

Col. Charles Wheelock

97th Regt

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Mr & Mrs Cady

I trust you will
Pardon me for the liberty I take to
Communicate to you my heartfelt sympathy
For the Sad loss & Bereavement in the
Death of your only Son

I Can Sincerely Say after
an acquaintance of nearly two years with
him that you have lost a most Noble
& worthy Son

He was Brave almost
To Rashness Bold Calm & cool in the
Hour of Danger ~~He was~~ he was kind
To those under his command and still firm;
The officers of the 94th Regt have lost a
most kind & genial Companion. I will say
that R. P. Cady was Beloved & Respected
By the whole Regt

While being at the Hospital
I called to see him I shall not soon
forget the anxiety he expressed to get
well enough to gain his Regt. My heart
was to fall to say much to him as I was
Dreadful that I with ^{Had} murdered him for his
mission

It is a Sad Reflection to me when
I think of the many Brave men
that have fallen & especially those
Belonging to the 9th Regt who have been
Associated with me & have been through
So many hardships & dangers

I shall always remember
them with Kindness & thro' Life I shall
always be happy to meet and do all
I can for their welfare

~~For~~ For those that have fallen
I can only shed the tear of sympathy
In common with their friends over
Their fate

To you his afflicted
and Bereaved Parents you have made
a great Sacrifice on the altar of your
Country. But you have our consolation
We did depending that Liberty which
Cost our ancestors so much Blood & Suffering
to Establish. If it was worth fighting
For then it must be so now

Hoping you are well

To Mrs. & Mrs
Cady,

I remain your truly
Chas Whittier