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## Jeremiah Gage to Georgiana Irene Gage (7 June 1862)

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Divona 5 miles from Richmond

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear George

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> was received this morning, and read with more than usual interest because it contained a great deal that was new to me. You are an enemy by this, to know what was my part in the business that have been recently fought at this place. It has been a week to day since the battle of the 31<sup>st</sup> May in which I played a part, but it is the very first time I have had an opportunity to write you a line. A friend of mine named Beckham was slightly wounded & sent to the hospital, and I requested him to write to me & tell me I was safe so far, and tell me why I did not write. I have been unable to get any paper before now, & we have been so constantly moving that I had no time to write. You will get this line before you do this I guess, but I thought it well enough to write as I had an opportunity. I was in the battle of the 31<sup>st</sup> because out safe. I have on my canteen and haveer sack and a bull. passed through them both & through my coat pocket, I had a new paper, a new sock

Spine of the Times in my pocket - that I  
picked up in the Yankee camp from which  
we had driven them, and the same ball  
traveled through my pocket shot a hole  
in my paper. I have it yet; + if I can  
ever get to Richmond will fix it up  
and send it to Mary Winder or Ma.  
I was shot on the foot, but it  
only made a dent - + I being out for a  
few minutes - now I am all right a-  
gain. Our Regiment suffered a very heavy loss  
about 25 and 170 wounded making 195 out  
of some 200 men who went into the fight.

The Richmond papers say we were exposed  
to the heaviest fire of the war for about 2  
hours. In our company we lost 1 killed  
1 missing and 14 wounded, among the  
wounded was Captain Lowry - the ball en-  
tering just in front of his eye ear, blow-  
ing a trench across his cheek + tearing the  
flesh part of his nose away just below the  
eye. His wound will disfigure him greatly  
and is a very severe one, but is not at all  
dangerous; he will not be able to take com-  
mand of the company for some time,  
and I suppose in the mean time will go  
to Miss. on furlough. I would give anything  
for a slight wound so as to get a fur-

long for a few weeks. I think this the only  
chance to go to visit - you are before the  
new clothes, and this will be a long time,  
I think I am determined to live the way  
through having passed two big winters without  
even a winter, and having become so in-  
ured to the hardships of camp life as to be  
proof against disease, I think you need  
never feel uneasy about, and you must  
not be when you hear of a winter when  
I was likely to participate, the movements  
are retarded it is believed because of the mor-  
tuous rains that have fallen since, causing  
the Chickahominy river to overflow, and flood  
the whole country, so soon as the water  
dries off, and the roads become better it is  
likely we will have a much larger fight  
than the one just past. But there is no  
telling anything about it. The two grand  
armies of the north are confronting each other  
and may fight whenever a convenient season  
presents itself. I am glad to hear you  
speak of all my old friends, Martin Hare  
Anna Myers & the rest, I think I will write  
to Ann if we ever get settled again, and  
if she sends me a pair of socks I shall most  
certainly make my acknowledgments in  
an eight page letter. Anything coming from

be nice to nice I know, and I shall  
appreciate it most highly.

I have just reached Camp the City - left  
Camp 2 or 3 hours ago, just when I finished  
writing the above. I am sitting by Lou & his  
Sister now. He has a broad ugly nose. I  
fear if I had it I would make Mark W.  
Kick me. You think I have reason to quarrel  
from him. This is a mistake. I had a long  
small letter from her a few days ago. He  
still proves true, and in our case of cor-  
respondence has not proved false. I have  
time to write more - must but you go  
bye. Henry Leaven is here, just  
this evening, I was disappointed he was  
getting a boy by him, as you stated. You  
would likely send me one by him.  
My love to all - Good bye

Your Affectionate Son  
Loring Lang

P.S. That wound of Sizington was dan-  
gerously wounded. Shot through the right  
leg. His chances of recovery are rather  
slim. Griffin, son of old Ben Griffin was  
shot in the leg I think - is not dangerous.  
lick Sipsy is unhurt, and behaved very  
gallantly.  
Again, Good bye - Loring