath as tho' they had just escaped suffocation, and complacently saying, "a very fine hospital you have here, Sir." The boys seem to be doing very well, a little more attention to ventilation is desirable, perhaps? It is not this. I have visited hospitals but, for eight months from early morning, until late at night; sometimes, I have visited the regimental & general hospitals on the Mississippi from Quincy to Vicksburg. and I come to you from the cots of men who have died. who might have lived had you permitted it. This is hard to say — but it is true. During the time that

I was speaking the few last sentences. Mr Lincolns brow had become very much contracted, and a fierce scowl had settled over his whole face. He sharply asked me how many men Wisconsin had in the field. "That is how many did she send to the field I mean?" "I suppose about fifty thousand, I think, I do not know exactly." "That means she has about twenty thousand now." He looked at me & said with a sort of sneer "you need not look so sober; they are not all dead." I made no reply. I had noticed the veins in his face filling full. within a few moments & one vein across his forehead was as large as my finger.

It gave him a frightful look almost. with a quick impatient movement of his whole frame he said. "I have a good mind to dismiss them all from the service & have no more trouble with them!" I was surprised at what seemed his lack of self-control. I knew he did not mean one word of what he had said. I looked at him for a moment. He was pale, & the silence was painful. I then said slowly; "They have been faithful to the Government. They have been faithful to you,

They will still be loyal to the Government, do what you will with them. But, if you grant my petition, you will be glad as long as you live. The prayers of grateful hearts will give you strong & willing arms strength in the hour of trial, & strong & willing arms will return to fight your battles."

The President bowed his head & with a look of sadness that I shall never forget, & said, "I shall never be glad any more". All sternly had passed from his face, & for a moment he seemed looking inward & backward. My heart ached for him. I said, "Do not say so Mr Lincoln. For who will have so much reason to rejoice as yourself when this Government is restored, as it will be." "I know, I know!!" he said pressing a hand on each side & bowing forward, "but, the springs of life are wearing away." I asked if he felt his great cares were injuring his health. "No," he replied, "not directly perhaps." I asked if he slept well? He said he never was a good sleeper & of course he slept less now, than ever before. He said the people did not get appreciate the magnitude

of this Rebellion & that it would be a long time before the end. I began to feel that I was occupying time valuable to him & to others. I arose to take my leave & said; "Have you decided upon your answer to the object of my visit?" he replied, "No! come to morrow morning. No it is Cabinet meeting to morrow, Yes, come at twelve o'clock, there is not much for the Cabinet to do to morrow." He arose & bade me a cordial good morning. The next morning I awoke terribly depressed, feeling that I was to fail in the object for which I came. The only evidence I had that I was at all excited, was, that I was cold & colorless constantly looking at my watch & wondering if twelve o'clock would never come. At last I ascended the steps of the White House, just as all visitors were being dismissed, hence the President would receive no one that day. I asked the messenger if that meant me? He said, "No! the President wished you to wait; the Cabinet would adjourn very soon." & I waited & waited three long hours & more. in which time the President had sent out twice saying "Tell Mrs.

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Harvey to wait; we shall soon adjourn." I was fully prepared for defeat. Every word of my reply was chosen & carefully placed. I walked the room & studied a map which covered one of the walls of the Reception Room. I listened & at last heard many foot-steps. The Cabinet had adjourned. Mr Lincoln did not wait to send for me but came directly into the room where I was waiting. It was the first time I had noticed him standing. He is very tall & moves with a shuffling gait; he came forward rubbing his hands, saying, "My dear Madam! I am very sorry to have kept you waiting so long. But we have just this moment adjourned." I replied "My waiting is no matter, Mr Lincoln. But you must be very tired & we will not talk to-night." He said, "No! sit down". I had risen when he came in. He placed himself in a chair beside me & said; "Mrs Harvey I only wished to tell you myself that an order equivalent to the granting of a hospital in your State has been

issued
nearly twenty four hours." I could not speak.
"I was so entirely unprepared for it. I wept
for joy. I could not help it. When I could
speak I said, "God bless you, & then the
order for the Hospital at Prairie Du Chien
which had been countermanded coming
into my mind. I said, "Do you mean
really & truly that we are going to have
a Hospital now"? With a look full of
humanity & benevolence he said "I do
most certainly hope so." This he said
emphatically. No reference was made to any
previous opposition. He said he wished
me to come & see him in the morning
he would give me a copy of the
order. I was so much excited I could
not talk to him. He saw it & commenced
talking upon other topics, asked me
to look at the Map which he said gave
you a correct idea of the location of
all the principle battles grounds of
Europe. "It is a fine Map", he said,
pointing out Waterloo, & the different
battlefields on the Crimea &c. Then
smiling said "I am afraid you will
not like it as well when I tell you

who executed it". I replied "The work is well done, wherever he may be. Who did it?" "Mr. Lincoln, and he certainly did do this work. He did it while he was at West Point". There was nothing more said for a moment. I shortly took my leave with a promise to call again upon him at nine o'clock next morning. I suppose the excitement caused the intense suffering of that night. I was very ill all through the night, & it was ten o'clock next morning before I was able to be dressed & send for a carriage, to keep my appointment with the President. It was past the hour, and more than fifty persons were in the waiting-room. I did not expect an audience, but sent in my name & said I would call again. The Messenger said "you had better wait. I think the President will see you". And by the way I will say here. This Messenger seemed a very confidential servant of Mr Lincoln's, and seemed to understand him. I had been seated but a moment, among the anxious, expectant waiting faces, when the door opened & a voice said,

"Mrs Harvey the President will see you now." I was slightly embarrassed to be gazed at so curiously, by so many, with a look that said as plainly as words could, "Who are you?"

As I passed I heard one person say, "She has been here six days, every day, & what's more she is going to win." I entered the presence of Mr Lincoln for the last time. He smiled very graciously & drew a chair beside him, & said come here, & sit down. He had a paper in his hand which he said was for me to keep. I took it. It was a copy of the order just issued. I thanked him, not only for the order, but for the manner & spirit in which it had been given. Then said I must apologize, for not having been there at ten o'clock as he had desired me to be, but that I had been very sick all night. He looked up anxiously. "Did joy make you sick?" I said I don't know, very likely it was the exhaustion of nerves after intense excitement.

Vicksburg June 1st 1864

Mrs C. A. P. Harvey
Agent for Wis

Madam in accordance with your request I proceeded to New Orleans to look after the sick and wounded of Wisconsin soldiers in Hospital at that point I left this place on the 23rd May and returned to this point on the 31st Attached you will find a list of sick and wounded as given me by the clerks of the Different Hospitals However there appeared to be some errors in the books as by a personal examination of the several wards some of the men were not to be found, and some of those there knew of their transfer up the river or to their regiment The greatest discrepancy was in the Barracks Hospital I visited each Hospital at least once and went to the cot of each man and by a personal interview ascertained his exact condition And I can assure you it appeared to give the men great satisfaction to be visited and to know that the state had not forgotten them They said many of them they had about concluded that

no one was going to come as far down as New Orleans to see them It was so far from home In fact it was a great satisfaction to witness the feeling of pleasure manifested when you make yourself known was coming on the part of the state to look after their welfare and wants and while the laugh is on the lips the tear is in the eye & one starts responsive in your own eyes to the heart feeling manifested But you Madam have made so many such visits that you are aware just what the feeling and effects are But when speaking on this subject my mind reverts to those cold and heartless beings who think if the soldier gets his regular rations with a cot to sleep upon that is sufficient I only wish such could be, by some means induced to enlist and become soldiers for a short time (say 3 years)

I have indicated on the list such as I think should be transfered to some northern Hospital and as soon as a Hospital boat shall go to New Orleans as I think their lives depend on such transfer The different surgeons in charge said that they would endeavor to send all cases of chronic diahrea north on first boat (Hosp'l) as those cases were very fatal

Generally the Hospitals are very well managed and the men made comfortable as they can be away from home and friends One part of the Barracks Hospital was in much confusion but the excuse was that a week before they rec'd 400 new patients I thought a week sufficient to regulate the Hospital and to have given all at least a change of clean clothes which some had not yet received I arranged for some furloughs and discharges and others to be transfered north I was unable to see our regiments as they were stationed at diffent points on the river and making changes so often that I could not tell certainly where they were (attached you will also find a bill of expenses in items)

Hoping my visit has been productive of some good and will meet your approval

I remain

with regards

Geo C Smith

List of Mo soldiers in St Louis Hospital
New Orleans A Hartsuff Surgeon in charge

John Lary	"C"	11	has no descriptive roll	
Thos Berry	"	"	" "	Transferred
Robt Gillen	H	23	Corp	Saved Regimental colors at Battle of Carrow Crow wants Bounty "Tactics"
Jaynes Johnson	C	"		Cash 100
Thos H Hull	"	11		Transfer
Geo Benton	"	"		
S A Cummings	A	23		
J H Robinson	B	11		1 year in service 4 months duty
H J Stowell	1 Batty			

Marine Hospital Jacob Bockee Surg in charge

Robt Grimshaw	"A"	11	cash 100 no roll Transferred
Warren A Cole	C	23	
John B Thompson	1 Batty		
Z Bannon	"	"	
Jonas Cellars	E	11	Furloughed
W A Davis	C	"	
Joshua Haney	F	23	
Jas Henderson	"	"	23 months in service 10 sick
Fred Voigt	C	"	Wife cant get state pay
Edward Kruger	K	23	
Thos M Dixon	E	"	no roll

Marine Continued

Johnathan Bowman	B	23	no roll	
E D Davis	H	11		Transfer
Andrew Campbell	D	"		"
Martin Duffy	F	29		
Samuel Kramer	H	11	no roll	Transfer
Marion Jacobs	F	23		
Jas M Smith	1 Batty			
Jas Meaher	A	23		Transfer
John Rooney	K	"	Veteran corps on duty	

St James Hospital

John Nicole	F	4	
G H Bryant	D	29	Capt gone on leave wounded
Henry Willett	E	"	Least right arm is well
Swain Gonderson	K	11	
E V Bridge	1 Batty		Heavy art Serjt
John Ellsworth	F	85	
Barney Keefe	D	29	on furlough with Capt Bryant
Geo W Nicks	E	"	

Patrick Obrien G 29 Corp died Apl 18th 1864

Charity Hospital Dr Smyth in charge

Wm S Saulsbury	K	23	Transfer
Leroy Riddle	K	"	"
Sam Hanson	K	"	"

United States Barracks Hospital Surgeon Humphrey in charge

Nelson C Heyer	"C"	"	not found
W H Meiner	F	33	" "
Thos Dixon	"	"	" "
Harly C East	G	"	" "
Amoly Moore	F	28	Furlough
Leon F Roach	E	23	
Richard Reimlal	1 Batty		not found
Edward A Pratt	"	"	" "
Francis McGamer	"	"	" "
Chas Rechenbach	F	23	Small Pox
Wm H Kuepers	A	"	Nurse
V W Hammond	C	20	Discharge
Richard W Jones	K	8	
Wallace Eastman	C	23	Transfer no vol
William R Lindsey	K	29	

Barracks continued

F C Edgar	F	8	a very bad arm — neglected	
M C Rogers	E	"	no roll	Transfer
Henry Buffington	C	38		not found
Frank E Cornell	A	"		
Frank Rosencrans	C	"		Fruitowgh
Martin Widner	F	"		no roll
Ralph Ernst	A	30		
Thos Lee	F	"	in stor room	
Geo L Smith	A	"	cook	
Robt F Gort	F	"		
Riley Bashford	K	"		Transfer

University Hospital Dr Kneeland in charge

Charles Fisher		39		
Geo L Lence		"		
Johnson Harris		"		
Samuel Dobb	C	"		
John McVean		20		Transfer
August Schwandt		"	died 26 while I was there	
Henry L Webster		"		Transferred
Moses Huling		"		
Samuel Shaw		"		
Samuel Glazier		"		

University continued

Chas Mc Huff	11	Transfer
John Cottonberger	"	
David Aylsworth	"	
Daniel Smalley	11	Transfer
Joshua Mc Kean	23	
Elisha Sutton	"	
Joshua Mc Henri	"	Discharge
Robt G Ailing	35	Transfer

Send copy to Wm Harvey

New Orleans La
Mar 3d 1865.

His Excellency
John S. Preston
Gov of Wise
Gov

In conversation with Dr Drew - Indn Stores agt at this place - he tells me there is much labor here for a Wise Stores agt - there are quite a number of our men in Hospl at this place, & as there are so many wis Rgts recently transfd to this Dept. I would respectfully suggest that an agent be sent to this point.

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank B. Burdick
Capt 33d Wis Infty.

Capt. Frank B. Burdick
33d. Wis. Vols.
New Orleans
Friday 3. 65

Mrs L. A. P. Hawes has brought of the Hosp at N.O. She has recently returned to Vicksburg from a visit to N.O. & has made reports of the condition of our soldiers there

Rev A. H. Wolter. Chap of the 75th Ills. left here last week with sanitary supplies for our Hosp, near Mobile & expected to stop at N.O. & do what

suggests that a State agt. be sent to New Orleans for our boys there. Mr Wolter advanced $400. which to be expended for the benefit of Ills soldiers on Gen Canby's Command.

A copy of yr letter will be sent to Mrs H. who & her aids will do all she can to alleviate the suffering of our soldiers at N.O. Consistently with her duties at their homes.

Capt F. B. Burdick
33d Wis Vols.
care of Dr Drew,
Indiana State agent
Yours &c.
N.O. La

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Vicksburg Miss.
March 2d 1865

Hon J. S. Lewis
Inst. Mis

Sir. Sir:

The recent changes in our forces at the West bring many of our regiments again into this Department. The 8th 14th & 33d were in camp here several days, but have now gone to New Orleans. The 23d also went down the river a few days since – did not disembark here. The sick were all left in hospital at this place, filling all our brick hospitals to overflowing. Enclosed I send you a list of Mis. sick & wounded in hospital.

Before the captures were

weather I shall again visit the hospitals in New Orleans & Brooklyn City.

I trust the sick wounded from the last named hospital will be transferred North before long.

A few days since, about one hundred paroled prisoners were brought in from Galveston & Cahaba among them were

Dr. P. French. 2nd Cav.
A. Thomas. 35th Co A.
H. Cate 2d Cav. Co E

I think these well. I send you inclosed also a full list of the deceased in the prison at Cahaba. I think is but one Mississippian named ~~but~~ as I have the list I send it.

My work is more all that I can do. Yours Respectfully
C. A. P. Horney

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Give formal copy is desired

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss. Nov. 27th 1864

Hon. J. T. Lewis
Gov. of Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Sanitary condition of our soldiers in this department is daily improving. There are several reasons for this — The air has been purified by frosts — many of the feeble convalescents have been furloughed, or sent to northern hospitals, and the permanently disabled are being discharged from the Army.

The united, and untiring efforts of the ~~U.S. C.A.C.~~, ~~[illegible]~~ Sanitary, and Christian Commissions have brought and are scattering with a liberal hand, physical, mental moral and religious comforts among our brave men in Camp field, and hospital.

The wearing, disheartened, discouraged

soldier, without descriptive roll, money, or friends, away from his regiment, has learned to look up for aid to ~~the~~ ~~Sanitary~~ these Commission as he does to his God for breath, and expects it as freely. Thanks to the noble generosity of our people he is never disappointed when his voice can reach them or any of their agents.

We shall soon be very much in need of woolen shirts and drawers, Comforts & Quilts.

As the cold weather advances we see the great necessity for these articles.

The damp atmosphere has coldness & deathlike chilliness which demands flannel quite as much as our piercing northern cold - sometimes I think a great deal more.

I hope our friends at home will remember this when they are making up their bundles of

precious things to send us.

Within the last few cold days we have given flannel wrappings to missing a week convalescent that must otherwise have suffered. Men just released from hospitals where they have been during the summer have often no means of getting necessary clothing except through the Commission. Clothed as they are in their summer blouses and cotton they would soon sicken again, be returned to hospital, or, finish going home.

These men we make comfortable, & see what joy, and our northern friends do not see — their tearful, grateful faces, and hear their fervent "God bless you"

Our regiments at Little Rock Pine Bluff, Duval Bluff, and Pentuch are in much better condition than when they went up the river.

Large quantities of Sanitary goods have been sent them and had they received them all, they would now be abundantly supplied, but, unfortunately the U.S. San. boat Doubleiff was sunk and about two thirds of his cargo a total loss, also a barge loaded with fifteen hundred packages from the Western Com ~~mission~~ ~~&c~~ ~~&c~~ are lost.

Notwithstanding these disasters many goods have reached them and more are being sent.

There are agents there to distribute them.

These facts I learned from Doct. Woodward the Sanitary Inspector of this Department

I intended to visit Wisconsin regiments ~~at~~ their different points but Doct. Dr. thought I could do more good at this place & vicinity as there was no state agent here.

There are two Sanitary depots here owing their obliging and gentlemanly agents enable me to do a great deal more than I could otherwise.

From them I receive all the Sanitary goods I wish for distribution.

I recently received a letter from the Lte. San. Agt of N.Orleans in which he wished me to ask of you the appointment of agent for this. as he had always done all he could for Missouri soldiers. I despair I hopeful he would continue to do so, & I would do, as I had ever done, all I could for all. ~~Freedmen~~ & so save our states the ~~Bills~~ expence of one agent

While I believe no Missouri soldier has asked aid of me in vain, and they "in this vicinity" all know where to find me!

Yes - the above is true of Soldiers from Iowa, Ill., Ohio, and, every every soldier of the U.S. Army. Our boys in blue are alike dear to me! God bless them all - no state can claim them exclusively but they are alike the pride of all every one.

"State rights" are more recognized by sanitary agents any more than they are by the Country.

The only Wis. reg. at present at Vicksburg is the 2nd Wis. Cav. & they have moved out on a scout. The Surgeon informed me that he had only seventy two at sick call - that 600 were mounted and one hundred & fifty went out to guard the pontoon train. A better report of the regiment than we have had before in a year. The regiment is thriving ~~The regiment is~~ ~~thriving~~

under the efficient and energetic Command of Major Dolan — a gentleman whom I hear very highly spoken of. I know Memphis I hear very favorable reports. We have but few men in hospital there.

The 4th Cavalry are in Baker Range. We have sent them enough goods recently.

Miles I hear of some place on the rivers where I can do more good than I can here I shall not leave this place at present.

My health is not as good as it was last winter I get tired with less exercise for it, than I used to.

Have we an Agent at Nashville?

Enclosure, I send you a list of the goods which I have

distributed the ~~last~~ this month.
These have been issued
mostly to individuals by
my own hand.

Lee's Legislation I have
seen to be quite well filled
from Stephens & Clinton
Junction. Mrs. Welch I have
also distributed.

Much alarm is felt at
Memphis anticipating an
attack. Then from rebel prisoners
Brigadier Genl Dawson is in
command here. He is hated
by Cotton speculators but, I
am happy to say equally
so by rebel sympathizers.
Some of his recent actions
and orders I think will,
at least, strengthen him loyal.

If you have any commands
for me I shall gladly receive
them. Yours respectfully
C. A. P. Hersey
Sutler 8th Regt

Letter from Mrs Harry - Sanitary Insp
on the Mississippi

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss. Oct. 1st 1864

Hon. J. T. Lewis
Gov. of Wisconsin

Sir:

I find every thing pertaining to the sanitary condition of camp, and hospital much improved since July. I spent some time in Memphis visiting hospitals seeking out all Wisconsin patients, and rendering them all the aid I could with the limited means I have, And gave to many sick and wounded soldiers the comfort of a cheering word, from a loyal woman. God bless their brave hearts, But. you should see how nobly they bear suffering. It makes one feel almost as though they would like to suffer too, just to see, if they could bear it as well.

In Memphis there are ~~[illegible]~~ eight General hospitals averaging between three, & four hundred patients to each. Among them are about one hundred Wisconsin men from different regiments. The majority are doing well.

hundred Wisconsin men from different regiments. The majority were doing well. ~~There were~~ Several interesting incidents occurred during my visits. While going through one of the wards in Adams Hospital a voice said, "Oh Mrs Harvey". & another voice replied "Charley! Charley, is it you? How did you come here?" I soon sat beside a pale faced skeleton boy that I, about six months ago kept at this place (Soldiers Home) from going to his regiment at Baton Rouge ~~against all military rights~~ & thought he would die. I kept him four weeks. He was a recruit for the thirty fifth reg. He was quite strong when he left Vicksburg, ~~but~~ so delicate looking as a school girl, but with as brave a heart as ever beat in a soldiers breast. It almost broke my heart to let him go, ~~but~~ his lip never quivered - his voice ~~never~~ faltered, as he started alone for his regiment. I wrote a letter to his commanding

folded

solid Officers with the reasons for my keeping him. He told me they sent him home - gave him light duty, but he was soon taken sick again, & out of six months in the service, he has been just in hospital & at the "Home".

I said, Charley you must have a furlough, or a discharge. He said "No. I am getting better, & am going to serve my time out. I can write a good hand & clerks are needed" Oh was I not proud that he was a Wisconsin boy! This kind of boy is not confined to Wis. however, the country is full of them.

" I would inquire about Little Rock. Sanitary goods have been sent there. I shall visit them & in that vicinity soon.

The health of the troops at this point is vastly improved. The camp of the second Wis. Cav. has been removed to a new ground & the big ones

is left in them is sorrowing after this terrible summer. Alas! in many a noble heart no spark is left. They sleep that sleep which knows no waking. On my first visit to the regiment after my return I was presented with the most exquisite, elegant watch & chain & purse ever. I was humbled, & could only bare my heart before them to whose gratitude for the little that I had done had prompted them to do so much for me. Capt Ring of Wolverhampton the true soldier, the polished gentleman honored & respected as a man & an officer by his regiment was chosen to make the presentation which he did most gracefully.

¶ A few evenings after my arrival at this point the report was brought me that the "Arthur" was just in with two or three hundred sick on board from below & without sanitary stores. With the aid of

Sanitary Agents we soon took on board
two bbls of Crackers, sacks of onions
wine, fruit, Whisky, Sugar,
Blackberry Syrup & clothing. There
were about one hundred of the
fourth Mo Cav. from Baton Rouge
going home on sick furloughs
so very worthless to me
in one way & another. I shall
go to New Orleans as soon
as the weather is a little cooler.
Hoping that my action may
meet your approval, I am,
Yours. Respectfully
L. L. P. Harvey
Mrs. Stanley

Mrs C. L. P. Harvey
State agt. Vicksburg Miss
Octo 1st 1864

Rel. to condition of Soldiers in her department.

Octo Journal.

You can publish within letter from Mrs Harvey if you choose.

& can preserve clean & return

A. Oriner

Vicksburg Miss.

Lieut. J. S. Lewis
Prac. Wis

Sir Sir:

When I received your request to visit hospitals in New Orleans I was not able to go.

I had felt that it was important for some one to go there, and had proposed doing so as soon as I could have the time. Mr Smith our former agent at Memphis, who is doing business here, I believe, kindly consented to go — my stead.

I knew that his good sense & experience fitted him, & fully competent, & his physical strength would enable him to accomplish a great deal more than I could

My health is quite restored yet I am glad I did not go

the return of the Red river expedition
would it be important for some
one to be here.

Enclosed you will find
Mr Smith's report. It is of later
date than Dr. Barters which
I sent Neil Boyland a short
time since.

I shall give the list of
men that ought to be transferred
to the North as marked by Mr S.
to the Surgeon in charge of
hospital Steamer when I know
my wants & I can arrange he
will attend to it. Nothing I
was on the ground

I intend visiting Memphis
hospitals soon. There are so
important changes in hospitals
here.

A poor man from the 2 Cav.
was brought to Jefferson Barracks with
a furlough a few days since.
I thought he was dying when
he was brought. Not a Tooth since

of him for a day or two & he seemed a little better & then sent him to the best hospital here where he will have the very best medical attendance & I do hope he will live. I have just heard from him this morning. His name was Alex. McLeod Co. I. 2 Ver.

If you can find you a standpoint any place where I can be more useful than here you will of course hear from me.

The weather is very warm but I do not mind it. My health was never better than it is now.

Something that my action will meet your approval I am. Very respectfully

W. S. P. Harvey

State Agt

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Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss. Nov 7 1864

Hon. J. S. Lewis
Lieu. of Wis

Dr. Sir!

When I wrote you last, I did not expect to remain in Vicksburg another month, but I am still here.

I was all ready to go up White river when the brigades containing the thirty fifth & twenty third Wis. regiments came up & left their sick & wounded — mostly sick.

They disembarked for a night on the levee. I went down to see them. They were poor emaciated about brought all their sick with them. So here was the dashing officer on duty — the strong & able bodied soldier — the tottering convalescent — the panting fever patient. the dying, & the dead.

All glad to rest their weary heads on the bosom of Mother Earth after having been crowded on board the transports for many days.

The thirty-fifth reg. left between fifty & sixty here, in hospital. Several come to the "Home". We cover for three two or three weeks. They improve daily. We'll furlough & some now I trust at home.

Of those that were sent to hospital, many died. They were dying when they reached there.

The twenty-third reg. left between fifteen & twenty. I think but one of their members died a boy (Young) of Co. I. There is one more very sick, not expected to live in the Pheasant Hospital by the name of Harrison Hall of Co D. Others are convalescent. Some have been returned to

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~~Vicksburg, Miss.~~ ~~186~~

their regiments dine or sup are awaiting their furloughs at this place.

The second Cavalry have suffered very severely during the last month they have died, & many are sick in hospital. I have not been able to get a report from this regiment

I have not visited the regiment recently, because of ill health.

I was taken sick the night after I went down to the Lancer before reference to, & was not able to leave my room for many days.

Since then I have been able to visit hospitals, to render service to our boys stopping here. I have at all times

an ample supply of sanitary goods & the soldiers know where to come, to get them. I send a donation of one hundred & thirty dollars a short time by means of which I have been enabled to help forward some who had not been paid. Of course this aid has not been confined to our state soldiers, but to whomsoever needed it.

So long as I have any money from my salary, I shall make no drafts upon the state to aid soldiers. This I know will meet your approval, & it is but right, as I have been unable to do what I might have done had my health been good.

I am improving now however & I hope to be able to visit other points on the river.

during the coming month.

I learn by letter from the different hospitals in this department often that soldiers generally know where & when to whom they get into hospital or not visited to let one know their wants

I am often unable to do for them simply by writing but I intend to visit the just as often as my health will permit

I enclose you a report of those of the thirty fifth regiment who were left in hospital here

The second Cav. are all mounted & fine horses & it is rumored they are about to see active service.

If you have any wishes for me to do differently, or any change to suggest you will oblige me by letting me know

Yours respectfully

C. A. Bartlett

Vicksburg Miss.
June 17th 1864

Gen. J. J. Lewis
Natch. Mis

Dr. Sir:

I have this moment rec'd a letter from Genl Gaylord informing me of your displeasure, because of my sending Mr Geo. C. Smith to N. Orleans. I am very much surprised, as I, for a long time was in doubt about my own position here, thinking from his (Mr. S) manner that he had come to take my place as State Agent. He rec'd letters & packages addressed to "Mis. State Agt Vicksburg." I was so much annoyed by this & his manner that I finally asked him if you were dissatisfied

with me? he replied. "Oh No, but I will assist you", &c. I do not remember just what he said but I inferred certainly that he had gone authority to aid me. You had written something about an assistant & altho' it seemed strange that you did not write me about it, I thought it all right.

He has been very kind to me, sometimes overkind — I could not understand & cannot now.

Another thing I know the R. Trustees assigned him rooms at State Sight.

I say much regret having incurred your displeasure but I cannot see that I am to blame in the matter. I will be more careful in future & consult you before acting.

It has never occurred to me

that anyone would attempt to deceive me. This is a good lesson.

I have much to tell you that I have no time to write. I believe I shall come home soon. We have very few Wisconsin men in hospitals here now. I have succeeded to have all that were here, forwarded - sent to Northern hospitals. Others will be brought up from Helena - but will not be left in Vicksburg

Hoping ~~that~~ this may explain my letter in regard to Mr Lush satisfactorily, I remain

Yours respectfully
C. S. P. Harvey

Vicksburg Miss
June 25th 1864

Hon J. S. Loring
Mall Wis

Dear Sir

I enclosed an the charges in hospitals the week. It is currently reported here that the 13th Army Corps is coming up the river to this point. If so, we shall have many more Wis. troops in this vicinity - & I shall not feel that I ought to come home while I can as well as I can now. It is my opinion we have been having a great deal of rain. Some fear yellow fever. I say there have been several cases in N. Orleans brought in a Mexican vessel. I have no dread of it for myself. I never enjoyed better health. My work is a

pleasing to me.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Your respectfully

C. A. P. Henry

State Engr

Mr. C. A. P. Henry

Letter

Vicksburg June 25th 64

Vicksburg Miss
June 17. 1864

Lieut. J. S. Lewis
Mont Cris

Dr. Sir:

I today sent down the river to Post Hudson for the use of the 95th Reg. the following articles

2 Boxes of canned blackberries
" " " strawberries
1 " of corn starch
1 " Sago
1 " crackers
1 bbl Bottled Ale
1 " cider Apples
1 Box " small sweet
1 Keg of Pickles
1 " Horseradish
2 Boxes of Extracty beef (30 lbs)
4 bbls of pickeled Potatoes
1 Kraut

15 Bunches ~~Potatoes~~ Sweets
6 Dimbolin Jarrs
20 Sacks of Potatoes

This seizure like all new Guy's has appeared very much — The enclosed letter will inform you of the disposal of the Sweetly and potatoes from the Hospitals has been transferred to Newton Hospitals.

I would like to arrange more a little whilst soon.

Yours respectfully,
C. A. P. Hartley
Sgt Major

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss., Apr. 4 1864

Gov. J. T. Lewis
Madison Wis

Dr. Sir:

Enclosed you will find report of changes in hospital in this city.

There seems to be important changes taking place in the army, what they are, we do not yet know. It is generally thought that the greater portion of the 16th & 17th army corps are to be ordered to the Potomac. If so the number of our Wis troops here will be much lessened. I think one regt ought to remain on the river towards the state, still there seem to be in the 20th Army Corps a few scattered regiments.

As I have been here so long I am still willing to remain as long as my health will permit of your

desiring it

I am going down the river again to N. Orleans soon to visit all the intermediate points, and shall tell the Bro. Brooks to relieve the needy as far as possible.

Mr Smith is here, on from Augt at Memphis. I believe he is going into business here. I shall be glad to have him to associate with, as he seems to be an honest good man & he has had experience in coming from our politics.

If you feel that I can be of any more service in any other place or position you will of course let me do.

I am willing to do, any thing or go to any place where I can do the most good.

Perhaps I shall walk for a fortnight by & by to come home a little while - but not now, unless you think I have better go accordingly.

I forgot whether I wrote you about the Rev.

Dear Hobart of the 9th inst.
I did not. I will say
now that I have learned
that he has disgraced the
service & himself most
shamefully. Of course he
be of no possible aid to me.
He was a stranger to me
& seemed so good & urgent me
to state I would do for him
so persistently that I finally
did so, but I have since
sincerely regretted it since.
Hoping to hear from you
soon I am

Yours respectfully
W. A. Harris
State Leg.

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss., March 10th 1864

Gov. J. J. Lewis
Trad. Mis

Dr Sir:

Since the return of the Expedition I have been very busy distributing Sanitary Goods to our regiments. The "commissions" have just sent a large quantity of vegetables which our "Hardtack", bacon-fed, half starved soldiers were very glad to get.

Yesterday I visited the Camp of the 25th, about two miles from town. I, that, over Vicksburg hills with six bbls of potatoes & heavy Ambulance is not easy for the horses. Those of the regt that were well were in good spirits but it was enough to break one's heart to see the sick & worn out, by the late March. Poor fellows. They lay in the dust, dirty, ragged & no appetite to eat but hard-tack & bacon, which lay piled up in one corner

of them left in the dist

I asked them if they did not think they would feel better if they had some clean clothes. They replied with tearful eyes, "Oh yes Mrs Hassey, but we can do none until we get to Memphis". I inquired if there was any thing they could eat? — & one young boy said — "If I could have some green stewed apples they would taste good" — I said, baked apples? No! no, stewed apples, he replied with a look & a sigh that said more plainly than words could — I know I cannot have it.

I hastened home — got old quilts & comforters, towels, P. H. Chiefs, shirts dresses & socks. Pillows with nice clean cases, some good dried beef — sweet bread & butter, and two gallons of "stewed apples, done jissy rigyt — just as Mrs Dean used to give us at her table

Catawba bitters & Blackberry Syrup I took these & hurried back. They were not expecting me. I was just in time for supper. I took the blankets out of their tents &

gave them a good shaking, put down the wounded ones first on the ground then the best guides & fellows. Had them wash their face & hands, but I had forgotten to bring a wash basin so, they had to pour water on their hands from their canteens & wipe the towels. Then, while they were changing their clothes, I got some dishes from the surgeons & divided up the apples. Cut the beef, the bread & butter were all prepared. You should have seen their exit - "This tastes good", "How good this is" "I can eat this" were expressions heard from one & another. I only wish that those that sent all these good things could have seen & heard what I did that night. I tell you tears would come in spite of every effort, as I went from tent to tent - tears of gratitude that I was permitted to be the ministrant of their bounty.

I would not exchange the memory of their grateful faces, & their earnest "God bless you's" for any thing in this world. Tell our people the good

they have done, but, also tell them not to be "weary in well doing."
I cannot fill volumes like the freezing boys I have no time to write it — now you to read it

Believe that I am doing all that I can do.

The 8th 12th & 33d have gone up. Rest given with thirty days rations to return by an especial order of Genl Sherman within that time or go to central Dessing to Withers & think when the 32 have gone the 25th are soon going. Enclosed find the weekly hospital report.

I have had no time to visit hospitals the past week.

The weather is delightful our sick must improve here for a month yet & then I do hope they will be sent North.

Yours Respectfully
L. A. Rossing
Sgt. 23d

Post E. P. Harney
Victoria Mat. Co.

Vicksburg Miss
March 7. 1864

Gov. J. J. Lewis
Madison Co's

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you the weekly report of hospitals here. These are the names of those that have been added since last week. Neil Sherman & expedition returned last week. Two divisions of the 16th Army Corps go up Red river and one goes to Pulaski Tenn. Neil's South & Smith go south. & Neil Veach north. Our Boys are in a great deal better health than we could

effects after such merciless massacres as they have made. Many are sick & dying but the survivors are less than our fears.

I am very busy all the time. I hear nothing from Mrs Lord & something am anxious to do so. I visited the 9th Reg last week. Col Jefferson is highly spoken of. I do not know but I wrote you about this.

Saw the brave old Eagle. I send you a feather from his wing. Every body south knows the "Eagle Reg." I appreciate your bravery feeling that "folks is" miserable & called home.

Your Respectfully
C. S. P. Harvey
Sergt Co B

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss., March 16th 1867

Gov. J. L. Lewis
Inst. Miss

Dear Sir:

The enclosed petition concerning Mr Thomas A. Merrill Co. B. 20th Mis. was rec'd this morning. I have today visited every federal hospital in this city & can find no such person, and no such name on record.

I can find no P. Office address on the petition, & therefore send this reply to you.

If the friends of Mr Merrill know his definite whereabouts they had better let me know — & if any thing can be done I will do it at once.

Enclosed find weekly hospital reports.

Yours Respectfully
C. A. P. Harvey
State Agt

Keokuk, Iowa
Nov. 14. [1862]

Mrs L. P. Harvey.

Esteemed Madam.

Your card & note of inquiry was handed to me last evening by Mrs Jen Eyke. I called to-day at the Office of the Hospital & spoke with the Chief Clerk.

We have had a number of Wisconsin men in our Hospital, and the State has shown a generous interest in them. Two agents successively have been sent to care for them, the latter of whom was Mr Sturges. Mr E. W. Blatchford, Sec. of the Chicago San. Commission wrote to me, in the

interval, perhaps, between the visits of these agents, asking me to make inquiries, and, if needful, administer relief, saying that the Gov. of Wisc. had placed monies in the hands of their commission for the benefit of soldiers from that State. On the arrival of Mr Stringer I was relieved of any special care in that direction.

Now there is no agent of Wisc. here, but Mr J. C. Todd is here on the ground as agent, I think, for Iowa "boys", has proffered his agency, I understand, to the Gov. of Wis.

From what I know of the general condition of our Hospital, & of Wis. men in common with others, I hardly feel that a special agent in their behalf is needed here at present. The most humane work which seems to me to claim attention now — aside from the the moral & religious wants of our two thousand men — is the prompt discharge of those who are clearly incapacitated for a soldier's life, who long for their homes, & would ~~be~~ hold much better be there. But we must patiently wait, when we can do nothing to effect.

A Wisc. Soldier gave me this morning his name, saying that his discharge had arrived, but the delay of his discriptive roll prevented his obtaining his money. I afterward saw, in the Office, a letter from St Louis, I think, which, with the assurances of the Clerk, led me to feel that no agency in his behalf might be required. His name is James Livermore, Co. H. 16th Wisc. He has been discharged two months, but his Roll, requiring correction, has not yet been forwarded.

Excuse this hasty note. With much honor for that sorrow that seeks alleviation in ministering to other sufferers,

Yours very respect'y
C. A. Williams

Vicksburg Feb. 16. 1864.

Gov. J. T. Lewis
Mont. Wis

Dr Sir:

Enclosed, I send you a copy of a letter, rec'd last evening. It shows the patriotism of our common soldiers. It gratified me, & I think it will you. These men had all re-enlisted, & some one had destroyed their papers because of some misunderstanding between the men & their Officers. I knew that a little explanation would make it all right, & they would sign other papers which they had persistently refused to do. They were loyal men, & good soldiers & I could not endure the thought that they should now do any thing that would cast a shadow upon this fact.

I also enclose you a report from Hospital No 2 in addition to the one sent you last week. My duties are increasing daily. The weather is delightful. Had a hard frost last night.

We hear nothing from Sherman's Army except from rebel sources. All reports are favorable to the Union Cause. Deserters are daily coming in from the rebel Army they bring sad news of the destitution of the Southern people.

I have sent you my report of my expenses this month. They have been so trifling I thought I would wait until next month.

We have now at the "Home" Mis. Recruits waiting for transportation 291 Reg 7 - 22 Reg, 214 23d Reg, and 12 for the 20th Reg. The security in Wisconsin is glorious!

Yours Respectfully
A. P. Hovey
State Agt

Head Qrs. Convalescent Camp
Vicksburg Miss. February 10th 1864

Mrs. Gov. Harvey

Madam

I have the honor to report that 10 Wisconsin Volunteers (Convalescents) were left at this place who were unable to proceed with their regiments and that New Recruits have arrived as follows;

For the 25th Regiment Wis. Vols.		53
" " 33d " " "		76
" " 8th " " "		17
" " 25th " " "		57
" " 12th " " "		1
Total		204

Besides these there are the names of men on the rolls who have not yet reported. The 33d & 12th will be forwarded to their camp tomorrow.

By order of Abner E. Barns Major Comdg

Amos Sanford
Lt. & Acting Adjutant

Number of men admitted to this Home for the six months ending Jan. 31. 1864.

From Illinois	3866
" Iowa	1919
" Indiana	1645
" Ohio	1435
" Wisconsin	1056
" Missouri	451
" Minnesota	296
" Kentucky	238
" Michigan	141
" Kansas	85
" New York	50
" Virginia	41
" New Hampshire	21
" Nebraska	20
" Massachusetts	18
" Maine	9
" Louisiana	7
" Mississippi	4
" Vermont	3
" Connecticut	2
" Tennessee	2
" Mus. Marine Brigade	59
" U.S. Regulars	26
" U.S. Navy	10

From Invalid Corps	26
Citizens	22
Refugees	37
Aggregate	11,489.

In this time there were furnished 53,032 Meals and 17388 lodgings.

H. W. Mann
Superint

I send you this report so that you know what the Ladies Home is doing

A. P. D.

State of Wisconsin
Gen Jos Mc Dowell

Vicksburg Dec. 7. 1863

Gov. Salomon

Sir: I have today return-ed from New Orleans. I left here about ten days since on a U. S. Com. boat loaded with goods.

We stopped at Natchez. Port Hudson & Baton Rouge. In no place did I find so many of our sick, wounded & convalescent as in N. Orleans. At Natchez we have none in hospital. The 33d Reg. left there last week. The 12th regiment have returned there, but, left their sick & feeble ones all here. When we passed there today they were in line of battle two miles ~~fr~~ in rear of Natchez that not very orders from Gen Banks so peremptory I should have remained in N. Orleans believing that I would do a great deal more good there. There here, or elsewhere as it is, I shall remain here until ~~until~~ I receive other orders.

Yours Respectfully Wm. Harvey

I send herewith a list of your constituents in camp at New Orleans. Also monthly return of expenses.

Yours &c.

State of Wisconsin
In Acct. with Mrs. Cor. A. P. Harvey.

1863

		Dr		
Nov	7	To	Expenses to Cairo	$15. 00
	9	"	" " Memphis	10. 00
	12	"	Bill at Bayou House	11. 50
	14	"	Expenses to Vicksburg	2. 00
	15	"	Hotel Bill	1. 50
	20	"	Oysters for sick Soldiers	.50
	21	"	Box Soldiers	5. 00
	22	"	" "	6. 30
	28	"	Sundries	1. 75
Dec	2	"	Carriage to visit Hospitals in N.O.	3. 00
	3	"	" " Con. Camp	5. 00
	5	"	Sundries	2. 00
	"	"	Expenses in N. Orleans	7. 00
	7	"	Assistance to Sp. "	12. 00
Nov.	6	"	Balance due	11. 00
"	to Dec 7.	"	" " on Salary	96. 00
				189 .55

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Nov 6th	By Money fr. Gov. Salomon	200.	00
Dec 7th	Balance due State	$10	.45

Cornelia A. P. Harvey.

Vicksburg Miss.
Dec 7th 1863

Mrs L. P. Harvey

To State of Wisconsin Dr

1862. Nov. 4	To Amount over from last Report.		$ 23.45	
10.	" Receipts from Madison		100.00	123.45

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5	By Sundries	$ 2.00		
6	" Aid to destitute Soldier	5.00		
	" Steers Car tickets	1.00		
7	" Postage Stamps	1.00		
15	" Expenses to Quincy	14.00		
18	" Servant	1.00		
	" Street cars	.30		
19	" Porter	.50		
	Aid to Soldier	5.00		
	Sundries	1.19		
24	Carriage to visit Hosp'ls	4.50		
	Hotel bill at Memphis	8.00		
	Sundries	2.05		
	Porter	.25		
	Servant	1.00		
Dec 9.	Bill at Sanitary rooms provisions	4.50		
	Aid to Soldier	1.00		
	Porter	.25		
14	Bill at Helena	4.50		
	Porter	25		57.24
	Amount due State of Wisconsin			$ 66.21

Helena Ark.
Dec. 15 1862

Mrs. L. P. Harvey,
Agt. for Wiscons

St Louis Nov. 5 1862
Wednesday Evening

Gov. Salomon

Dear Sir:

I wrote you this morning about our furloughed prisoners. I have seen Gen. Davidson. He said he had no idea that Wisconsin had so many in Camp here, supposed they were nearly all at Prairie du Chien. Said as soon as they were fairly, or nearly well enough, he would order them at once to Prairie du Chien. He receives every night the report of the number of P.P. in Camp, but not the number from each state

This is the reason for his not knowing we have so many.

He treated me, as every one else does with all due respect and consideration, & said if in any thing he could aid me at any time he would gladly do so to the extent of his power

I consider myself very fortunate in having gained the good will of the Powers that be here, particularly when I see how other people are treated.

Yours truly

Mrs. L. P. Harvey

St. Louis Nov. 10th 1862.

$ 100.00.

Rec'd of the State of Wisconsin for Mail one hundred dollars to be used exclusively in the service of the State, and for her sick and wounded Soldiers.

Cordelia P. Harvey.

St. Louis Nov 5. 1862

Gov. Salomon

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I visited the Jayhawk prisoners at Benton Barracks. There are about one hundred. I saw the Officers that have them in charge & learned that they were very anxious to be sent to Prairie du Chien or to Wisconsin somewhere. Poor fellows They are coming down so rapidly with that terrible disease contracted in a malarious atmosphere and must come North, or soon go into Hospitals and die.

They feel, & justly too that

"ought to be done for them"

The Rev. of Louisiana has been here & has taken his paroled prisoners home. The men begged me to write to you. I am going today to see Ben Davidson & find out if any thing can be done for them here.

Don't every think this is a little beyond my province, but I found one or two of the poor fellows in hospital & am trying to get them discharged & sent home. I thought it merciful to prevent any more being brought in by having them all sent North as soon as possible.

I told the boys you would do all you could for them.

Yours truly

Mrs L. P. Harry

St Louis Nov. 4, 1862.

W. H. Watson
Mil Secy
Madison Wis.

Sir:

Bro Dudley Little was discharged from Convalescent Hospital No 1. at Benton Barracks Nov 1st and has before this joined his family.

Yours Truly
Mrs C. V. Harvey

St Louis Jan. 21. 1863.

Gov. Edward Salomon
Madison Wis
Dear Sir,

Through Gen
Sec. Mr Watson, I this morning
rec'd three hundred (300) dollars.

I did not expect any thing
more than enough for my expenses.

Wisconsin has done nobly, done
generously by me and I would be
glad if I had something more
than time & strength to devote
to the service of her people. but
at present I have no income.

Whatever money is given me,
aside from necessary expen-
ses, shall be spent for the

for the love of others.

Use often in addressing me please direct to the care of Hon Geo. Partridge

368. Olive St. St. Louis

and I shall receive it wherever I may be.

As soon as I get through the Hospitals here & see that all our people are sent home that ought to be, or, in other words see that all are discharged from the service that are proper subjects for such discharge I shall go South again the hospitals here are well cared for & I am not needed here.

I will write you as I have time

Yours Respectfully

Mrs. L. P. Hanna

St. Louis. Jan. 28th 1863.

Gov. Edward Salomon
Madison Wis

Sir:

I last evening rec'd letters desiring me to look after the case of Wm. J. Baker of the 1st Wis. Cav. at the "New House of Refuge" hospital.

This morning I visited the hospital – saw the Surgeon in Charge who told me the man was rapidly convalescing after typhoid.

I saw Mr. Baker & his books & vouchers confirmed what the Doct. had said. He told me he thought he should be able to return to his regiment before long – made no complaint to me, & as the Surgeon did not think him a proper subject for discharge I ordered him back.

This hospital is as well officered & conducted as any hospital in the city

We have between twenty & thirty men there, mostly convalescents from.

A number of them will be discharged from the service. Their papers are now made out. I do not send you lists of names by mail. I have them & can, if you wish me to do so.

I have been to Jonesboro recently — found the sick in a most deplorable state — Q. Ambien Stewart & Surgeon, I directly had the fact put upon paper by one of the most prominent citizens & signed by over twenty influential men — both officers & citizens. This paper I gave to the Med. Director who thanked me & says they shall be removed at once. I felt particularly justified in doing this, as our sick of the 11th Ills. regiment had been most basely cared & shamefully treated by this brutal surgeon & starved by the Steward.

& trust their days are numbered in hospital.

The objects of my visit there were twofold & I will try in a few words to give you the history of one & this with slight variations in the history of my other duties & of my daily work

I received a letter from Milwaukee in behalf of the son of a poor widow of that city who was in Scranton Hospital, but whose certificate of disability had been made out & signed & had been sent to St Louis to be prosecuted, I went to the Discharge office - found the papers - they had been there for many weeks because they were ignorant of the whereabouts of the man to whom they belonged.

They permitted me to take the papers to Scranton - when there I found the man's descriptive Roll had been sent with a great many others to the Pay Masters at St Louis. This I knew the Surgeon had no

right to do - I went to the Commander of the Post - he from the papers I had (which were his certificates of sickness signed by the Authorities) made out his discharge & signed it & gave it to me with permission to take it, & the man to St Louis & find his description Roll from which his final statement could be made out. This I was to do & I could - I found the D. Roll - at the Paymasters with fifty others I should think - this they let me have - I took it to the Discharge Office & he told me it would be impossible to have it done here, it, & the man must go back to Fronton I said, I shall try first here Sir - will you let me see Genl Catt? It will do no good he replied - I saw Gen Catt - told him the circumstances. He ordered the final statement to be made out at once in that office. The Officer told him it could not be done until evening as Col Bonneville the one that signed them would not be in until evening - "Send the Order for him" said the Gen - then turning to me - said Brother This man can have his papers

at two o'clock, he will have from that time until three to draw his pay, & then take the cars for home. In the mean time the soldier has been well cared for at the "Home" without charge. Within twenty four hours from the time he left Boston he was fully discharged & had said his prayers & trust is long see this with his mother. My work in St Louis again seems drawing to a close & I have some work to get done at Benton Barracks & then I shall go down the river again visit the hospitals at Cairo, Memphis, Columbus & so on down to Vicksburg. If you wish to write to me direct care of Hon Geo. Pendleton & I shall get it wherever I may be. You will have some excuse

this long letter I could not well make it shorter

A man by the name of Phelps from Mineral Point came here the other morning with letters from you & Mr H Astings, said he had been to visit his three sons in the 11th Regiment that the boys had not been paid & he was getting sick & they told him to call upon me, & I would help him. He had no money to get home — seemed like an excellent man. I gave him fifteen dollars I hope I did right — He said the allotment of the boys would be sent to Indiana, & I told him to let you have the money there. He promised to write you about it as soon as he got home. I send you inclosed his receipt

I try to do as near right as I can. & to act as economical

as I wish it.

I cannot close this letter without asking you what you think about the practibility of having a State military hospital located at Madison - say the Walker House. In the coming warm weather with the great number of wounded that we have, & are likely to have, many a precious life could be saved if we had a hospital in our own state. Many say if we could only breathe Wisconsin air we could get well - we could get strength.

I know there could be no good order to send Wisconsin sick & wounded to their own state. But, we could snatch one here & another there & when we could not get a furlough for them - if the authorities knew we had a hospital

Mrs. Haney, St. Louis.

July 20. 63

we could get an order for this Asylum & that men to be sent to "our hospital". & soon it would be filled & the whole story would carry to every heart that cared to to their own broad state — I do beseech Government to give this some thought — I have written out a appeal to the Legislature for this object but finally concluded to write to you first. the charity & benevolence of friends would then have a new object, I sometimes feel that I must come home & talk to you all about it —

I do not see exactly how it can be done except at the expense of the state, the rations could be got from Government & on sure.

Sincerely hoping & praying that this object may be gained for our poor sick & wounded soldiers I am yours Respectfully

Mrs L. P. Haney

Mrs. Harvey
St. Louis
Jany. 29. '63

St Louis Jan 29. 1863.

Gov. Salomon
Madison Wis.

Sir; I today visited the "Newton Hospital" a new building fitted up expressly for the reception of the wounded which have been brought from Vicksburg, & Arkansas Post

I found four of our 23d Reg Col. Guppy. One poor fellow with both arms off just below the shoulder, with tears streaming down his cheeks said "I am so glad to see you. Don't you you suppose I can get some arms when I get well?" I said yes. Your noble friends Wis. will

find arms for her brave homeless sons. But oh my dear sister what sights! I wiped his tears away – he could not do it you know – I talked to him as cheerfully, until I got him laughing when my own heart was weeping tears of blood almost – for the poor helpless yet hopeful one before me. His name was Levi Vanatta Co A. 23d Reg – He said he was from Madison.

The other names were Thomas Gale Co. H. Lost sight – the Rev. Leyton Seaff in Bise " E Ley Brooken C. A of Common " K Lost part of Right for arm They all spoke in the highest terms of the Officers & regiment. No officer was killed or wounded about fifteen of the men were wounded & eighteen nine killed I could get no other names

One of the men said to me "We would have followed Col. Bussey through fire he never flinched a hair tho' the bullets flew thick & fast around us like hail stones". They said they were under fire, heavy fire only about one hour before the Lost surrendered.

I will write no further of the mutilated dead in that hospital. The heart sickens & almost dies within me at the thought, but I will write you faithfully always of our own people as fast as I can find them.

I am going down the river with some Sanitary Goods & Agents to establish a Soldiers Home at Memphis & with goods for our own regiment.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. L. P. Harvey

P.S. I must tell you how successful I was with Genl Curtis the other day I got a written order & he promised to make it a general — to permit men to be discharged from hospitals without Q. Rolls giving them a free transportation & let them get their Q. Rolls & settle with the Government afterwards. I tell you it carried joy & hope to many a sorrowful heart. Genl Curtis has furnished me by an especial order to send two or three home before in very trying cases, but then he has made it a general so that it may reach further the cases of hard as yours L.R.A.

A.G. Adams

Post Hospital, Rolla
Jan 23. 1863

Bro. Solomon
Madison Wis

Sir;

On the evening of the twenty first I received your request to visit this Hospital & yesterday left St Louis arriving here about 5 o'Clock last evening — walked a half mile in the meanest mud I ever saw — found a very comfortable Hotel, procured a horse & buggy came over here & saw the Surgeon in charge. He tell me there were but six wisconsin men in this hospital & he wanted examine their cases that evening

& if I could do any thing for them let me know in the morning.

This morning I came again & found that they worked late and faithfully examined all the men finding three out of the six proper subjects for discharge but the name of Bowen W. Nye was not among the number. The Surgeon told me if I would stay today I could find them. I have just been through wards & altho' they have wretched dilapidated buildings they have faithful surgeons & stewards. & the contrast between this & Scriven is very great.

Here the men are cared for & get well, & there they are abused & die.

The case of Bowen W. Nye about whom Mr Watson wrote is rapidly convalescing. They

examined him closely & can find no disease about him he looks well, sleeps well, and eats well & they very strongly suspect he is "playing off" as they term it.

+ M. B. Ousley Co. I. 20 Wis Vol
X Eli P. Sweet " B. — — —
+ Wm W. Portney " I —
Hartly Snakes " C —
Eli W. Noble " —
O. R. Gentopt. A —
+ James Summle —

The above list are the names of the Wis. men in this hospital. I shall be able to get the discharge of those that are marked.

Shall return to St Louis tomorrow. Do not fear to ask me to do any thing because you fear it is difficult or unpleasant. If I can do it, glad to.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. E. C. Harvey

State of Wisconsin
In Acct with C. A. P. Harvey

1863.

Dr

Oct 6	To	Expenses to Cairo	$ 14.00
7	"	Hotel Bill & Porter "	3.50
9	"	Expenses to Memphis	10.00
"	"	Hack	1.00
19	"	Hotel Bill	28.00
24	"	Expenses to St Louis	15.00
26	"	Hotel Bill	6.50
"	"	Sundries for Soldiers	6.50
27	"	Expenses to Chicago	5.50
"	"	Hack & Porter	2.00
			91.00
Sep 28th & Nov 6th		To drawn on Salary	120 00
			$ 211.00

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Sep 28th	By money Rec'd for Mr Watson	200.00
Nov 6th	Balance due	$ 11 00

Cornelius A. P. Harvey

Gov. Salomon:

Dear Sir

I forgot whether I wrote in my letter last night about money. I may need some soon. And may not. I should dislike to be without & so write you thus early

Yours truly

Mrs L. P. Harry

St Louis. Nov. 3, 1862

P. S. I have just opened a letter about Mr Dudley Little. "In the Hospital at St Louis," is very indefinite but I will try & find him

Mrs. L. P. H.

SOLDIERS' HOME,

No. 29 South Fourth Street,

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3d 1862

$20

Received of Mrs C. P. Marvey Twenty Dollars for the benefit of the Soldiers Home St. Louis

For the Western Sanitary Commission

Charles Peabody

Supt. Sol. Home

St. Louis Oct. 27. 1862

W. H. Watson
Mil. Sec'y
Madison Wis.

Dear Sir

I send this note from Surgeon McLaughlin because I do not know what to do about it. I do not know where the 20th Reg. are, neither do I know the Col. Something ought to be done for this child, but we can do nothing without his "Description Roll". These two words have more meaning to me than any other two words in the English language. If there is any thing I can do about it please write me. Yours truly

Mrs L. P. Harvey

P. S.

Hendricks has got his discharge & started for home today I think

St. Louis.

Dec. 22. 1862.

Gov. Edward Salomon

Madison Wis.

Dear Sir: I have again returned from the South, & do assure you that I am rejoiced to be once more in a civilized country.

Many of our people have been sent up to Hospitals here in my absence, I shall visit them at once & do what I can able to.

I am nearly out of money. Have been obliged to use the funds of the State for expenses you may think not exactly legitimate. My travelling trunk was stolen & I was obliged to get a new one &c. I will report faithfully in a few days – Please send soon & direct as before

Yours &c. Ans. L. P. Harvey

SOLDIERS' HOME,

No. 29 South Fourth Street,

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3d 1862

Received of Mrs. C. P. Narvey Sixteen Dollars which was used for the following purpose viz:

Transportation of A. Boylan 1st Wis Cav. Co "I" from St Louis to Beaver Dam Wis — 7.00

Transportation of C. Dumpley 1 Wis. Cav. Co "E" from St. Louis to Ripon Wis — 9.00

$16.00

Charles Peabody
Supt. Soldiers Home

Helena Ark Dec 15. 1862

Gov. Edward Salomon
Madison

Sir:- Please excuse this hurried report of the state of my finances. I believe it is quite correct altho' not in the best order. You do not imagine how much I have to do & how well I am enabled to do it. My health was never better. I get so tired at night that I think surely I shall be ill tomorrow, but in the morning I am quite rested & ready again for my labor. Surely my God & Father has watchful care over me.

I should write to you full reports of what I am enabled to do, had I time to do so and you the time to read it. I have often commenced writing to you & found I was going to be so lengthy that it would occupy else whose time does not so valuable as yours now. There is so much to write that I cannot put it into few words.

Hoping that you approve my course of action I am

Yours Respectfully
Wm. L. P. Harvey
Agt for Wisc

over

P.S. If you wish to write to me direct to Memphis Inform Cosey of Capt J. A. Swain and I shall receive it.

Mrs. L. P. H

P.S. No 2. The Army here has been reorganized recently. I send you a copy of the organization as it now exists.

Mrs L. P. Hanway
Helena Ark
Dec 1 1862
with &c

Cape Girardeau Nov. 22. 1862

Gov. Edward Salomon

Madison Wis.

Dear Sir

I received several letters from Quincy Ill. asking for aid for our men in Hospital at that place. I wrote to them for information as to what they wanted of me in what way I could be of service to them but receiving no answer concluded to go. I found some thirty or forty there all well cared for as they could be in hospital. Many of them were subjects for discharge but without Descriptive Rolls. I wrote to the Regiments for some of them, for others I was enabled to procure Furloughs and, called the attention of the Surgeon to some cases already having their Descriptive Rolls. Such were examined while I was there & received "Certificates of Disability." They were all glad to see some one interested in them.

I had thought of going to Keokuk but as I had no transportation up the river & knew from report that the hospitals there were well cared for I concluded not to go. I rec'd a letter from the Chaplain of the Hospitals, a most excellent man which I send to you. In it you will learn that I was not needed, & I learn that the police is beyond my limits. So tell you the truth Governor I do not know how far my limits do extend. I have visited many hospitals in St Louis many times and some of them every day for weeks. Very few new patients are being brought up the river now. I have done all I could for those that are there. The Surgeons are as soon as possible discharge those that will never again be fit for service.

Altho I had a most delightful home I felt that I could do more good elsewhere. I have now learned so well the routine of St. Louis and

I think have made friends among the influential men there for interest in individual cases I can do as by letter that I could do there in person.

Last Monday morning I saw Major Gen. Curtis and he has given me written permission to visit the hospitals in his Command for the purpose of administering to the sick and suffering also giving an order to R. Masters & Transportation Companies to give me all possible facilities for the transmission of any sick kind any Sanitary stores I may wish to transport from one point to another. He also said that what he had given me would take me either side of the river whether within his Command or beyond it.

I left St. Louis with some most excellent nurses on their way to Corinth where I shall go before long. I stopped at this place where we shall have some forty or fifty 1st Wis. Cav. men in hospital. Some are detailed as nurses

the hospital is in fine condition
an excellent surgeon good nurses
a fine clean building. but not quite
as orderly & clean as it ought to be
but the contrast is so great between
this & the one when I came here
before that I call it all right.
I have been enabled to do some
good here. I am going down the river
in a few days - Gen. Hawkins
was in St. Louis a short time since
& he was desirous that I should go to
Helena where he is now in command
there is a great deal of suffering there
I shall go there & if you wish to
write to me within a few weeks
direct to Helena to his care & I
shall get it. I shall visit all hospitals
on the river, yes, all in Gen. Curtis's
Command before I return to St Louis
unless there are reasons why I ought
to return sooner. My health is now
good never better.
Wherever I hear of Western
men needing aid there I shall
go. Trusting that this will meet
your approval I am
Yours Respectfully
Mrs. L. P. Harvey

Evening

The name of the man that died yesterday was Russell M. Becker of Co. K. One dying to-day — Geo. L. Ware Co. I. Menomonee Falls Waukesha Co.

Sep. 30th I wrote you first to send doctors & nurses. but I hope now to take a good number of the sick away from here & I saw Dr. Young last evening & he said he thought he should be able to prescribe for the sick to-day. You will therefore do what you think best, knowing the circumstances. Mrs L.P.H.

You will excuse this scrawl. It is written, talking to others. I have had troubling pain — but I am very well, & believe I am doing a little good

Mrs L. P. H.

Hospital stores here. I have telegraphed to St Louis for some & expect to get them. If our people send any thing, let them send it to St Louis Care of James E Yeatman Pres. of Western Sanitary Commission for 1st Mis. Cav. Cape Girardeau. & we shall get it sooner than we should if sent directly here.)

When the history of this regiment is known the english language will fail to express the indignation of the people over the destruction of some of the noblest men that ever our state sent into the service. Not destroyed for their Country good but sacrificed to the caprices, whims & wickedness of a Madman

Yours very truly

Mrs. L. P. Harvey

Sept. 30. 1862.

Recd from Mrs C. A. P. Harvey Ten Dollars $10.00 to use for the comfort of the sick in the Hospital at Beaufort.

Mrs. Jane A. La Grange

Aug 27 1862

Dear Sir

Mr Holton has resigned the post of Allotment Commr. Have you any objection to writing the President & asking the appointment of Mrs Harvey. Mrs Cordelia A.P. Harvey.- It is a lost of missionary labor he who you know

her to be very capable
and she must have some-
thing to do or she will
follow her husband.
I pray

Yrs truly
T. O'Hara

Gen Coleman -

$100

Madison Sept. 10/62

Received of Governor Salomon one hundred dollars for expenses as Agent of State of Wisconsin for relief of sick and wounded soldiers at Saint Louis.

Cordelia A. P. Harvey.

Vicksburg Dec. 12. 1863.

Gov Salomon:

I send you report of Wis. Soldiers in Convalescent Corps & in Hospital No 2.

I am at the Soldiers Home & therefore am enabled to see all our people that pass through this place going & returning.

I am so anxious to do the good service in the way of getting their papers, transportation & in looking after the destitute & do all that my hands find to do for them. I am after visiting the Girls. I was so fortunate as to get some of our Soldiers out last week. Poor fellows they were in so unpleasant. They had been there weeks. As soon as their facts were known to the authorities. They were sent to their regiments. I shall look after this more which I remain. Your Respectfully

L. A. B. Henry

Vicksburg Miss
April 5th 1864

Hon. J. J. Lewis
Mark. Miss

Dear Sir!

I send you a list of Miss Soldiers sick in hospitals and barracks here. Our regiments are in good health & spirits, or were on the 22d of March. Sixteen days before this we in Mobile.

I have visited the hospitals at Baton Rouge & Natchez which were in as good condition as they can be considering the high prices of everything.

They are very much in need of sanitary supplies which I think & trust will soon be sent. A gunship will be sent to Natchez this week

I think I wrote you about
Brookens City — that the sick
there were ordered to N. Orleans
— the Chest. Director said
I was needless from me to
go there.

I am now at work distributing clothing, books to the
destitute prisoners in Camp
Four miles from town
I am in better health now
than for a long time.

The Union is large hospital
in town for the prisoners sick.
There are about three hundred
patients. Every thing that can
be done for their comforts
has been done. ~~Living~~ done
I am sorry like to remain
for longer of work.

Yours respectfully
C. A. P. Hosing
Sixth Ohio

The State of Massachusetts

In a/c

with Mr C. A. P. Harvey

State Agent

To Services & Salary from

Sept 1. 1864 to April 15/65

@ $3.50 ✓ $794.50

Do Time April 15/65

to July 1/65 @ $4.00 ✓ 304.00

To Items paid sick & disabled

Soldiers Relief

Mch 8/65. $10. Mch 11/65 10. Mch 12/65 $5. 25.00

Mch 14/65 $1.00 Mar Mch 1 up to Mch 15/65 } not included in the above

$80 81.00

Mch 20/65 $10. April 17/65 $5.00 May 3/65 10 $25.00

Soldiers on boat $5. Disc times $10 15.00

~~[illegible]~~ ~~$16.00~~ 116.00

$1244.50

Recd of State $100. Sept 1/64

" " " $400. Jany 1/65

500.00

Bal Due July 1. 1865 $744.50

Recd Payment

C. A. P. Harvey

Memoranda

above this day paid from Soldiers relief funds, make entry

C. A. P. Harvey
A/c

To the Governor of Wisconsin

I hereby tender my resignation of the position of State agent to care for sick and Wounded Wisconsin Soldiers to take effect July 1st 1865 believing the necessity no longer exists for such an agent on the Mississippi River or in vicinity —

July 1st 1865 —

C. A. P. Harvey

No. 65. $744.

Mrs C. A. P. Harvey.

A/c rendered to July 1. 65. at which time she re-signed her appt. as State agent of Vicksburg, Miss.

Ex & Entd.

July 12. 1865.

Mrs. Harris
U.S. Sanitary
Jan 7 1864

1864

Vicksburg Jan 7th 1864

Gov. J. T. Lewis
Madison Wis

Dear Sir:

I send you the monthly report of my expenses, as I have done heretofore to Gov. Salomon.

To send you a detailed account of my daily doings is impossible. My life is full of thrilling incident, and I trust of much good accomplished for our people. I can truly say that I have never attempted to do any thing, & failed. If another had done that which I have been enabled to do I could write & tell you about it easily, but as it is I cannot. I do whatever my hand finds to do, & am not idle.

So this, the authorities, and many a poor soldier will testify.

I have the confidence of both medical & military authorities here as I have had elsewhere for which I am very grateful and endeavor to deserve it.

The Army in this region are

in almost perfect health. It is owing
mainly to our regimental Surgeon
say we have had none at sick call
for ten days. The 33d Reg. have had
only two in hospital for a long time
The 16th & 17th are in equally good health
I saw Major Reynolds on the street
today & he informed me that the
16th had nearly all reenlisted as
veterans & were going home.

Of course from all these Regts
there are some or less in hospitals,
broken down, dying even. Those
poor unfortunates far from home &
friends, it is my duty & even becomes
my pleasure to visit, to comfort
to inspire with hope of life, if mortals
when & hope in this life fails, to point them
to a higher & a better life beyond the
grave. And their dying "God bless you"
are benedictions very precious to me.

I have been visiting a little Indian
Catholic boy of the 17th Reg. for the past
month. He had consumption, coming
to my home to die. Poor indian little
child little. It was some time before
I got his confidence & then he would
ask me for every thing he wanted

a chicken. Eggs. a little jelly, flavored
one of which I was enabled to procure
for him. On Christmas I made him
a little cross & crown of evergreen
& hung up at the head of his cot
which pleased him much. I sent
for a priest for him. For three or
four days I have been engaged
in prisons & have had no time
to go & see him & this morning
I hear that he is dead & buried
So he passed away Louis Shoppe
I learn from his attendants that he
died quietly & hopefully. I believe he
was a christian. This only one among
instances.

I am just now filled with in-
-dignation at this thirty dollar premium
for deserters. Rascals are filling
our prisons with innocent men.
Within a short time I have procured
the release of many wise & sensible men
some who never were in the army
at all. & others who had fought
nobly through the whole seige
of Vicksburg & were taken to hospi-
-tals after the surrender. & from
there furloughed home. When the

furlough officers not able to leave
their beds. A certificate to that
effect given them. but it was pronounced
not sufficient. A case of just this
kind came to my notice last Sat.
I was going through the prison. I
enquired for a 2gth Wis. man whose
name I have. I saw a man turn
& walk from me — & was told that
was him. I called him to me
said, I am glad to see you sir. He
said I am glad to see my friend
but not here. I thought he would say no
more for weeping. I said how is it
that you are here? & he gave me
just the above account. Showed me
his certificate & a letter from his
Col. I said give them to me & I will
have you out of this. I took them to Mr Gail
Wilder & Pherson & stated the facts to the
first Marshal & wife take these,
& send to you an order for
his release as soon as I am
able to look into it. This was Sat. Sun.
Monday morning I received the order
stores receiving boat Sat & took a
ambulance to the jail & brought him
away. He has gone to his Reg. a grateful
man. Bravo Kuchenbecker. Lt & Adjt

Vicksburg Miss.
Jan. 28. 1864.

Gov. J. T. Lewis.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a line from Mr Fisman (Mil Sec) inquiring if I would like the Memphis Agency, or that, in connection with the one I have here. In reply, I would say this point appears as important as any upon the river above New Orleans, and since it is to be the base of somewhat extensive operations in the interior, it may soon become still more important. I therefore see no reason for changing my location. However with a competent, energetic Assistant I can attend to the Agency at Memphis and all below at present.

As the warm weather advances it may be necessary to have an Agent stationed at New Orleans

I know just what is to be done and know to do it, and with some

one to send to different points it can all be got along with without difficulty.

I beg here to suggest to your Excellency the propriety of procuring for the State, a Hospital Steamer to run during the Spring and Summer between New Orleans and some point within the limits of our own State receiving from the General Government the usual allowance for transportation, Mississippi defraying the balance of the expense.

This would insure the prompt removal of our sick and wounded from pestilential camps and an enervating climate to the healthful air of their own State.

I trust this matter will receive your earnest, careful consideration.

Yours, Respectfully
C. S. P. Harvey
State Agt

Hon. J. T. Lewis.
Gov. of Wisconsin.

$400. Please pay J. C. Converse or his order Four Hundred Dollars on account of services, & expenses incurred State of Wisconsin vs State Agent, and this shall be your voucher for same.

Vicksburg Miss
Jan 2nd 1865.

C. A. P. Hawley

Paid from soldiers relief fund

Pay R. Sawyer Esq
or his order
J. G. Bowman

C. P. Sawyer

Cincin. Jany 4th 1865.

Mr. A. A. P. Alcorn
No. 5th Cadwalla
Richmond.

$1102=

Vicksburg Nov 21. 1863.

Dear Solomon.

I find more comfort for our soldiers here than I expected.

I have been in hospital No. 2. this week. At this hospital the sick are all in tents. They are going to recover more rapidly than those confined within walls. I must say I concur in the reason for it. It is true the ventilation is good. They get more air - but the atmosphere here is very damp & unhealthy, raining, & raining. They seem to have the worst comforts coming to sick soldiers on this river. The weather is now very fine, and our men are improving in health both in camp & hospital. But Vicksburg has been a great slaughter house both for loyal men & rebels, & when one hears how, & sees where they have suffered, the wonder is not, that so many died, but that any lived. I send a list of men in hospital No 2. & No 3.

Philip Riley

The majority of those men will be sent North tomorrow on a hospital boat — some of them will be discharged — some furloughed. I have been enabled to send relief to our regiments — shall visit them next week.

The 17th & 14th are encamped near here. The 16th & 21st Cav. about twelve miles from here. The 12th at Natchez. See these Regiments & shall visit as soon as possible.

Sanitary goods do reach the regiments. I will send a list of goods distributed to our regiments for the last month that the friends may see what our hospital receives.

I have been enabled to give items of my acct up to Nov. 6th. I will send in my report hereafter as usual — monthly — & keep items as desired.

Yours Respectfully

Mrs. C. A. P. Harvey

Memphis Tenn.

Bayou House Oct. 10. 1863

Gov. Edward Salomon

Sir:

As I was detained at Cairo a short time I visited the Hospital & found the following Wis. men. Most of them had been home on a furlough which having expired they were obliged to report to some Military hospital. This being the nearest, caught them, gave them a cot, & Cairo atmosphere, with all its mud & filth. I could but wish the Hospital in Wis. had been ready to receive them. Shall visit the hospitals here & as soon as possible go down the river to Helena & Vicksburg.

Respectfully Yours S. O. Hay

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss., Apr 19th 1864

Geo J. J. Lewis
Chief. Cris

Dr. Sir

Enclosed find weekly changes in hospitals in Nothing the Red River expedition not returned.

The Belleville was making port hence about us.

The weather very pleasant & cool here.

I would like to hear from you.

Very respectfully
C. A. R. Hardy
Sixth Corps

Soldiers' Home,

Vicksburg, Miss., Apr. 10th 1864

Gen. J. D. Lewis
Mont. Ala

Dear Sir:

I send this week's changes in hospitals here.

This Red River expedition has not succeeded: it is expected soon. The weather is delightful. Returns in health are all doing well - very few deaths.

I am going to send home this week the body of young Miller of Belvoir by request - special money & express Instructed to do so.

Very respectfully
C. Stearns

Brooklyn June 14. 1863.

Bro. E. Salomon
(Madison Wis)
Decatur

I yesterday (F.N.B.) visited the hospital at 24 Sculyler St was delighted - I have seen nothing like it. Neatness, order & home comfort everywhere prevailed. The air was as pure as in our own country homes.

The wards will accommodate about twenty-five hundred patients. They have about nine hundred at present. I found Wisconsin men sick & wounded, & send the following list. I am extremely anxious in the service of the state but I have gained in health & strength so rapidly since I left home that I felt

I cannot visit the hospitals here as they tell me not one from Wis – has visited them. They were very glad to see me.

It was a sad sight to see many wounded men: but I got along nicely – was able to speak a kind word to them all, & to tell them Wisconsin remembered & honored her suffering sons.

Brown H. R. – F. 3 Reg – Rheumatism
Barney Fred – F – 26 – Sick
Clapp Isaac, A – 7 – Wounded – a ball going into the left shoulder & coming
Donovan John, D – 2 – Injured –
Doyle John – C – " – Wounded in leg
George J. A. – H – 3 – Injured
Hartman Conrad – K – 26 – Sick
Killerlee Edward – D – 2 – Wounded in corn
Loper Charles – A – " – Born
Meare Augustus F – C
Mayer Henry H – 3 – Injured
McDonald J. M. – D – 6 – Wounded in hand
Pipper Philip A – " " – through bot.
Pointer Justin – 7 – Sick

Pheifer Thadeus – K – 26 sick
Zesch Ernst – B. – 3. Brown
Schallschlager John K – 26 sick
Whittmer J. P. K – " "
Zink Henry B. – " wounded in arm
Lesannier Joseph C – 5 " Left

I forgot to write sooner
fight sickly pour me when
I return. I am

Your Respectfully
Thos L. P. Harvey

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...the legs

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Oct. 8, 1862

Report of Mrs. Cordelia P. Harvey, Agent to aid sick and wounded soldiers.

Madison October 8/1862

Hon E. Salomon
Governor of Wisconsin
Sir

Under your letter of appointment and instructions to proceed to Saint Louis to look after the welfare of the sick and wounded Soldiers from Wisconsin in Saint Louis, I proceeded to that city, arriving there September 26th. I lost no time in presenting my letters to Dr. Mills, the U.S. Medical Director, who received me kindly, and furnished me with the necessary papers, giving me admission to the Hospitals at any time. I had scarcely arrived at Saint Louis before I met with Lieut Mann, Quartermaster of the 1st Cavalry, who begged me to go to Cape Girardeau, informing me of the great need of my services there, a large number being very sick, and in want of attentions. Though not strictly in the line of my instructions, I felt it my duty to repair to Cape Girardeau, but first remained to make a hasty visit to the Fifth Street and Benton Barracks hospitals. The Wisconsin men, as well as all others, in those hospitals, are well cared for and comfortable. I found quite a number of the 1st Cavalry men here, without description rolls, and took their names, that I might procure the rolls at Cape Girardeau.

Arriving at Cape Girardeau, there I found about 100 men of the 1st Cavalry in a hospital — a building erected for a seminary, badly ventilated, and unfit for its purposes as a hospital. Some 25 or 30 of these men were very sick — some of them died while I was there. Sixty or more were at camp, in and about their tents, many of them but the ghosts of men, weak and scarcely able to help themselves. Soon after my arrival, Major Torrey's battalion, of the same regiment came up from Helena, and many of these, including the Major, were sick. Nineteen of the sick men were crowded into the hospital, and twenty five were taken up to Saint Louis.

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The sick men were in need of everything, of clean clothing, of comforts and delicacies such as sick men always want for their proper treatment. The condition of many of these poor fellows, broken down, discouraged, heart and home sick, was melancholy indeed. I was able to do much for them, and the hospital at Cape Girardeau is now supplied with an additional Assistant Surgeon, detailed at my request by the U.S. Medical Director, with four good female nurses furnished by the Western Sanitary Commission at Saint Louis, and

also with abundant stores, so greatly needed. I telegraphed to James E. Yeatman Esq, President of the Western Sanitary Commission, at Saint Louis, last Sunday morning for a supply of hospital stores and comforts, and received the following ample list as soon as they could be brought by steamer,

150 bosom shirts, 100 hospital shirts, 100 pair drawers, 50 pillows, 100 pillow ships, 50 undershirts, 50 towels, 150 bandages, 10 ths lint, 3 close stools, 25 pr slippers, 20 spit cups.

10 ths farina, 50 ths soda crackers, 2 bottles cherry, 3 do pears 10 jars jelly, 1 box sweetback, 25 ths dried apples, 20 ths small dried fruit, 10 ths barley, 10 ths sago, 10 sponges, 20 cakes soap.

Nearly one hundred

I have felt it my duty to endeavor to interest the People of Wisconsin in making up and forwarding supplies to the Commission at Saint Louis, by addressing an appeal directly to them. Having seen the operations of the Commission, I know that it deserves their most hearty and immediate aid. Believing that I could in no better way serve our soldiers than by returning to Wisconsin for a few days to endeavor to direct the stream of benevolence towards Saint Louis, I have done so, expecting to return to my post early next week.

While at Cape Girardeau, I obtained from Dr Kramer* certificates of disability for the following named soldiers, totally unfit for future duty;

~~Certificates of disability given by Surgeon Kramer for the purpose of procuring a discharge from the Service.~~

Theodore H. Dodge — Capt. Hunt. 1st Wis. Cav.
Wellington W. Doty — " Mars " " "
Byron Pride " " ——
J. B. Gully Bigler " " ——
Oscar C. Hatmers " Bunett. ——
Wm. Longfield " " ——
Henry H. Smith " " ——
Hammer D. Weaver " " ——
Henry A. Gibson " Decker ——
Henry C. Shipley " " ——
John Rickerman " Hamden ——
John Williams " " ——
Julius C. Mastick " Eglestown ——
David S Flower Cav. B. ——
Sanford W. Beckwith " " ——
John Coyle " Ke. ——
Eugene Gardner " " ——
George C. Chandler " " ——
John Hamilton " " ——
Daniel West " " ——
Hiram Barnes " " ——
Wm. H. Rice Cav. M. 1st. Wis. Cav.

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(6) ~~and for Major Forey~~, ~~but, they~~ were Pronounced
There ~~Certificates~~ Surgeons
unfit by the Authorities at St. Louis &
so had to be returned to the Surgeon
and new ones must be Given before these sick men
can have leave to come home. In the
mean time, many, all fear, will receive
their final discharge from all earthly
service. Among the sick at Cape Girardeau
are Edward Evans Co. E. of Oshkosh
Sara Jameson " D. " Glenhaven, Grant Co
Oscar R. Pagett " L. " Port Washington, very sick
Crawford Roberts " F. Bristol. Ill.
Charles M. Skinner " A. Hartland. Waukesha Co.
Wounded in the Head but doing well
Wounded
Carmi S. Nicholson " S. Minomonee " "
Isaac N. Hayden " L. Lancaster Grant Co
Joseph H. Saunders " H. Albion Dane Co
Frank W. Wright " K. Worthington, Iowa
Amos De Foe " L. Nurse in Hospital but is feeble wounds to come home
James Russell " H. has Consumption.
Charles R. Swallow " E. from Beaver Dam is very much reduced by fever & chronic diarrhea is at the St Charles Hotel & will be well cared for.
S. W. Hall Co. E. Oshkosh. Co getting well
Joseph Myers " D. Glen Haven, Wounded
Henry A. Edson " A. N. Lamartine Fondulac

Charles M. Hathaway #7 of Beaver Dam.
J. D. Price " Appleton fever
A. F. Potts Ripon "
Eli Skinner Co. L. Utica. Winebago Co.
Daniel Ricard " L. has been sick four months. as now acting as nurse
Benjamin F. Willes Lowell. Dane Co. A new recruit sick with a fever at St. Charles Hotel Cape Girardeau
Capt. Hamden Co. L — 1st Wis. Cav. very sick
J. B. Packard. Oshkosh. sick in 5th St. Hospital St. Louis
~~sick~~ × John Tyler Co. L. ~~1st~~ ~~is Cav.~~ 20th Wis. Volunteers
Died at Benton Barracks. He died in the triumphs of the Christians faith

See Jan 1864

George E. Hensing. Marison. In 5th St. Hospital Springfield

I gave a list of the sick & disabled found in St Louis of the 1st Wis. Cav. to the Officers of that regiment that the descriptive rolls might be procured, & it was not again returned. ~~This is all the memorandum I have~~

~~Thos. L. P. Harvey~~

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The following Sunday Aug 16/62

List of Deceased Soldiers of the 1st Regt. Wis Cavalry
was furnished me by Adjutant Clinton;

C. H. Edwards — Co. "K" — Died Aug 16 — 1862 at Helena Ark
Wm. H. Ramedell. Com. Sergt. " " 18th — 1862 " " "
Mark A. Pease Co. "F" " " 24th — 1862 " " "
C. C. Kimball " " " " 28th — 1862 " " "
M. R. Paggett " "L" " " 30th — 1862 " " "
Caleb. Frisbee " "E" " Sept. 3th — 1862 " " "
Hazeltine " "H" " " 4th — 1862 " " "
Sergt. Wm S. Cooper " " " " 3th — 1862 " " "
Frank " "H" " " 15th — 1862 " " "
Curtiss " "L" " " 15th — 1862 " " "
Scott Warren " "M" " " 16th — 1862 " " "
Dewey " "C" " " 15th — 1862 Post Hosp.
R. M. Newberry " "F" " " 15th — 1862 " "
Osterhaus " "B" " " 19th — 1862 Helena Ark
Stoddard " "C" " " 20th — 1862 " "
Ira. Adams " "K" " " 24th — 1862 " "
Chas. Keiltz " " " " 26th — 1862 on Boat
W. G. Spencer " "G" " " 25th — 1862 on Boat
F. C. Robb " "B" " " 28th — 1862 " "
A. S. Kibby " " " " 30 — 1862 at Cape Girardeau
R. M. Baker " K " Oct. 1 — " " "

~~Geo. O. Clinton~~ ~~Wm. H. Torrey~~
~~Adjutant~~ ~~Major Comdg~~

Scofield Co. " I — Becker Co. C
Geo. F. Marr " " I — S. M. Soper. D

I dare not close this report without an allusion to a subject which is upon the hearts of all of the members of the regiment with whom I conversed. The unanimous feeling is that the regiment, composed of as hale and brave a body of men as ever lived in Wisconsin or volunteered in their country's cause, has been sacrificed to the strange freaks, the unauthorized and unprovided for movements, and the utter want of any care for life and health, — nay, the counter cruelty, in many cases, of Col. Daniels. This is the universal testimony of sick and well men. Men who went from this state hearty and strong, leaving families dependent upon them, died while I was at Cape Girardeau, declaring to the last that "Colonel Daniels had murdered them!" They thought it strange that the helping hand of the State had never been extended to them, and begged me to lay their complaints before you, sure that if you knew their justice, the influence of the Executive would be exerted in their behalf. I herewith present a statement of my expenditures on behalf of the State. The liberality of the Sanitary Commission, and the kindness of railroad Companies, and of the proprietors of steamboats and hotels who knew my mission, has enabled me to accomplish what I have thus far been able to do at small cost. I cannot be mistaken in the feelings of gratitude exhibited towards myself personally, and the State which sent me forward, when I feel that some good has already been accomplished.

Sign here L. S. P. Harvey.

To Mrs C L Harvey
Wis. State Agent
Memphis
Tenn

That she will oblige by
furnishing any information
in her power relative to
Milton L. Toffelmire
who was lately in
hospital in the
"Adams Block, Memphis

Milton L. Offelmire
Gen. Hospital No 3
Adams Block
Memphis Tenn.

[Dud March 12, 1863]

Mr Wilcox
Assembly

Milton L Offelmire
General Hospital No 3
Adams Block
Memphis
Ten

Hospital No 1 Lawrence Ill Oct 15th

Dear sir

we the soldiers of wisconsin that has enlisted in the service of the united states and being disabled and sent from our hospital to another we have but one request to make that is to be sent to our own state we have been examined and pronounced not fit for service but we have not got our subsistence still we have sent for them but can not hear from them nor our leaves of absence now we request to be sent to our own state there is 25 of us some 15 of us are Co please let us know yours respectfully

Sgt. D. D. Coyle of the 1st wis cav

and E. Morton To Governor Solomon Cogs

D. D. Cozzl
Quincy Ill
Oct. 15, 1862

Tell him to address a letter to Mrs. ~~L. P. H.~~ Cordelia P. Harvey, Planters Hotel, St Louis, stating names, companies and regiments, and asking her special attention to their case. She will attend to them promptly

Mrs C. P. Harvey
To State of Wisconsin

1862					Cr
Dec	15	To	Money		$ 69.24
			Cr.		
	18	For	Sundries	2 00	
	22		Servant	1.00	
	24		Cabin fare for Lieut. Soldier from Memphis to Cairo	4 50	
	25.		Expenses from Cairo to St Louis	5 50	
	"		Breakfast	50	
	"		Carriage	1.00	
	27		Paper & Envelopes & Stamps	2 00	
	29		Street Car Tickets	1. 00	
	"		Sundries	2 00	
	31		Expenses not directly connected with Agency	40.00	
				59 00	59 00
Jan	1st		Due State of Wisconsin		~~$ 8.76~~ 7 21

Mrs C. P. Harvey

St Louis Jan. 1st 1863.

Abs

Mr. Harvey, in a/c with State of Wis.

Dr. | Cr.

A/c to 8th Oct

To Cash Sept 10.	$100.	By personal expenses	$5
		" Relief "	23,30 — 28,30
		By cash to bal —	71.70

A/c to Nov 4.

To Cash on hand	$71,70	By personal exps. —	
		relief "	48,25
		By cash to bal. —	23,45

A/c to Dec 15

To cash on hand	23,45	By pers. Exps. — 14,50	
To Cash Nov 10	100,00	" relief " 42,74	— 57,24
	123,45	" Cash to bal	66,21

A/c to Jany 1/63

To cash on hand	66,21	By Expenses	$59,00
" " Jany 6.	300,00	Cash to bal	307,21
	366,21		

A/c to Sept 30/63

To Cash on hand	307,21	By Expenses.	$142,15
" by Mr Sawyer	50,00	By Services Sept 10 to May 1	
	357,21	201 days @ 3,00	603,00
Balance due Mr H.	348,94		745,15.
	705,15	Ded expenses not con. with agency A/c 9 Dec 15th Jany 8	40,00
			705,15

Mrs C. A. P. Harvey

To the State of Wisconsin

1862				Dr.
Sep	10	To — Amount received	—	$100.00
		Cr		
		By		
Sep	15	Medicines	5.00	
	24	Sleeping car	1.00	
	25	Breakfast	50	
	"	Omnibus	25	
	"	Portage	25	
	30	Comforts for sick at C. Grandean	10 00	
	"	Candles for Hospital	2 00	
Oct	1	Sundries	75	
	"	Hotel Bill at Cap. Grandean	4 00	
	3	Carriage	1 00	
	"	Porter	25	
	"	Street car & Benton Barracks	30	
	4	Servant	50	
	"	Dinner	50	
	"	Carriage	1 00	
	6	Sundries	75	
	7	Omnibus	25	
			$28 30	
				28 30
Oct	8	Due State of Wisconsin		$71.70

Mrs. C. A. P. Harvey

Madison Oct. 8th 1862

State of Wisconsin To C. A. P. Harvey Dr

1863					
Jany	2	For Cash paid Car Tickets	1 00		
"	5	" Sundries for Hospital	4 00		
"	14	" Postage	55		
"	17	" Car Tickets	30		
"	19	" C. Phelps	15 00		
"	20	" Carriage	3 50		
"	"	" Medicine	1 00		
"	24	" Expenses to Rolla	2 60		
"	26	" Stationery	5 75		
"	27	" Sundries for Hospital	2 00		
"	"	" Car Tickets	75		
"	30	" Sundries	1 30	37	55
July	1	" Expenses to Mound City	1 00		
	3	" Substitutes to Memphis	5 50		
	4	" Postage	60		
	10	" Sundries	1 00		
	22	" Expenses to Jackson	2 00		
	24	" Postage	1 00		
	25	" Sundries for Soldiers	2 00	13	10
March	6	" Sundries for Sick Soldiers	3 50		
	11	" Oranges " " "	2 00		
	16	" Expenses to Jackson	6 00		
	17	" Oranges for Soldiers	1 00		
	29	" Sundries " Sick Soldiers	5 00		
	31	" Expenses to Vicksburg	6 00	23	50
April	1	" Sundries	2 00		
	2	" Paid Mrs Sayler of Otsego Marion to send the body of her Husband home	20 00		
	4	Carriage	4 00		
	6	Postage	2 00	28	00
				102	15

		Amt Brot over		102	15
Apr	11	Sundries for Soldiers	5 00		
	27	Nurse & Servant	5 00		
	30	Expenses from Memphis to Chicago	30 00	40	
				142	15

Mrs Cordelia P. Harvey

To the State of Wisconsin

1862

					Dr.	
Oct	8	To Ballance of Money on hand			$ 91	30
		Cr.				
	15	For Carriage	1	00		
	"	" Sundries	1	00		
		" Omnibus		25		
	20	" "		25		
	"	" Sleeping Car	1	00		
	"	" Cup of Coffee		15		
	21	" Sundries	1	30		
	25	" "Soldiers Home"	20	00		
		" Carriage	1	00		
		" Porter		25		
		" Postage Stamps	1	00		
		" Street Car Tickets	1	00		
	29	" Paper & Envelopes		55		
	"	" Sundries	1	00		
		" Soldiers transports	16	00		
Nov	3	" Sundries	2	50		
			48.	25	48	25
	4	Due State of Wisconsin			$ 23.	45

Mrs C. P. Harvey.

St Louis Nov 4. 1862