

Salem June 1st 1861

Mrs. Cook:

Your packages for the Danvers boys were promptly delivered by Mr. Shackley—our space being limited we were obliged to open some of the bundles to repack them with our own here. We have written to our son (Capt. A. F. Devereux) so, when the articles are distributed to the Danvers' members of the S. L. I. [Salem Light Infantry] will have their own goods.

Every member has been provided with two pairs of excellent English hose marked with his own initials by some of our young ladies. We were obliged to withhold the woolen sock which you sent which I should have sent you had they not been begged from me for the "Guards" who are in a most destitute condition in Washington being very ragged and dirty—some of them not having had a change of under clothing since they left Salem. Some ladies had interested themselves to get up some articles and hearing we had some left from our boys—came to me entreating us to relieve the distress of the Co[mpany]. I gave them some shirts & drawers which we had left—and those woolen socks. The boxes were sent on Thursday afternoon in care of Mr. Fowler who goes out to join the Zouaves.

We hear no particular news from the boys excepting their general good health and spirits. We feel much gratified with the interest shown by your ladies in enabling us to carry out our plans so expeditiously.

Let us impart "our boys" honour to that Providence which never fails to protect and establish the rights and under His guardianship let us hope to welcome them all home again at the expiration of their three months.

If there should be any difficulty about the disposition which I have made of those socks I must beg you to let me know and we will replace them.

With respect

C. S. Devereux

Mrs. H. Cook
South Danvers