

Sept. 25th, 1862

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp Whipple

To: Friends at home

I take this time to let you no that I am well and hope that these will finde you the Same I am on adva(n)ce garde th day I have good times here we have not had a march in Scene time that leter in the argus described our IMl- ch truley onley thare was mor fell out than he Stated but I stud it well and carred t(w)o guns we have had Some harde marches Since then but I have Stud them dll well and I hope I Shal (remstin) here

big guns here nowe I sepose thare (they are?) Salutes I think this will be plaid out by next Spring but I donte no I Shal come home when it is and not before for I want to See the last of if and I hope I Shal Soon that Semes to be the opinion of all thare is a grate forse here we cant loock amiss of camps here we are kept closer than I want to be but I can Stand it for I have Got to I Slip out Some times but donte get found out for I donte Stay long I would like to live here if it was peasable times for it is nise land here but no fenses to be Sene they have ben all toock for wood I have dug and chopted we cut down the timber as hi as we could I Sepose it was to ceap the rebels from coming through thare that was near fort Gatin Allen. capten J P Spalding is our mager Marcellus Said he would not be Capt and he was right about it tell them all to wright to me and I will to them as fast as I can I am getting to lasey to wright much but will as much as I can we get enought to eat nowe but we have had Short ratteins

Some times all the boys from our plase is well I have Sawe Sam and Mat Archer and other olde Solger that I was aquanted with they all wante to get home they are all Sick of it we have not got our bounty yet but I think we will Soon I have no monney but unkel Sam gives me anoughe to eat. no more at present

Yours

Silas Gore

Dec 18, 1862

From: Silas Gore

Address: camp near Fredricksburg

To: Friends at home

Address:

to friends at home I wright a few lines to let you no that I am well and hope these will finde you the Same. we lefte Camp Thirsday morning and wente on the battle fielde Satterday at one oclock. there was hevry firing when we wente on the fielde the Shels was bursting balls whisling abought our heads. our redg wente in very calm all but co a (Company A). they ran in a dich by the fence the Curnil Startid them out and road away and they wente in agane. he got them out then we was orderd to ly down. the balls came very fast there was fore men kilde close by us with in fore rod we lay thare till five oclock in the morning then we wente out on picket. twenty out ave a compney ...one (of) the beste men that was 2 hundred from our redg. we wente with in 15 rods of the rebs. they Shot a few times before day. it was quiet all day and till we lefte in the morning they all left and lefte (fifty?) (of) us thare till they had crosed the river and then we had to leve as Still as we could So as not to be herd. we wente away without making much noys So as not to be taking prisoner.

thare was a grate menney lives loste thare and I am Sorrey to Say that Samuel Gore was one among the misen he has bin (in) a grate menney battels and comeout Safe. untill last Satterday. he was carring of the wonded when he was Shot. he was Shot in the neck dide in the haspittle soon after. I did not See him after we got on the battel fielde thare. a grate menney others faird the Same, Some wonded men lay on the field 2 days and nights they Sufferd more than them that got ciled. I think our fiting is dun for this winter. I wish it had ben before this battle then they would (have) benn a grate menney lives Saved till spring. the mud is quite deepe here it freezes nights and thawse da(y) times. we had a little Snow here but not over Shoe. we have got a good tent and a good fireplace we can ceap warm if we git wood that is handy

no more for this time good by

Silas Gore

December 30, 1862 / January 1, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp Pitcher

To friends at home

Address:

I take this time to let you no that I am well and hope these will finde you the Same I just receved a letter from home (dated 20) I was glad to hear that you was all well there I hope you will remane So for I want to See you all when I come home. I hope that will bee Soon but I am afraid not I think. I Shall come some time but it is harde telling abough it but I Shal live in hopes if I die in despare I have Scene fighting a nough they would awhiped all the northing army the way they was fortified. I consider that we was luckey to git out of it alive but we did and I was thankfull for it but bee more so when I get home. Dec. 31 1862, this is the last I Shal wright this yere. I wish I could Spend newyears with you but I cant So I will bee contentid here we was inspected and musterd for 2 month pay but I donte no when we will get it. we are under marching orders but I donte no when we Shal march we ma before morning but I think not. they Say we are going to washington to recrute that is to good to be true I am afraid but I hope not

January 1, 1863 it is colde here but not as colde as it is there I donte Depose the ground is bare. we donte have noh Snow here the hante ben mere than 3 inches in all that had fell. this is not a very plesant newe years day for me but I loock for better times than Solgering. it is worse that I thought it could bee but not as bad as it might bee. Sum Say they like it but that is not my complante for I donte like it as well as I might but as well as I can. the malle came in to day but nothing for me So I thought I would finnish this. I cant think of much to wright you must wright whether I do or not. if a Solger hante of enney more amount there than here it donte make enney ods whether you here from them or not. they hante valued very hy here. they wante So they can holde thare ales (?) that is all they care for if (they) can git out of it. they may go to hell or texas for what I care but I expect (to) stay with them aslong as I have to and I hope that wont be long no more for this time

Silas Gore

January 10, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp Pitcher

To friends at home

I hope these will finde you all well. I am lame but not so but what I can get abought quite comfortble. I think I will get along so I can doo duty before long. I have not dun nothing for 2 weekes. Samuel was beared on the other side of the river with all his close on. I donte no whare the reste of his things is but I will finde out if I can. I should think the dockter would no abought them. I will see him there was (a) board marked and Sat at his head. Abreham Meiller berred him. he tolde me where he was but I sepose the rebs would fire on enney one if they should cross thare with out a flag of truse from the general but that could bee got. I think I have gave up loocking for Abe Gore to come.

I just (got) 2 letters to day. I had the other side of this rote before I got ` them. I got some stamps and envellups and paper. they will Come good. I saw 2 stamps solde for 10 cts to day. that is to much these harde times. Sam had got enney pay for six months. I donte no whether his things can be found or not. I will finde out if I can but I donte think thare would bee enney trouble in finding his grave for we could (get) Meiller to go with us. he berried him he would bet very apt to no whare it was. I thirik they will take them on the cars for there ben some tuck from here that has dide here in the redgment. they is a quite a large bering ground here. I am glad I hante one of them. no more at present

yourse, Silas Gore

Jan. 17, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp Pitcher

To: Friends at home

to friends at home I am well all but being lame I hope these will finde you all well. we had orders to march this morning at 6 oclock but they was contremanded. I donte no when we Shall leve here, they Say we are going to washington or nere thare but that we cant tell much abought but I hope we will go thare we will have Soft - bread thare but we can live on crackers very wellby fixing them right we brake them up and fry them we Soke them and fry them hard then in a little grese they go good that way and we make potpies we draw fresh beef every other day then we take Some meete and crackers and make a good potpy. we get along very well I jest eat a quart of potpy we have orders to leave here tomorowat one oclock I Shall Stay to the hospittle for I am to lame to march with the redg. I think we Shall bee Shiped off from here Soon after the redg. I donte think I Shall Stay away from the boys long we may not (go) from here in a weeke or more every thing is uncertin here if wedonte go I Shal Stay with the boys in our tente Ithat is what I like it is quite cold here today we have had warm wether here for Some time no Snowe but this then onley abought 2 inches hardley that it did not last but a day or so the moste of the time the wether has benn warm enough for cumfert this is the 3 cold Spell that we have had they did not last but a few days this is a good place to winter we have a good tente and a good bed to Sleepe in made it of poles and brush

I Sepose my letters will go to the redg but the boys will Sende them to me as Soon as they finde out whare I bee. I Shall wright to them as soon as I think they get in camp or as Soon as I move from here then they will Sende my letters to me if that box comes to the redg when they are on a march they will have to Sell the things and do the best they can with them but I am in hopes I Shall bee with them no more.
good by

Silas Gore

March 8, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp in the woods

To: A. J. Weed

Address: North Rome, Bradford Co., Pa. (with envelope)

we have moored from our olde camp abought 3 mildes. we have got a goo(d) plase for wood and water. I an well and hope these will finde you the Same. I receved a letter from you yesterday dated feb 27 and was glad to here that you was well. I have ben to Sasey to wright before and am to lasey to write much this time for I was on guarde last night and did not git much Sleepe but got quite wet but have got dry agane and have had my Shirt of to loock for lise. I did not find enney this time I have had them and think I will have more if I Stay here long but I am in hopes they wonte have a chance to bother me long for I Shal come hone and See the fear and Stay thare when I got thare. I think I could Stay thare contented if I was thare but I donte no when I Shal git thare no more this time.

from Silas Gore

April 4, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp near Patomick Creek

To: A. J. Weed

Address: North Rome, Bradford Co., Pa.

Dear Niece, I received your letter a few days ago dated March 26 an(d) one that was in S. Archers letter and that one; that had the paper in I was glad to here from you and to here that you was all well. I am lame again but (not?) very bad you need not wright to me to git my discharge. I would doo that if I could with out ergin (urging) when I See a chance for it I will improve it I am detaill(e)d for coock. I think that will bee better for me than it is drill and Stand garde thare is 2 of us to coock for 50 men we donte have much to coock but meat and coffee. that is the most we have had a Stormey time here. it commensed Snoweing last night and Snowed till 10 oclock this morning. the Snowe near 3 inches deepe. the boys has gone out on picket they will Stay 4 dayes. I think we will bee lefte here this Sommer for guardes to holde this plase. thare hase got to bee Some troopes lefte here and I think we will be the luckey ones to Stay. it will Save Some harde marching and maby Some harde fighting. I donte like ether of them but if I have to fight I can dew it but I rather not no more this time

Silas Gore

to A. J. Weed wright oftin for you have a better place than I doo

April 12, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp Curtin near Patomick Creek

To: Dear Brother

Dear Brother, I thought I would wright a few lines to let you no that I am well and hope these will find you all well. I received a letter from tempe and one from Jurusha last night and was glad to here that they was all well. I would like to have you take that watch and that black hat that is to my house to town and let Leutenant Brown if you dent See him you can leave them to the Sheriff. if the watch needs enney repara git it dun and I will pay you for it. I am going to coocking and I Sha(n)t want the time a day. I donte think we will Stay here long I think we will go nearer Washington to Stay this Summer. I hante time to wright much good by wright often as you can and I will doo the Same no more this time.

Silas Gore

April 26, 1863

From: Silas Gore

Address: Camp near Patomick Creek

To: Friends at home

I thought I would wright a few lines to all of you. when I wright this way I expect you all to answer it. there is Some thare that never rote to me yet but I have rote to them but they have a better chance to wright than I doo. I donte have a chare to Set in nor a Stand to wright on but when I git home I want Sumthing to tell. I donte want to wright the bull.

I have Sente forty dollars by express to H. C. Gore for Jurusha and if you will git it for her it will oblige me. if She is going to town you can give her a order to git it the money will bee left at Leporte Masons and Co.

Tempe wantid to no howe that butter tasted being in with the tobaco. it did not taste of the tobaco a tall. it was good butter is 60 cts per pound here eggs 60 cts tobaco 1.50 cts per pound apples 5 cts a peace. we can live with ought them but we donte all the time for they loock as good as they would if they was one cent a pees Chese is 40 cents a pound we have to have Some of that Some time that takes of the money whiskey is 2.50 a bottle. they donte hold a quart I donte by them a tall but Some das it wonte pay me. no more this time

Silas Gore

I Cant think but I will try and think of a little more the last of this month. we will bee musterd agane for 2 month pay but wee may not git it in Six months but I am in hopes we will git it in 2 months

S Gore