

had been taught the art of war
in her schools, fed off her bounty
sucked the milk of her kindness
that made them what they were
by their own dastardly treason
and perjury. The Government
yet has found a few "faithful
among the faithless young" and
others, fresh from the scenes
and perils of civil life
ready and willing and capable
to lead the invincible hosts
of freemen to the defence of
the Nation's life, her honor
and her flag. As to the men!
"How numerous is your Army!"
"Count the leaves of the forest!"
"Are they cowards? Can they
fight? Name over the battle
fields, and before the array
the fields and battles of
other days, over which we have
pondered with wonder pale
into insignificance; But
Enough of this! The determination
and conclusion of the men who
have gone forth against the hounds
of hell is, to fight for their
"Our green land forever!" and

Muncy June 10. 1862

Dear Sergeant

Your favor of June 5th and
your Manifest of Norfolk & Peters
burg Rail Road and Uncle Sam's
Mail, was gratefully received
Altho. I have nothing of special
interest to send you yet I feel
it a duty to write if only to say
I thank you for remembering
Muncy and myself. I have
written so often to my friends, in
different portions of the Army,
dearer for the cause they have
espoused, and the consciousness
that they carry their lives in their
hands, without answer, that I
had almost despaired of hearing
of them unless thro. the lips of
the nobly dead, the honorably wound-
ed or the thrice victorious returned

after "winning" the war has smoothed
his wrinkled front" and "I will
alarums have been changed to merry
greetings". I am pleased to hear
of the general health of your Co. &
Regt. and of the health of yourself
particularly, and that instead
of getting into "a wearing way" you
"rather like it". Also that Max
Weber is your General. The name
is warlike. Max smacks of war
and Weber is german enough to
insure the soldier with brain
to plan and will and strength
to do and dare. Did you ever
read the grand play called
"Max Piccolomini"? I have
never seen the name of Max Weber
but I have thought of the noble
character of that play and have
thought that with the opportunity
Max Weber, would prove as brave

as true and faithful as the
olden hero. What glorious truths
and traits of character, among
the infernal falsities and infer-
nal inhumanities, this infamous
Rebellion has brought to light
Who shall hereafter say that we
have not a Nation of men trans-
formable in a day, as it were,
from peaceful citizens to soldiers
such as no Nation has seen passed
The Navy! God bless her - Officers
and gallant men - From the fever
vessels, worthless almost left by the
damnable treason of villainous
Officials, see now the hundreds
of floating guardians of the Old
Flag. From grand exploits at
the very outset to more glorious
as the war progresses has been her
course. And the Army. Robbed of
the chief dependent leaders who

Believe me

Respectfully Yr. Friend
R. Hawley

J. A. Nelson
Ord. Surg. Co. 1st
58th Reg. I. C.

"Whether on the battle plain,
Or on the gibbet high,
They find, who fight for God + man,
The fittest place to die."

Things move on here much in the
old way. Save that the smooth
tenor of the old time is ruffled
and stirred by each breath of war
from the Army. Amid the homes
are vacant places. Soon need to
be filled. When song & laughter
beguiled the ears and daily work
of life are thoughtful faces and
anxious hopeful souls. Hands do
the work as before but hearts are
with the Army in the field! Men
are but half fit for business, who
hardly think of other things by far
more important.

Robt Clark, as you may have heard,
resigned his post, on account disa-
bility to stand the Service. He was
here and has left for Ohio. Opp
is Capt. Peterman 1st & Dribley

Lieutenants. I have not heard
nor others, from the Co. Since Gen
Banks's Retreat - But judging
from the papers, they are with
Genl. Shields & Fremont in the
neighborhood of Grant Royal or
Strasburg. Robt. Barr returned
from the Hospital at Frederick,
Maryland, where he had been
since his wound at the battle
of Pinchesta. He is out of Service.
H. Crow also has returned on
account of disability. I send
you yesterday's Tribune and
Luminary - The first contains
the Official Report of Genl. Banks
on his Grand Retreat from the
forces of Jackson & others. And
the nice little sinking of Rams
and other Sheep at Memphis -
The Luminary contains a short
Report of Henry Stuller, formerly

a Good Wide Awake, Sagar Man
and Painter, relating the Experience
of a fresh Water Sailor - Be good
Enough to write when you feel
like it. And if anything of mo-
ment happens to your Regt
whether you feel like it or not
Wile Alder has gone to Phila
to clerk in Phil. & Reading
R. Road Office - Long may he was
for he was a Good Wide Awake
which next to being a Soldier
is a good recommendation!

Give my respects to every
body known or unknown ex-
cepting always any that looks
or acts, or speaks, or thinks, or feels
or strikes like "Secession-d-n-them"
If you pick up any thing of interest
like the old "Selcherous Message"
I would be glad to receive it - even
if it should be a snuff box or Luff. D.
or any other villain like him



Augustus Nelson

Ord. Sergt. Co. K
58th Regt. P. V.

Com. Capt. Cecil Clay
Norfolk Va.

Received of
James H. [unclear]

