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Alex. Vis. July 1st 1860 [1861?]-Camp Hale.

#### Friend Slifer

Yours of the 17th inst. came to hand in due time for which please accept my Sincere thanks. Having Some Spare time this morning I thought I would give you a truthful report of the attack upon our pickett Guard yesterday morning, as I have no doubt you will See an account of it in the papers.

At 3 A.M. Sunday, I heard firing which came from the direction of our Pickett Guard. I aroused our officers, and in a few moments our Colonel hastened to the Spot, where he found our Guard had been attacked by 20 Rebels, who were the Governor's Mounted Guard. the Rebels wounded two of our men very Seriously-

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I was immediately Sent for & was on the Spot in a few minutes. When I arrived I found one man dead & the other Still living. I examined him & probed his wound & found the ball had passed through from the right side of his Scrotum into the left thigh & the ball lodged there. I Soon found that it was impossible to extract the ball, So I cut it out. I then had both removed to our quarters. the dead man I sent home, the other is now doing very well, but I have little hopes of his recovery.

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Last night at Midnight this whole Brigade were under marching orders.

Excuse haste-

Yours truly, Dr. Theo. S. Christ

Direct to Washington D.C.

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#### P.S.

I forgot to Say that we also found two Sharpe's Rifles. two Colts Revolvers & a lot of good ammunition after the attack, all belonging to the Rebel troops.

I see by this mornings Baltimore Clipper that the 14th Penna. Regt gets the credit for all this instead of the 4th. why it is that they give us credit for nothing I cannot understand

Theodore

Lewisburg April 162 1861 Griend Dlifer O. N. Worden handed me your letter this evening, I head it in different places t'el gave en comagement to us all, we are t will do our utmost to raise the regimed number, (17) and be in Havisburg by Saturday moon of possible, we now have only 33 members, we met & drilled this evening for the first time and done quite well. to go but have no way to Support Their families, will you please inform me what is the wages per month of a prinate volunteer in the army, I have long lince offered my services to any Company from here as Dourgeon, will I be taken in that Capacity. To morrow a number of us goes into

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#### Lewisburg April 16th 1861

#### Friend Slifer

O. N. Worden handed me your letter this evening. I read it in different places & it gave encouragement to us all. we are and will do out utmost to raise the required number, (77) and be in Harrisburg by Saturday noon if possible. we now have only 33 members. we met & drilled this evening for the first time and done quite well. many married men (poor) would like to go but have no way to Support their families. will you please inform me what is the wages per month of a private volunteer in the Army.

I have long Since offered my Services to any company from here as a Surgeon. will I be taken in that capacity.

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the country drumming up volunteers to fill up our company.

We are full of excitement here, & I tell you the gas-ing Sham Democracy have hauled in their foul tongues. there is no more insults taken from them & they know it.

The Appointment came on Monday. the Bond was Signed today & will be sent off in the morning.

Truly Your friend Theo. S. Christ

Annapolis Mod. May 3001861 Friend Slifes We have in our Regiment Nr. g. B. Dunlag, acting as chief surgeon, and a young man with him Hr. W. b. Kogers, acting as his mate, I am acting according to my Commission as apistant ourgions, and I can apure you we are all Kept very busy at times, I would be more so if in actual dervice, I wisit the Hospital Leveral times a day, also all the men who need afristance + attendance in our Regiments I frequently see from 25 to 35 men a day. Itill our min stand the exposure of atique very well, we need all the surgical & medical africance we have, II would be pleased to have DA Dunlago + Rogers Commissioned if possible. I notice the New York Regiments have as many as four apristants to each

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#### Annapolis Md. May 3rd 1861

#### Friend Slifer

We have in our Regiment Dr. J. B. Dunlap, Acting as chief Surgeon, and a young man with him Dr. W. C. Rogers, Acting as his Mate. I am acting according to my Commission as Assistant Surgeon, and I can assure you we are all Kept very busy at times, & would be more so if in Actual Service. I visit the Hospital Several times a day, also all the men who need assistance & attendance in our Regiment. I frequently See from 25 to 35 men a day. Still our men Stand the exposure & fatigue very well. we need all the Surgical & Medical Assistance we have, & I would be pleased to have Drs Dunlap & Rogers Commissioned if possible. I notice the New York Regiments have as many as four Assistants to each Regiment.

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The Regiment are all waiting anxiously for their uniforms & equipments. Some are looking very ragged indeed. when the uniforms arrives I think all will be better Satisfied.

Our Lewisburg Infantry are looking well. quite a number have been Sick. I have watched them carefully & nursed them, & I am happy to Say all are now doing well.

We have been lying at this point Since yesterday one week ago. it is a lovely Spot for a Naval School. the place itself is a worn out City.

Col. Ellsworth [one word illegible] arrived here yesterday & went on immediately to Washington.

Yours truly, Theo. S. Christ Friend Slifes

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Friend Slifer DrSir

Your Kind and most welcome letter came Safe to hand, just a few minutes before our Regiment marched for the Cars at Annapolis to proceed to this place. four of our Companies are quartered in the Congregational Church & the balance are in the Washington Assembly Rooms. we expect to encamp out Soon. We are all well & in good health. On Saturday last there was a petition handed to me Signed by a Number of the Staff Officers & a few of the Captains & c. praising me as a Physician & Gentleman, but at the same time asking me to resign my Commission as Assistant Surgeon in this Regiment in favor of Dr. W. C. Rogers, Simply because he is from Norristown. they have already all the Commissioned Officers already from that place, except myself. they say he was appointed by the Colonel of the Regiment & has therefore a prior Claim. a number of those that Signed that communication, have already come to me & Said that they honestly wanted me not to resign, & the reason they signed Such a paper was that they could not well refuse. Yesterday they were Counselling together & I Suppose it was in reference to me & I have no doubt yourself & the Governor will be waited upon in reference to this Matter. I told them I would not resign unless compelled to do So by higher Authority. I wish you would Settle this matter by writing to the Col. J. F. Hartranft. by so doing you will much oblige me & Our Whole Company.

Yours truly Theo. S. Christ

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The Gum blankets came safe to hand on saturday t was a veleame taleestable gift from eyon, Could you have been here when they were opened & heard the Cheers that were given for you three times three, with the usual Tiger, & with a hearty good will, & Know you ewould have felt well found for this of the many Rindrepes you have shown us all. We received to day from our good dady friends at home a Havelock for each man, we are now better prepared for camps life, thany any company in our Regiment, Manks to you tour Kind Junds at home for this all. we have blenty of provisions te, and all are in good sports, we expect to march to camp in a day or two. as yet we are in the City. Nemain Your friend Hervant Theo. S. Christ-

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#### Washington May 20th 1861

#### Friend Slifer

Your welcome letter was recieved yesterday, and Lieut. Linn recieved his to day. both were very encouraging to me & full of interest. please accept my Sincere and heartfelt thanks for the interest you have taken in my welfare. I assure you I shall ever remember this Kindness. it has given much Satisfaction to our Company, also to Capt. Snyder's of Centre County. Wm. H. [Gerbres?] read your letter to me & is well pleased.

I think the request made to me from Some of our Staff was ungrateful & unkind, & many of them that Signed the Communication have came & apologized to me for So doing & Said they were Sorry they had done So.

I have Sacrificed my business at home & have also spent Some Seventy five dollars to uniform myself according to the regulations, & now to resign after this would be cowardly & beneath my notice, and you well Know I am too poor to afford Such an expense without being paid.

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The Gum blankets came Safe to hand on Saturday & was a welcome & acceptable Gift from you. Could you have been here when they were opened & heard the cheers that were given for you three times three with the usual Tiger, & with a hearty good will. I know you would have felt well paid for this & the many Kindnesses you have Shown us all.

We received to day from our good Lady friends at home a Havelock for each man. we are now better prepared for Camp life, thany any Company in our Regiment. thanks to you & our Kind friends at home for this all. we have plenty of provisions & c, and all are in good spirits. we expect to march to camp in a day or two as yet we are in the City.

I remain Your friend & Servant Theo. S. Christ

Hon. Eli Selfer Dec. of the Common wealth. Lando Montgomery June 112 1861 Friend Slife I have promised myself the pleasure of writing you a letter for some time, but having but little news to Communicate, and generally having my time occupied with the sick + afflicted of our Regiment; I postfroned writing from time to time, I this morning having Jimshed my Hospital duties & cared for the few diet? we have now on hand, I determed I would engage my lessure on amento in Watting awhile with you. and now I well not promise you am en news, neither a very interesting letter. The best and most dates factory news I have to communicate is, that our holdiers are now all newly of comfortably uniformed tegrifofied, they really look well, and I will now two them out a gainst any other Regiment That I have been in all my travels the fast lie weeks. both for well emiformed + a grupped, also as fine + noble looking and as well drilled men. I am proud now of our Regiment, we are now no longer ashamed to be been, besides my words have , been made good, I told them, whom the strength of what you told me.

that all would come right in time, that our state was do hurred in the early part of our Countrys trouble, that all was done for them that could be done, for the time the yovernor had to do it in, and when there was more time to attend to our wants it would be done, well now all are datisfied + feel proud if our hobbe state on ee more, and where I used to hear Curses, I now hear praise, and I afam you it is highly gratefying to me. I had a hard how to hoe among our staff + other officers, about-This matter, the majority of them are Soco-jocos, & Bell men, they tried hard to make fabilitical Cafailol out of it, but are now bilenced & I am thankful that It is so, they are now all using me a little better than they did before Dr Rogers left, since he has gone home all treat- like Gentleman, but the Colonel + adjutant still ful a little home, and I can plainly he that their Julings towards me is not as they should be, however I care but little for their prendship, because I know I am positive that I stand higher in the estimation of the balance of our Officers than either of them. We are stilled encamped about two miles from Warhington, in a very healthy regions, Our registered sich is nearly three hundred,

a very healthy region. Our registered sich is nearly three hundred, that has had different diseases; I many heriously ill, we have now but hix one in our Hospital, we have lost but one man by lieting, the health of our men is excellent; we have had a great deal of Typhiad Fever, Prennonia, measles, munifes, thyrentery, thearhow the.

We have two Companies out I couling every day of night, in The regions of Bladens burg, as yet - they have not - Captured any of the Rebels, night- before last one Company came very near getting a faringe in the shape of one of these scoundrels, a sentinel days he been a man afaforoaching him, the held in his hand a gun. The lentinel asked - who comes there, no answer + the man jumpad behind a tree, the lentined fined & hit- the tree, the man han away & loon they heard the Gallofain of a horse. he was undoubtedly a Rebel. The night was very dubt t in a Strange Country they could not follow him elp, at-daylightneal morning the Company reconnaitered around where this took place, and could bee plainly where the raseal ran + where he mounted his horse & made his escape, all was long that he was not captaned. I have given a recommendation or rather an introduction to a friend of mine here to you, I. N. Corson, what he wants I am unable to Day, but what I have laid, has been told me by Norristown men, where he is fond.

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Hon. Eli Slifer Sec. of the Commonwealth, Penna.

Camp Montgomery June 11th 1861

Friend Slifer

I have promised myself the pleasure of writing you a letter for Some time, but having but little news to communicate, and generally having my time occupied with the Sick & afflicted of our Regiment, I postponed writing from time to time, & this morning having finished my Hospital duties & cared for the few Sick we have now on hand, I determined I would engage my leisure moments in chatting awhile with you. and now I will not promise you much news, neither a very interesting letter. The best and most Satisfactory news I have to communicate is, that our Soldiers are now all newly & comfortably uniformed & equipped. they really look well, and I will now turn them out against any other Regiment that I have Seen in all my travels in the past Six weeks. both for well uniformed & equipped men also as fine & noble looking and as well drilled men. I am proud now of our Regiment. we are now no longer ashamed to be seen. besides my words have been made good. I told them, upon the Strength of what you told me.

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I had a hard row to hoe among our Staff & other officers, about this matter. the majority of them are Loco-Focos, & Bell men. They tried hard to make political capitol out of it, but are now Silenced & I am thankful that it is So. they are now all using me a little better than they did before Dr Rogers left. Since he has gone home all treat me like Gentleman, but the Colonel & Adjutant Still feel a little Sore, and I can plainly See that their feelings towards me is not as they Should be, however I care but little for their friendship, because I know & am positive that I stand higher in the estimation of the balance of our Officers & men than either of them.

We are Stilled encamped about two miles from Washington, in a very healthy region. Our registered Sick is nearly three hundred, that has had different diseases, & many Seriously ill. we have now but Six men in our Hospital. we have lost but one man by Sickness. The health of our men is excellent. we have had a great deal of Typhoid Fever, Pneumonia, Measles, Mumps, Dysentery, Diarrhoea &c.

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We have two Companies out Scouting every day & night, in the region of Bladensburg. as yet they have not captured any of the Rebels. night before last one Company came very near getting a prize in the shape of one of these Scoundrels. a Sentinel Says he seen a man approaching him, & he held in his hand a gun. The Sentinel asked \_ who comes there, no answer

& the man jumped behind a tree. the Sentinel fired & hit the tree. the man ran away & soon they heard the galloping of a horse. he was undoubtedly a Rebel. the night was very dark & in a Strange Country they could not Follow him up. at daylight next morning the Company reconnoitered around where this took place, and could see plainly where the rascal ran & where he mounted his horse & made his escape. all was Sorry that he was not captured.

I have given a recommendation or rather an introduction to a friend of mine here to you, G. N. Corson. what he wants I am unable to Say. but what I have said, has been told me by Norristown men, where he is from.

Our own Company are all well and in good health & Spirits. not a man of them Sick, and all as happy as larks.

Accept my Kind regards for your health & happiness, I would also be pleased to have you remember me to your family.

I remain your friend &c Theo S. Christ

# Camp Montgomery June 112 1861

Yon. Eli blifer Dobin

It is with much pleasure that I introduce to you my friend George N. Corson Esqu. of Norristown Da. The Colonelis, milliary becretary, he is not personally acquainted with you the wished me to introduce him in order that he might more freely correspond with you on some business matters of off his own, he is a Scholar & a Gentliman, and a true and devoted Republican, he stumped his own Country faithfully last fall Campaign, for the men that you & I worked for, and had the pleasure on two occasions to Speak from the Same Stand that our Governor did,

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Theo. & Christ-

Camp Montgomery June 11th 1861

Hon. Eli Shifer DrSir

It is with much pleasure that I introduce to you my friend George N. Corson Esqr. of Norristown Pa. the Colonel's, Military Secretary. he is not personally acquainted with you & he wished me to introduce him in order that he might more freely correspond with you on Some business matters of own his own. he is a Scholar & a Gentleman, and a true and devoted Republican. he Stumped his own County faithfully last fall Campaign, for the men that you & I worked for, and had the pleasure on two occasions to Speak from the Same Stand that our Governor did.

Anything you may do for him will I know be thankfully received.

I remain Your Friend as ever &c Theo S. Christ

Camp Montgomery Gune 164 1861 Friend Slifer Yours of the 13" inst; Came Safe to hand, I head its contents with pleasure, and I also read it to our own company + as I had boroften talked to Them about the (mist statements they heard as begards their clothing, I wished them to Know your feelings + affections for them. I can apure you that. every man of them all your friend, strey highly appreciate your Kindneys towards them, I also showed it to some other friends of mine here & they are faling now quite differently towards you all, Ital there are those that talk very bitterly, but history apured it is done more for political four. faces than anything else, I frequently have Some words with some of these could late hate hate hate with they a are fellow holdiers with me.

Our own boys are all well and in most excellent Spirits, the Regiment is now very healthy, we have led- four men in the Hospital. On last Friday the million Band arrived here dafely, we had dent on for them to play for the Regiment. We are still hending out too companies every night on facility I and duty, lost. evening our own Company went to the Eastern Branch Bridge of the Potemae + returned this morning, I accompanied Them, we caught enough fish for suppose. it is about 3'/2 miles from here, through a very fine country. We expect our friend Wm. Frield to day for dinner, he is a welcome visitor to us boys. and I can apure you tool. That you would be too, I do wish you had the time to spare, to see how well we look those well we drill, the Devicture Donfontry is as well drilled now as any in the Regta.

I much talk once more about that I l'agend. Before he left, he told one when he was al-Havisburg Love burtin told him, he Knew no aboutant durgeon by my name, I that he the you, went and looked over the listof Surgious of told him, (the Dr.) that my name was not on, how our list of Officers Men were bent on to Harrisburg before Rogers Knew he Could not be afopointed, t as the Col, faramised him this afafaintment. ( so he days I Sufapose D'Rogers name was returned as apritant- Surgeon of this Regt time was left out; of this be do , It would not be right; it should be changed, because I would not be recieving the honor that I am entitled to, and might not begin my foarg. (which there day we will doon herieve t will be very a elfotable.) of you will be Kind enough to bee to this + if not might, have it come ted, I will be very thankful indud. I remain your friend des Theo. S. Christ

#### Camp Montgomery June 16th 1861

#### Friend Slifer

Yours of the 13th inst. came Safe to hand. I read its contents with pleasure, and I also read it to our own company & as I had So often talked them about the Mis-Statements they heard as regards their clothing, I wished them to Know your feelings & affections for them. I can assure you that every man of them is your friend. they highly appreciate your kindness towards them. I also Showed it to Some other friends of mine here & they are feeling now quite differently towards you all. Still there are those that talk very bitterly, but rest assured it is done more for political purposes than anything else. I frequently have Some warm words with some of these cursed Loco-focos. I almost hate them, if they are fellow Soldiers with me.

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Our own boys are all well and in most excellent Spirits. the Regiment is now very healthy, we have but four men in the Hospital.

On last Friday the Milton Band arrived here Safely. we had Sent on for them to play for the Regiment.

We are Still Sending out two Companies every night on pickett guard duty. last evening our own Company went to the Eastern Branch Bridge of the Potomac & returned this morning. I accompanied them. we caught enough fish for Supper. it is about 3½ miles from here, through a very fine country.

We expect our friend Wm. Frick to day for dinner. he is a welcome visitor to us boys. and I can assure you Col. that you would be too. I do wish you had the time to Spare, to see how well we look & how well we drill. the Lewisburg Infantry is as well drilled now as any in the Regt.

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I must talk once more about that Dr Rogers. Before he left, he told me when he was at Harrisburg Gov. Curtin told him, he Knew no assistant Surgeon by my name, & that he the Gov. went and looked over the list of Surgeons & told him, (the Dr.) that my name was not on. Now our list of Officers & men were Sent on to Harrisburg before Rogers Knew he could not be appointed, & as the Col. promised him this appointment, (so he says) I suppose D Rogers name was returned as Assistant-Surgeon of this Regt & mine was left out. if this be So, it would not be right. it Should be changed, because I would not be receiving the honor that I am entitled to, and might not receive my pay, (which they Say we will Soon receive & will be very acceptable.) if you will be kind enough to See to this & if not right, have it corrected, I will be very thankful indeed.

I remain Your Friend &c Theo. S. Christ

Lewisburg Sept. 262 1861 Col. E. Slifer Dear Sir I have Carefully Considered over the proposition you made me a few days ago, and have Came to the Conclusion that I will return again to the Service of my Country, foroviding & can go as a Surgeon of a Regiment, I have seen and know fully what a soldier needs when sich or wounded, when in Camp, or on a march, and feel every way Competent to adminis-ter to his wants, I have done so before, and can do so again if & have an of portunity, and I believe & have given entire Satisfaction, those that have been under me, and with me, will testufy to

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Lewisburg Oct. 15th 1861

Hon E. Slifer Dr Sir

Last evening I rec'd orders from Surg. Genl. Smith to report Myself at Harrisburg to Dr. Potter for duty. I have written to Potter asking a little time in order for me to pack up, close my business &c. I can be ready to leave by Wednesday Night or Thursday Morning, if that will do. if not I have asked him to Telegraph to me & I will come Sooner, but would like that much time, in order to put my effects in a good Shape. Should anything occur that I would be required to be there Sooner, I wish you to Say a word, which I Know you will do.

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