

HeadQuarters 159<sup>th</sup> Regt NYV  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Grovers Division  
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Dear Sir

I am glad to be able to write to you that Harry after insisting & sending in his resignation has reflected on his dishonorable conduct & upon my recommending him as a good solider & officer & gentleman Acting Brigadier Birge has taken him on his staff as Aide de Camp. In the meantime I had succeeded in obtaining an honorable discharge for him which he is trying to get rescinded. I hope he will succeed & make up in the future for the vexation he has caused. He is all right at heart but too impulsive & changeable. However as he seems fully aware of the importance of the future so let us wait & in the meantime he is doing well. The paymaster has not arrived yet & I shall have to draw for \$50 more which please charge on the monthly payment. I have given some money from time to time to Harry & Frank. It is a shame we shall not be paid a cent from Aug<sup>t</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 1 – all the time we were recruiting.

As the boys will tell you my time is all taken up & I must close. I hear you are having hard times in New York with gold at 150 per cent. I think the war will not last long we are getting defeated & the feeling among officers & man here is none of the least I can assure. They are disheartened & lack energy. I keep up very well in spirits & health & hope to remain so

Yours truly  
ELMolineux

Remember me to Peter & your brother & all friends