

Camp Gage  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863

My Dear Father,

Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> inst. per Pitman were received a few days ago, and as several are going down to-morrow from the 40<sup>th</sup>, I have concluded to write, although the monotony of camp is such that one can scarcely anything of interest from which to lay the basis of a letter, much less build it up.

I stated in my letter per Gandy that Keith (Brig. Genl) had been assigned to the command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, of him, I then said little, for I had had no way of forming an opinion; but the little that I have seen of him, is certain by much in his favor. He is universally liked by the Regt. Brigade, and especially by our Regent from the fact that he is so much like Genl Pittiquet, a general favorite & loved by the whole of the Regt. He is a very affable, polite man, and treats all visitors with gentlemanly courtesy, be he officer or common soldier. This alone would endear him to the private soldier,

I have not as yet taken command of my company, owing to the fact that I have not been relieved as yet from my duties as Commissary - Genl Hitch has a Brigade Comd, who has not yet made his appearance, and thus I am retained until he (Maj Barton) shall arrive

Wayland Dunaway has been called to the Captaincy of Robinson's old company and will take command soon - I think that old company of 47<sup>th</sup> Regt has done unusually well, although it was made up of the "rough & scurf" of Northumberland & Lancaster Counties, in a great measure - She has furnished three adjutants, (for it was offered me, and I acted some times) each of which has been promoted - a commissary for some time - the ordnance Sergt, and Sergt. Maj - of the Regiment - Now this is more than many other company has done in the Brig -

I send some papers - my love to all -

Sincerely yr Son  
Wm Brown

**Broun, William. William Broun to Edwin Broun,  
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My Dear Father,

Yours of the 7th & 9th [sent from Pitman?] were received a few days ago, and as several are going down tomorrow from the 40th I have concluded to write. Although the monotony of camp is such that one can scarcely anything of interest from which to lay the basis of a letter, much less build it up.

I stated in my letter [per Sunday?] that Heth (Brig. Gen'l) had been assigned to the command of the 1st Brigade of [him?|Hill?]. I then said little, for I had had no way of forming an opinion; but the little that I have seen of him is [certain?] by much in his favor. He is [universally?] [?] by the Brigade and especially by our Regent from the fact that he is so much like Gen'l Pettigrew, a general favorite & loved by the whole Regm't. He is very affable, polite man, and treats all visitors with gentlemanly courtesy be he officer or common soldier. This alone would endear him to the private soldier....

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I have not as yet taken command of my company owing to the fact that I have not been relieved as yet from my duties as commissary. Gen'l [Scotch?] has a brigade coming who has not yet made his appearance and there I am [retained?] until he (Maj. [Barton?]) shall arrive.

Wayland Dunaway has been called to the Captaincy of [Robison's] old company and will take command soon. I think that old company & 47th Regt has done remarkably well, although it was made up of the "rough & scruff" of Northumberland & Lancaster Counties in a great measure. [She?] has furnished three adjutants (for it was offered me, and I acted some time) such of which has been promoted - A commissary for some time. The ordnance Sargt, and Sargt. Maj. of the Regt. Now this is more than any other company has done in the Brig.

I need more papers. My love to all.

Sincerely [?] Son Wm. Broun [pg.02]

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**Notes:**

[Words in Brackets: Transcription unclear]

1. James Johnson Pettigrew (1828-1863)
2. Henry Heth (1825-1899): In March 1863, Lee, commanding the Army of Northern Virginia then-positioned at Fredericksburg, recalled Heth to Virginia to serve as a brigade commander in Maj. Gen. A.P. Hill's division. He fought in the Battle of Chancellorsville, showing aggressive, but misguided, qualities in his first large-scale combat, attacking without reserves against a Union force

emerging from the Wilderness. Heth assumed command of Hill's division after Hill assumed corps command after Stonewall Jackson's wounding. Following the death of Jackson, Lee reorganized his army into three corps, promoting Hill to the Third Corps. Heth retained his division command and was promoted to major general on May 24, 1863.

3. [Rev. Wayland Fuller Dunaway \(1841-1916\)](#): Commissioned into F Company, 47th Infantry (Virginia) on Jun 1 1861 - - Discharged due to promotion from 47th Infantry (Virginia) on Mar 29 1863 - - Commissioned into 40th Infantry (Virginia) on Mar 29 1863. [SEE Autobiography: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/24341/24341-h/24341-h.htm>]. "I did not serve long as the adjutant of the 47th regiment. In March, 1863, Company I of the 40th regiment, having from one cause or another lost all its officers, unanimously desired that I should become their captain, and this desire was approved by Colonel Brockenbrough, who commanded that regiment, as well as by General Heth, who commanded the brigade. I was loath to sever connection from the regiment to which I had been attached since the beginning of the war, but I accepted the new position, because it was in the line of promotion, and the men of the company were from my native county and well known to me; moreover, I would still be in the same brigade with my old [Pg 64]comrades of the 47th. My captain's commission was dated April 30, and was signed by James A. Seddon, Secretary of War."
4. Camp Gregg - "Camp Gregg, so named in honor of Brigadier-General Maxcy Gregg who was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg" - Dunaway