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Camp Randall,

Madison, July 23rd 1861.

My Dear Wife

The disastrous result of the battle at Bull Run has entirely altered our arrangements here we are now under marching orders & shall leave this week I shall not be able to come home The Secretary of State has sent the blanks for the bounty to C. G. Cutter for distribution have John I see to the filling up yours for you I will send my wages as soon as received You need not write to me until you hear from me again
over

God bless you and
believe me the only thing
that could distract me from
my duties is the recreation
of my family at home

Good by

Your husband R Hartly

Washington Aug 21th / 61

Dear Wife

It is with the greatest pleasure that I address you with these few lines I am at the present well and enjoying good health and hope you are enjoying the same blessing. Although we dont live on the top shelf and have had some bad and rainy weather. But taking every thing in consideration we are doing very well. We had a very pleasant journey in coming out here. We were treated with great respect all along the road. at Newmarket we got a splendid dinner and other places we received coffee and portals so we fared very well in coming we stopped in Harrisburg 3 days then took the cars and landed in Baltimore where we remained a week and went off in surprise or without much notice and found ourselves in Washington about 3 in the morning. We marched to an old church where we remained untill morning.

We then removed to a few yards
to the court yard where we stayed in
the sun untill 4 o'clock P. M. When
we picked up our Knapsack and marched
to this place about 2 miles from Washington
and 10 miles from the Rebels and
We dont know how soon we may move
nearer to them Their ~~are~~ ^{are} Regiments
going past here all the time and we
may go soon It is only across the
road where Pratt How is camped But
we are kept in here tight, guarded on
all sides so that I cant get to see him
But I may before we leave.

We are to receive our pay
the 1th of Sep then I will send it
as soon as I get it.

I want you to write often
and tell me about all of the folks
I dont get much news from them and
will you write about them all and write soon
Give my best respects to all who may
inquire of me.

Direct your letters to
Washington, D. C.

Company, J. C.
Lieut. Reg. Wis. Col

and if we should remove it, or
they will follow, and I shall get
them

I can find no more to
write this time Write soon

From Your true Friend

J. Husband

R. H. Huntly Co

Good By
To All
R. H. Huntly

Washington Sep 1861

Dear Wife

I rec^d your letter
day before yesterday and was glad to
hear from you to. We are at chain bridge
about seven miles from Washington we
have been here for two days we marched
from Washington in the night on double
quick you do not know how long we
will stay here cant tell what minute
we will start for the other side of the
potomac in the morning you speak
and wanted to know about what side
would some not victorious we have
commenced moving slowly towards the enemy
you can tell about as good as about the
war or we for you can get the papers you
are within ten miles of the enemy
things are kept very secret when we
start we do not know what way we are
going to go or we do not know ten
minutes before hand that we are going
to start you had better make it your
home at the old mans until I come back
and if I live I shall surely and as long

as you can get employment for Albert
do so, as for Adams you had better
keep him with you you tell Albert to be
A good boy until I come back I
forgot to mention him before, as I was
in so much hurry to tell Father and
Mother I am glad to hear that they
are well you spoke about me sending you
some money I shall do so, as soon as we
get paid of me have been expecting to be
paid of for the past week but have not been
paid of yet just as soon as I get my
pay I will send you some money right
away the reason I wrote to John Young was
I had written two letters to you, and could get
no answer I thought someone had taken them
out of the office so as you had not got them
Write as soon as you get this and let me
know how you get along and give me all the
news

Directions Mr Ruben Huntley
Washington. D. C. Care of J. N. Mason
quarter Master of Wis-Vol-Comp 1st

We heard that one of the Dances of Strongs Prairie
was getting up a company just let me know
whether you it is, and how he is getting
along no more at present But Remain

Yours truly
From your Husband and Friend

Robert Huntley



United States Capitol.

Headquarters

Reg't, Camp

1861.

Washington City, D.C. Sept 1. 86
[Sept. 1, 1861]

Dear Wife
I have not had time
to write you for several
weeks ago I have just
sent you a box of
clothes & provisions
of George Bunch that is
all I can send you
at the present time
I hope you will
find it all
well

at the present time I must
write you but I thought
I would write a letter
you see or say you must
be well keep contented for
you while with you
out of the way. Well all
line in the paper of returning
it is the idea of all the
officers that the war can
not last more than one
year if you was now where
we are now you could
see the preparations that
is now you would think
so much in ten
minutes more of
the things that we
do not know what
minute we will engage
there is about two hundred
thousand men of ours in

Virginia must be true to
what is in the heart, power and
will, more by the place
of the reb of heart. A long talk
with the following that some
of G. F. Lewis's ~~from~~ Capt
Mackie and he is a Capt
of a Company. I am
well and have had I
have not seen in six
days. I would like to see
you very well, all but that
is our of the question you
speak about being hard
hearted about not speaking
about the children. I was
glad to hear about was in
so good a place. I think
you can take the best
care of Adams for Achil's
give my love to all the

fulks you tell Father
to let you stay there if
he can until I return

The Colts that I
wore from home I sent
to Manchester to A man
by the name of
Jonathan Carter and
you can send for them
if you have a chance
I have no more to
write at present

From Your Husband

R. Huntly

Write soon

Monston, Oct 7th 1861

Mrs. Rebecca Hunt

Dear Sir

Lieutenant Kellogg
of the Company in which your husband
enlisted writes me a few days since
saying Mr Hunt wished me to as-
sist you in getting your monthly
allowance of the State. I have
today sent Mr Kingston a blank
and if you will call upon him
I think you will receive every
assistance required in the premises
Your husband joined June 25th and
is a corporal in Co. H. 6th Regt.

I enclose you one blank filled
accordingly

Yours

J. Winsor

INDIANA



Head Quarters 6th R M^o.
Arlington Heights Va.

17th Nov 1861

Dear wife

You will see by this that we still remain at the old place. don't know when we will leave. There is some talk of our going down on the coast. but it may be only a camp rumor. Hope it is true. Gen. King has gone to New York. some say to get us on the next

INIANA
fleet that sails. Let
Cutter takes his place
till he returns. He
makes a good man
and is as well posted
if not better in military
tactics as Gen. King.
Your last was recd
in due time. was
very glad to hear from
you.

You will find
twenty dollars in
this which I want
you to use carefully
and sparingly. and
at your judgment
may direct.

My health is good
and has been since
I wrote you last.

I think it will be
better to only send
you two in this one
send the other two
in a day or two in
another one which
I will write to Albert.

With much love
and many good
wishes I remain
your loving
Cousin, P. Huntley

Head Quarters 6th R. N. I.
Wilmington Heights Va
21st Nov 1861

Dear wife.

Again I
sit down to write you.
I am now going
to fulfill the promise
made in my last
of sending you the
other ten dollars. I
hope the last letter
came through safely
and that you found
the money all right
in it.

When you write again
please tell me whether
you have yet drawn
your money from the
state.

Yesterday we were
at the grand review
on account of which
you will see in a
paper I send you
with this letter. It
was by far the grand-
est thing I ever saw
such a vast assemblage
of people, but you
can form no idea
of the scene as you
were not an eye wit-
ness. I would have
been glad for you
to have seen it.

I should be very
glad to have John
~~Yessop~~ joining with
me, if you see him
please tell him so
Give my love to
all the folks at

home.

Your husband
R Huntley

Dear son Albert.

You will see that I commenced this letter to your mother but I am going to write some to you for all that. You must be a good boy and help your mother all you can. be kind to her and to our brother. If you can go to school this winter I want you should. I want you to write as often as you can find time. I am always glad

to get a letter
from you if it is
every week.

I remain your
father

B. Huntington

Ca 20th

[1862]

Belington

Dear son you can
not but think i
that i want to
see you all ayane
and i hope the
time may soon
come when we shall
meet albert try
and learn all you
can this winter
when you have
eney work to
do do it at once
ansur this and let
me no how you
git along for wou
this winter i want
to hear from you
all tell ad dy
that i want to
see him very

much and to be
a good boy and
pa will like
him tell mam
to write anse
weke and i will
answer them i
i hope she will
then we can
here from each
other oftener
then we do now
i do not know
as have eney
thing more to
write this time
from your friend

Benben Huntly



GEN. McCLELLAN

Feb the 1 1861

Brlington Va

Dear wife i recaved
Alberts leter yesterday and
was glad to here from home
and that you are all well
i was soery to here such
newes about your money
but i have the thing on
the dead it took the
leter rite to his two
boys and they gave me
there note to be paid
next pay day so you
see that i hve them tite
Dire Sarah try and git
along untell next pay
day and i will see what
i can do for you in the
way of money and i shal
not send it by hendric
nor eney vther man

what time it may
be but if I live I shall
cum home to you
sarah that money was
put in a letter that
you got so that he
must have brok open the
letter Did you git the
coat that is sent to
albert if not let me
know it but greve not
about the money
for it is safe I do
not know as I have
ney never to write
this time the drum
has beat and I must
close from your
husband and best
friend Reuben Huntly

isuppose that you have
writen befor this but
iwanted to let you
what i had don ishould
have wrote yesterday but
iwas on gard could not
untell today.

tell albert that iam
much obleyed to him
for his kind leter to
me. ithink that he is
agiting to be a good boy
to work and iam glad
to think so iam to
and Doesaddy go to scool
this winter i hope he does
for learning is the road
to fame albert do
your best for now is
your time while iam
away from home i hope
ishall be home this sumer
but it is hard to tell

Feb the 3 1862

Arlington hights

Deare wife i received your
letter yesterday and was glad
to here from you bu the
news which you wote did not
cum un expected to me for
ithought inever should
see her agane but iam sorry
to here that thucher is
sic on a count of his family
and it must make you
feele ~~or~~ very lonley now
but you must bare up under
your aplition nobley as i have
to do for that is my onlay
conselation i have surah
ithink that you are making
more money then iam if
you have paid for the
house but i canot see
how you did it with the

i was plesed to see
whataddy sent to
me and if i had eney
money by me i wold
send him somthing in
returne for ino that
he wold be plesed to
git eney thing from me
but i shall send him sum
thing when i git som money
and you may tell him so
for me i am glad to here
that albert is good a
boy tell Mary Daws
that i am sorey for her
that thacher being sic
she must have a hard
time of it to live where
she is i can form sum ide
how she must feele
there is som sic in
camp with fever

menes that you had
to do with but iam
glad you have Jon so
well you ^{must} not be discouraged
about that money for it
must cum next pay day
and then you will have it
irote to mr yong and he
has not got it and i will
rite agane ish all not
be likley to cum home
un tell the war is over
unles somthing takes plase
for i want to see this thing
through sens i have ben here
so long it is very stormey
wether here now there
is no frost in the ground
here and that makes it very
muddy we have to go out on
picit in two days but there
is no danger there & is no
rebels nere where we go

i do not no as i
have enomore to
write this time
there fore i will have
to close my letter
this is from your
husband and friend
Reuben Huntley



Feb 14th 22 1862

Caro ill noise

Dear wife I have ben sent
from my regement to work
on the gunboats since that
I write these lines so that
you may no where to
send your leters that
I may git them I will
reply as soon as can

Ruben Slantly

5 1862

Red Malt

Dear husband I received your letter
and was glad to hear from you
We are all well and hope to keep
so It is dull times here now
for the snow is very deep and
the men had come out of the woods
I do not think that there will be
much business here on this
Summer

gunboat Lincoln

1862

Newman April th 19

Dear wife i received yours
this morning and was glad
to here from you and that
you had got that money from
hendrie we have found
the rebels position at
fort piler there is eight
thousand here and 2 guns
last night we got 3 rebels
and they gave us sum
information our land
force has gon to Corinth
and when they git bac
we will have them fast
and they will have
give up Sarah how glad
i fele when i get a liter
from you and you must
fele the same to here
from me

telladdy that
papa wants to
see him give him a
cis for me tell John
yong that what i
owe him i will pay
to him if i ever git
home i have no
more to write this
time but remane
your friend

Reuben Huntly

this is toaddy

it is raining hard
but we have a wood
shelter here so we can cope
I hope that we will
not be sent back to our
regiment but sent home
I hope it may be so for you
& sake Sarah we have
Divine servis every Sunday
I suppose you think that
I am exposed to all kinds
bad habits here so I am but
I do not partake and I am
liked all the better for
it by the officers here
we have not been paid
yet nor do we know
when we will be but
when we are you shall
have it it must
be hard times in nece
Dah for no body writes
to me but you

Dear son you
appear to be glad to
hear from me it is the
same with me but
obblert it is awful
to have the howl
of canon balls as they
pass one and to see our
mortars shells & arroy
2015 lbs bars high in the
air in the night
it is pretty to look at
but awful to
think of

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Reuben Huntly

April the 8 1862

Island No 10

Dear Sarah I have some
news for you this time for
we have got 10 island with out
fiting much last night
they sent a boat up to us
and gave them selves up
to comodore fort you
can bleve we are glad
for to day we was again
to fite them and we
have news of a victory at
Corinth in Tennessee so
you can rejoice with
us for victory is with
the right hand god is
on our side if nothing
hapens i will be home
yet so wate a little
longer with parents and
you shall be rewarded

wrote to you yesterday
and now write to
let you know the news
Sarah it seems a long
time that i have ben
gon from home and wold
like to see you all
and i hope i shall yet
the trees begin to look
green and cheerful here
we fare here better
then we did in the army
and our duty is not so
hard here as there
and our captian is
kind to us we have
taken one hundred
cannon here i have no
more to write but
remaine your bes
friend Peber Huntly

July the 16 1762

Frederick bury

Dear wife i take this
chance to let you no that
i have reached my company
safely on saterday and
the boys was glad to
see me ma^r Jaws says
that i will be paid
with the rest of the
company the health
of the boys is good
i hope you and the
children is well
Direct to Frederic
bury king county
via

this is for ad Jy



Aug the 13th 62

Dear wife we have left our
old camp and gon to cul
peper there was a fite here
last saturday we are revued
by genrel pope today we
have don sum hard march
ing we have marched 100
milles in one weke when
we cam here it was dark
and we expected to have a
fite in the morning but
the rebs run of in the
nite now they are at
gorden vile the talk is that
we will folow them there
is alary army here and i
hope agoone to at eney
rate old stonwall is a
fute of them but if
we do git a rip at them

when you write direct
to washington for
then it will cum to
me let me be where i will
sarah i hope that the
time will soon cum when
we shall mete agane &
is the children will let
me no all the piteclers
for i am acrous from you
tell thomas to not
be discouraged becaus i
have not sent eney
money to you but pay
day will soon cum agane
and then we will see what
can be don for you
this is all i have
this time from your
husband

Reuben Huntly

they will wish they had
apt on it is very warm
here but the men stand
it well i want you to write
and let me no who has gon
from neceidah in this new
call for men for we want
to no we like to here of
those cowards coming out from
for you now that misery
likes company time flies
swift with us here
but do not be scared if
you here that gibins brig
ade has hd a fite for that
is where we are now
please ansure this as
soon as you can and send
me sum postag stamps
fore it is hard to get them
here but do not give
your self to much
trouble for me

[1862, post Aug. 30]



Great Battle at Pittsburgh Landing,

I am in accordance to my
promise will tell you a little
about our fight on Sunday
we started from our quarters
for haymarket in the
morning but they were not
there so we went to
we moved on just before
dark we met them
and then commenced the
fight and it lasted one
hour and a half and it
was a hard fight it tells you
but we made them

I should be agreeable
 disappointed for things
 may take the right
 turn yet I am in
 hope that I shall
 be able to help you
 soon I suppose that
 Weston is discouraged
 about me but I could
 not help it so be of
 good cheer

write often and let
 me know you get along
 tell me about the child
 ren I will be gone soon
 let you know how I am
 I have no more this
 time Beuben Slattery

back out then we went
to manasis and staid there all
day and rested on saturday
we was marched to lals
ran there we rested one
hour then we was sent
out as scavengers where
we found them and then
comenced the fight which
ch was awful and it
lasted tel dark and then
we get back of the field but
we could here the screams
of the wounded and nite
o sarah it is awful to
think of but i fele to
regorse that i am well
but the shelles fel thic
k around us sarah do not
find fault if you

Dear son you must
try and get hay to
winter the cow
for you now that
the cow is a help to
the family do
your best and
you shall be
rewarded

Reuben Huntly

Camp Near Sharpsburg

M. D. Oct. 8/18

Mrs. Scruntly

[1862]

I have just received a letter from Mr. Weston, he said you wished me to ^{writes} the particulars in regard to the Death of your husband, it was dark when he was shot, there was no one within ten or twelve feet of him, our Company were in front as skirmishers there fore were scattered no two together but he was seen to fall as if shot dead and was not heard to speak, the next morning I went and found him and had him carried off the field, when I found him his knapsack had been robbed of every thing

worth taking, so I could not find
any thing worth sending to you
he was shot through the Breast
and I think he must Die
instantly. he was my tent mate
and I feel lanesome since his
Death, but he died for his country
and facing the enemy, like a
brave soldier, he was buried
decently by one of our company. which
is ~~more~~ ^{better} than some of our poor
boys fared. I am sorry I cannot
give you more information.

I will close by sending
my respects to all enquiring
friends

E. Mitchell

Head Quarters 6th Wis. Vol.
Camp near Sharpsburg Md
28 Sept 1862

Mrs Ruben Huntley
Madam.

I have to inform you of
the death of Ruben Huntley
who was killed in the battle of
South Mountain Sept 14th 1862
Enclosed you will find his
final statement by placing
this in the hands of some
able lawyer you will
be enabled to draw allowances
due.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully your obed^t serv^t

L. J. Upham
2nd Lieut, comd^g Co. "10" 6th Wis. Vol.

CERTIFICATE

TO BE GIVEN TO VOLUNTEERS AT THE TIME OF THEIR DISCHARGE TO ENABLE THEM TO RECEIVE THEIR PAY, &c.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that Reuben H. Cutler a Private of Captain D. L. Luaw's Company (B) of the 6th Regiment of Infantry Volunteers, of the State of Wisconsin, born in Washington Co., State of Maine, aged 42 years; 5 feet 3 inches high: Dark complexion, Blue eyes, Black hair, and by occupation a Lumberman, having joined the company on its original organization at Manitou Wis, and enrolled in it at the muster into the service of the United States at Madison Wis on the 16th day of July, 1861, (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by _____, at _____, on the _____ day of _____, 1861, to serve in the Regiment) for the term of 3 years: and having served honestly and faithfully with his Company in Said Regiment, to the present date, is now entitled to a discharge by reason of was killed in battle of South Mountain Sept 14th 1862

The said Reuben H. Cutler was last paid by Paymaster M. L. Martin to include the 31st day of December, 1861, and has pay due him from that time to the present date, and also pay for the use of his horse, (having been mounted during the time,) and he is entitled to pay and subsistence for traveling to place of enrolment and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer soldiers, or militia, so discharged. He has received fifty one ¹⁰⁰ dollars advanced by the United States on account of clothing.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of _____, or other authorities, for clothing, &c., received on entering service, ¹⁰⁰ dollars; also, for expenses of subsistence for traveling from place of enrolment to the place of rendezvous, amounting to ¹⁰⁰ dollars and on account of the United States for extra clothing received in kind from _____ and for other stoppages, viz:

amounting to ¹⁰⁰ dollars
and he has been subsisted for traveling to his place of enrolment, up to the _____ 186
He is indebted to _____, Sutler, ¹⁰⁰ dollars

GIVEN in duplicate, at Camp near Sharpsburg Md this 28th day of Sept., 1862

L. B. Upham
2^d Lieut. Commanding Company.

NOTE.—Two of these certificates, (or duplicates,) are to be given to each volunteer soldier who may be discharged previously to the discharge of his company, that he may at once receive from the Paymaster the pay, &c., due him, and the captain or other officer commanding the company, will certify to the act of the delivery of the duplicate certificates; on these certificates the Soldier is "entitled to" his discharge, and should also present his discharge to the Paymaster to have the payment endorsed on it. The discharge is to be given back to the Soldier, by the Paymaster;—the latter only retaining as his voucher the duplicate certificates.



Office of State Treasurer,

Madison, March 19 1862.

Mrs Sarah A Huntley

Needah

Bureau of

Enclosed please

find my Draft on Milwaukee for \$ 15
payable to your order, being amount of extra pay to
Jan 27 due you from the Volunteer
Aid Fund, as per application on file.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel C. Huntington
State Treasurer.



STATE OF WISCONSIN.

Office of State Treasurer,

9062

Madison, June 22 1864.
D.C.

Mrs Sarah A Hurst
Necedah

Enclosed, please
find my Draft on Milwaukee for \$ 30
payable to your order, being amount of Extra Pay
to March 11 in full
due you from the Volunteer Aid Fund, as per ap=
plication on file.

Very Truly Yours,

SAM'L D. HASTINGS,
State Treasurer.