

Propt. T.P.

here, and all my difficulties have been happily settled, I am consequently in a much happier state of mind than when I saw you last.

I have not been able to deliver your letter to Robert as I cannot learn his exact locality but will do so as soon as possible.
I am giving you an account of myself
I shall await a letter from you with impatience.

And now, dear Howard, let me thank you again for your kindness and politeness to me while I had the pleasure of being with you. Remember me to Mrs. Howard most kindly, to Guy and the little

one. My respects to all my friends who are almost too numerous to mention - not forgetting Mrs. Gray & Miss Lewis. Let me know how Master Wright is conducting himself and give me some news for we never get any here -

Yours truly

T. C. Wright

Luit. O. P. Howard
U.S.A.
West Point
N.Y.

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Fort Walla Walla W.T.

December 4th 1859.

Dear Howard

After some little delay I have just determined to redeem my promise and give you a little sketch of things seen en route from West Point N.Y. to these parts.

We had a short and pleasant trip arriving at this place six weeks from the day on which we sailed from New York. The steamer Star of the West sailed from the latter port at 2. P.M. September 20th having on board the Commander in Chief and Staff the undersigned, and seven hundred and fifty other persons - whose names have escaped my memory - but they were male & females, white and black. Good, bad and indifferent of all the tribes and nations of the earth. The number of people who assembled to bid adieu to the Great Pacificator was immense and the display was very gratifying to the poor old man.

I fear his reception will be less warm should the news of his action in the San Juan case reach home before he does. The English as usual have hunted us again and without the shadow of a claim to the Island

have gained joint occupation with us, and
the acknowledged right to argue the point.
I do not know what the feeling will be in the
Eastern States but on this Coast General Scott
is as much condemned now as General Hovey
was before - the former for giving the latter for
taking.

We left New York just after the storm and the
effects were still visible for a day or two
upon the troubled face of Great Waters. Before
reaching Nantucket however they became smooth
and the remainder of the trip was made over
as calm a sea as any landman could
desire. On Sunday night, the fourth day out,
while creeping along the coast of Florida, we
ran high and dry upon upon a reef known as
"Double headed Pshot" after the usual exertion,
and eight or ten hours detention we at
last succeeded in backing off leaving
only a little copper for change and
damage. On Tuesday eve ran into Key West
and coaled, then sailed for Aspinwall
which port we made on Sunday evening the twelfth
day from New York, here we remained one night
and the next morning at daylight took the cars
for Panama, from which place we sailed
in the evening. The next Sunday we were

in the harbor of Acapulco, and the next San Francisco
which port we entered amid a demonstration
which far exceeded that which took place on
leaving New York. The crowd which assembled to
welcome the General was considerable for a "ten year
old" city. I remained in San Francisco two
days pluming which I saw every thing under
the guidance of Chandler who met me on our
arrival. I was perfectly delighted and only wish that
I could have remained longer.

We had a pleasant run up to Vancouver, where
I took the river boat for the Stalls, here I remained
about a week an opportunity soon offered
to come up here by land and after a hard
ride of one hundred and seventy five miles
over the most desolate country I ever saw - with
out wood and but little water on the fourth
day arrived at home, after an almost uninterrupted
absence of eleven years. Nobody knows
me of course, except some of my old acquaintances
at the Point.

I am now with Capt. Kirkham on the Mastin
Sloop this Post, as soon as the spring opens
I shall go to the depot on Snake River
as his agent.

I am very pleasantly situated here. Many of
my old friends and classmates are stationed

they do not suffer with extreme heat
in summer but have an even tempera-
ture, we have bought us a nice
lamp and like it very much, we set it
in the middle of the table, and all of
us see by it, even your father & without
a candle between his newspaper and his
eyes, the oil is slightly colored with a
yellowish hue. Katie is here sewing for
me, Cynthia's health is some better she walk-
ed up here a few days since, her face is sunned
away to almost nothing with tanning and
she has been sick having a great heat in her head
and sick at the stomach. At one time fear'd
she might have water on the brain, she is not
so heavy as she was last summer, all the
rest of our friends are well in Leeds, our
circle is still popular Mrs. Beeny is
the president her husband says he shall
carry her to all of them when the trouble
is such that he can possibly get the
I think Rosilla is missed in her form
very much, Lucia seems very slaca-
her child & weighs some twenty
pounds and she makes hard work
of house keeping, Lizzie has done try to
to write any of us, she has my best of
wishes, at all times give Lucy a kiss and
remind grace of me, and tell her for
grandma, I have receivell a letter from
Mother gone strictland she has another
daughter & her not written her in
last Christmas, her family are all in
other strictland Lucy's Mother is in
is with her, yours etc Alice Gilmore

Mother

Leeds Dec. 4th 1832

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My Dear Son,

Your and Charles letter
intended for our thanksgiving meeting
was gratefully received by me, I had the
pleasure of Kowlond company through
our thanksgiving, and Warren Powers
family and Kowlond A. Gilmore's family,
in all we counted 19. George A. Gilmore
and little girl I had to help me a few
days, we have our meetings here very
comfortable and good preaching in it
and bell which we hear distinctly, look
at this place, all these things I hope will
be blest to us in time to come I am happy
to hear that Charles is doing so well in
his health, and to hear from Leisse, that
her health is so good, and the children
Charles always speaks of them as in
good health full of joyous ways, I always
think of them with a thrill of delight, thinking
of them as always happy, I hope my son you

over
will not tax your natural strength so as to
injure your health and of course your usefulness
it is not often that anxiety gets very strong.
hold of me at the present day, & am for the
most part striving to give all to God in
spirit, and do all my hands find to do, in
my power, I expect to leave my home
for Augusta in a month to be with your
father, through the session of the Legisla-
tor, Henry Wingate has been out to Leeds
and invited us to board with him ^{while} we are there and we shall go there at
first and try it, and if your father does
not have the rheumatism or anything
of the kind we may stay there until
the time we return, Dellie has taught
a week of his school, & have not heard from
him we did not get our mail last night we
are having a severe Northeast storm, when it is
over and our roads are open'd I shall expect
to hear from him your father passed
through yesterdays Falmouth since
Dellie has been there, and ^{tak} an over coat
to the Depot and letter but we do not

but we do not even know what part of
Falmouth his school was in, Charles spoke
of your house being lighted with fat
and his fears for your eyes, cannot you
shut your light so that you can savor
your eyes I recollect how much I suffered with
my eyes when at your age and dispair'd of
ever having good eye sight, and now my
eyes are better than most other peoples
at my age, I never knew whether you saw
Mr Sargent and family, I talked with him
several times with regard to Charles going
out to the Bahama's I perfectly understood
how and where it was, that it was where
his brother Daniel lived and owned his
salt works, he wanted a teacher for his
family and a few others, and I thought
if it would answer the double purpose
of restoring Charles to health and
earning something he would like
to go, but I could not be a very good
or perfect judge, neither could I know
what effect a warm climate would
have on his trouble, but I understand



West Point N.Y.

December 7th 1859

Dear Sir.

Under the heading, "cutting
a hard knot," in your paper of today,
I notice Mr G.G. Ponderster is spoken of, as
"poor middle life" - not under the
influence of youthful "fire". This
suggested to me the idea of sending
you for publication an article that
is taken from the Brunswick Telegraph -
a paper edited in the place where he
was at College.

I was a classmate of Ponderster and
remember him as being particularly modest
in his demeanor, and amiable in social
life. He had the reputation of being the
best writer in his class & a fair scholar.
He was generally beloved in College &
will be lamented recalled with much

~~many thanks.~~

with much affection & sorrow
by numerous friends here at the
North. Please insert this brief tribute
of a friend to the memory of one, who
seemed so spotless a time ago all that
was gentle & kind, though now his
name is notorious from his melancholy
death - *Respectfully yours*
O.O.H.

Portland Decr^r 7th 1859

Mrs Lizzie Howard
Dear Neis }

I rec'd your letter of 1st
Saying the dividend on Bank Stock
came safe - I did not receive the letter
which your Husband wrote -

in relation to changing Rail Road
Stock for Bonds secured by Mortgage
an opportunity offered to day to make
such exchange for the difference of
\$10⁵⁰/100 pr Share which was better than
I did with mine - this offer came from
St Johns - if you conclude to Exchange
Send certificate of Stock with your Signature
for transfer - and write me what you
wish me to do - I hear that most of the
Portland Stock holders have disposed of their
Stock - it seems to be the impression that
sooner or later a stop must come -

E. Waitt

in case the Managers should be
obliged to stop payment of interest
on Stock the Shares would not be worth
much - the interest on five Million of
dollars together with Salaries and
repairs &c - is enormous - the Road
I think will continue to pay so long
as they possibly can but if they are
obliged to stop the Shares will be worth
= less

From Your affectionate

Uncle

E. Waitt

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It seems as though it was ^{written} on purpose for him, he pointed out the ways they could get back, the gole would be easy and the burden light, coming home I ask him how he liked the sermon, he said he did not notice it; he was thinking about something else, I told him it was one of the best sermons I ever heard Monday Dec 26 my letter is a getting to be another old date, I will try to finish it to night, although I did not close my eyes last night till after ten o'clock this morning I generally rest well night, now after entering all my complaints may I not be forgetful of Him who gives me all I need one of the greatest blessings, health, to take care of children ^{and their friends}, the children are a going to school, the schools are better here than in Auburn, off live at the west end of the city on Salem st very comfortable, worn, took what things I needed this winter, there will be a change between now & Spring I went out Saturday to see if I could not get an instrument for one to practice on, I found a piano 372 per quarter, I did not take it that night.

Minnie received the paper you sent her she read it through the first night, she say tell Guy & he goes to school for stud' we are going up to Auburn the river, giving it a try. In your prayers remember we are in poor

With love to all
Anita Sarah

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Portland Dec 11 1859

Dear Lizzie

I will make one more attempt to write you, I have completed one letter I wrote you, but it was a old date before I got ready to send it to the office, so I did not send it,

When you left Maine I was at the shop & thought I should go home the next week, but I found I could not make my children so comfortable at home, so I staid as long as I could stand it, that was a short time before I came to Portland. You may think strange my coming to P but if you knew my mind it might not look so to you, I did not come here because I wanted to, I felt it my duty to make one more attempt, perhaps the last one in trying to live with him who is so wicked & unfeeling, giving it a try. In your prayers remember we are in poor

I can say that with safety, he refused to prove
any thing for his family, so long as I live
in Cuba, but if I would come & here, he
would do this and so, but if I did not come
here he should go South this winter.

Lizzie, I feel you would not blame me, if you
knew my feelings, towards him, a lost one,
I could not endure the thought his taking
another so wicked a bump, & felt ~~if~~
^(I ought to do this world) I could bear with him, there was a chance
for him to pay his honest debts, if he
did not the great debt he owes, I am
satisfied, he never will repent so long,
as he pursues the course he is a pursuing
I ask myself how long can I bear with him
when weak in faith & feel not long, he
never talked so hard as he now talks to me
I ask him why he tells so to me, I came
here for him to come up in the world if he
wishes to he said he did not want to he was just
as high as he wish to stand,

Brother Ben the way he talked to me
he did not consider it safe ^{to me} to tell with him
Mister ask me last fall if I was afraid
of him, I told him I was not, but I will
not attempt to write you what he has said
to me since I have been here, Orlando says
confirmed it all that will bring him
to himself, if that is the Christians way
may it be so, Oh with what pity I look upon
him in his wickedness

Lizzie I feel the need of one of your letters,
I have been here five weeks & never spent
five just such weeks before, I sometimes think
when E is a talking to me, is it reality
yes I know it to be, for I feel it, & when I am
left alone, I ask God to forgive him for he
knows not what he says, he knows nothing
of God, for he has turned from him,
This forenoon he went with me to the second
~~Park~~ First church his text from eight chapter
thirty six verse

Portland Decr. 13 1859

Capt. O'Howard

Dear Sir

I rec'd your letter
with the Rail Road Certificates
yesterday afternoon - I have exchanged
a part of them for Mortgaged Bonds
which I now enclose to you -

the balance I have not been able to
exchange yet but am in hopes of finding
an opportunity to do so very soon -

I think Lizzie may now consider
her Stock perfectly safe and secure - I am
glad she concluded to do so - for I think
the Shares may drop before a great while -
and then it would be too late ^{to sell} or Exchange
I presume you can collect the coupons as
they become due - in N. York - if not you can
Send ^{them} to me by letter - the Banks are glad
to pay the money for them here -

E. Waite

No Cash is required in making the
Exchange - I could do a little better
last week in buying Mortgage Bonds.
I get these for \$11 difference and hope
to do as well with the others —

Your Affectionate
Uncle
E. Waite

P. S.

Should I not find bonds at a fair
price shall I invest any portion in
Bank Stock or otherwise —

E. W.

Materiolit Arsenal.
Dec. 17th 1839 -

My Dear Mr. Howard,

The approaching close of another year, cannot fail to teach us all, most effectually, the lesson of our mortality -

Deeply impressed, as we may have seen this solemn truth, on all our hearts, 'tis none the less our duty to be gentle reminders of the same, to our fellow mortals; & allow the example of nature to have a full sway over us - as the workings of an All wise Providence - Then are we to content ourselves with the fact, that all, in a Christian Land, must know that they must die, & rise again at the last day, the blessed of Heaven, or the doomed of Eternal woe, & yet fail to constantly

point them to the Bleeding Saviour,
& declare in words of simple
Faith, that ^{their} Redeemer birth, how
poorly would our duty be performed.
How unthankful would we be, for
the unknown blessings of redeemed souls,
that await the bliss beyond the skies.

A most ^{sad} accident occurred in our
vicinity a day or two since, which but more
clearly demand to us, "that, in the midst
of life, as in death." You may
have noticed in the Times, that
Mrs. Capt. Shriver(?) was killed in Dry
on the 15th. — She had just been calling
on Mrs. Farmer, in 3^d St. & leaving the
house, got into a Cutter to drive home. The
horse being a little cold, began to prance
a little, which frightened her, (she being very
timid indeed, I understand) contrary to all
persuasion from the Driver, she attempted
to jump from the Cutter, her feet became
entangled in the Robes, & from the motion

of the sleigh in connection with her
attempt to jump out, her ankle was
broken, shot off, & she was whirled around
& falling on her back, the whole of the
back of her head was broken in. — She died
in 5 minutes — Mrs. Farmer, standing
at her window, saw the sleigh pass, but
did not know it was her late sister. She
saw the Lady jump fall — went immedi-
ately to her aid, & had taken off her
bonnet, robe & furs, before she recognized
her dear friend, who had only left her
house 5 minutes before. Knowing
as you must, her extensive acquaintance
& connection, you can judge of the general
gloom which pervades Dryer. How
happy to think that she was such an
excellent, good Christian — I hear
that ^{she} was a most charitable &
lovely lady — May this sad
accident & misfortune, not fail to
produce a salutary effect on all around —
and may her example be not only held up, but

cherished & followed by a deeply
afflicted community

at the Prayer-meeting, I thought to
I am exceedingly grateful for ^{the} of service - The simple truths,
your letter to Rev. Dr. Gregory - but plainly told, with such abstinence
have not presented it, in as much as everything like sectarianism, I
had already concluded to attend ^{it} very much, & think admirably
church below the Arsenal - The Standard to instruct & advise Young
Dr. Roof - Also, I've concluded to [?] converts - It is entitled, "Counts'
humble, with no church here, as yet - a annual, or Pastor's gift"; except in
to keep up a correspondence with my more ^{order} order -

Pastor at home - At the same time, We have started a Soldier's
to present my certificate here, & thus my school, at the Barracks - We instruct
all the privileges of a Member - Three 4 nights in the week - all four
the minister very much - There is a f. the Lieutenant, assisting - We
Sabbath school of some 120-150 scholars claim nothing for it, as we are
The church is convenient to the Arsenal - inaction as to wait until the men
I can always attend - A great many made the request - However I trust
the men attend there - Mr. Lansing, also, ^{it} much good may be done -
be kindly treated in a seat - as did I trust that the Prayer-meetings
Master Workman, Mr. Snyder -

I will see you, I hope, soon, & then in good earnest - I hope that the
I will talk it over - I have ^{the} during holidays may be no check
book I intend handing you, to me ^{the} the ardour of its friends among

M. W. Wright

the Cadets - & humbly pray,
that, with the new year may come
an abundant out pouring of
the Holy Spirit upon Christ's church
& throughout the land - & that many
young men at the Academy may
be constrained by love to God, to
espouse His cause -

We are pretty comfortably
situated - have pretty cold weather -
River does not yet -

All are quite well. Sir desire
to be most kindly remembered -

My love to that excellent lady,
my friend Mrs H - Kiss those
little thumbs for me, & while they
are your hearts' delights, may they
hence to be God's own -

In much love,

Gr. aff. friend,
St. O. Howard USA M. W. Wright

She wrote me that Perry was ship
wreck'd, the Brigg is a complete
wreck, & is not that too bad says
Sarah poor Perry he will be entirely
discouraged, that is all she said
about him, tell Guy that Grandpa
Gilmore intend planting him a
garden in the spring for him to
~~take~~ care of it when he gets here
Warren Millet & Mr. Seth. Millet's
son died last week he was a
member of the Baptist church
so that two of our members are
gone home to their God I hope
you and Charlie will still supply
the throne of grace in our
behalf ^{as far as} as a church that god
will bless us that his divine
spirit may rest upon us, we are
having a close winter the snow
is deep and the weather in general
has been severe your father has
had all his butchering done this
past week which has kept me
quite busy and will some time
longer tell Guy and Grace
Grandmother always thinks of them
with pleasure they can receive a
good sweet kiss from papa in
your mother's name until she sees
them again love to Grace and
yourself from your affectionate mother

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Leeds Dec. 17. 1859.

Otis, my dear son,

Yours of the

written on the same sheet with Charles
was duly received, and it gave me great
pleasure to hear that you are ^{in so} good circum-
stances, I have this day attended the funeral
of Uncle Burney Howard, he died on
Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock and today
his remains were committed to the grave
his last resting place, Mr. Chaper our minis-
ter at the centre, preached a fine discourse
on the occasion, his text was, "let me die
the death of the righteous, let my last
end be like his" Mr. Chaper said
it was the last words ^{Uncle Burney} he ever said and
his friends desired him to preach from
that portion of scripture "I felt while
looking at his remains, as though I
would never tire at looking at him
his countenance was so peaceful, he
took a violent cold, and lived six days

Aunt Howard has been sick had
partially recovered when Uncle
Barney was taken sick, which has pro-
tracted her again, Harriet and her
daughter set a little apart from the other
mourners, Harriet had a calm and desolate
look, my feelings were carried back
many years when I had almost daily
intercourse with the family, and now, what
a remnant they are, death has nearly
completed his work on the family, I
saw sturt in her bed she was intense
but bright and sensible, said the shade
soon be with him, I followed with
the mourners to the grave where I have
seen the grave open'd so many times to
receive those I loved and those I esteemed
on my return through the fields
what "beautiful scene in that view! the
mountains though covered with snow were
gilded with the brightness of the sun
and together with the pure sky and
calm air, was more delightful than ever

although Uncle will never meet me
again at that door and shake hands
with me, nor enquire with so much
interest after you, "I want to know
about that boy" has often been the
commencement of a series of en-
quiries when I have met him, and there
is a bone lyneur in the thought that
he will never be seen on Earth again
I feel a sincere faith that he is gone
where his Saviour has prepared a
place for him, your Uncle Stillman
had a fall a week or two since in
his woodhouse, and injured his shoulder
He has suffered some considerable
with it, and has come to the conclu-
sion that a bone is broken, I enquire
of Stillman L. Howard today how he
was, he said he was comfortable unless
some thing jawed upon his arm, the rest
of our friends are well in Leeds I have
received a letter from Sarah Sayce
since her arrival at Nassau in which

assistant during this term. Noe
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graduated at Princeton last
Commencement. He is a very good
scholar and a thorough teacher.
But a young man of rather low
horits and I think hardly fit to
take charge of a school like that.
His conduct during the last term
has been perfectly proper however.
I have roomed in the same house with
him and have eaten at the same
table. I like him very much as a
man and I think they all like him
as a teacher. I have four nations
now of Cicero more to read in Latin
and then I have finished my purpos
My course as far as Latin is con-
cerned but I have an enormous amou
of Greek yet to read and I must study
very hard in order to do it in good
shape and to enter College with a

"fit" that will do credit to myself and the brothers who have preceded me. Some one has said that it seems to be my greatest ambition to do as well as have my brothers who have had the path I am about to pass over. I don't know whether that is so or not. As far as this world is concerned I wish to do as well as I can that I may better be enabled to do good. For if one's influence is large he can do a great deal more good than he otherwise could. If one has a name as a man of education & talents he will be respected and his opinion will be regarded much more than the man who is entirely unknown and whose name is a stranger to our ears. I read your letter to mother soon after I got home. I am glad the children are doing so nicely. I would like to see little Grace and

keep her rosey lips. How is that red top now? Give my love to Lizzie & Guy. I suppose the latter remembers Uncle Dell. But Grace I shall have to become acquainted with again before she will be willing to own me as an Uncle. Father is very fixing up things for winter which seems to be coming in sooner than usual this year. Thomas & Father is to remain here with Father and Abby Rose with mother ~~while~~ we two lazy bys will stay in the house and study. We are all nicely here. Mother sends her love, and to Lizzie and the children. I saw Mrs Jones a few days since. She inquired about you, Lizzie & she was well. I also saw Martha Stark a few moments in the morn, she desired me to send her love when you wrote her. Pray for me Otis and remember me as your very affectionate brother R.M. Green

New York

Decr 21/59

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My Dear Howard.

Pray forgive my long silence, but I have so often intended to write you that I began to think that I had done so much like a man telling a "yarn" so often as to believe it himself. At last. First as to business - I enclose a certificate for \$400- or 4 shares of the Washington Inv Co, which will be duly recognized & entitle you to a certificate of the same number of shares so soon as the books &c are opened which will be between this and the first proxim. If you are coming down about that time bring the enclosed with you & have it exchanged for the stock certificate, or send it to me and I will duly attend to having it done.

As to Fire Stock, I don't know what to say. The Secretary of a fire company told me the other day not to buy any fire stock now, the losses are than I am hardly quite heavy, but I am advised that in the spring is the best time to buy fire stock as it is generally cheaper then. I enclose a circular of the Republic - Your money is at interest with me,

and will be until ~~th~~ you make some
other disposition of it.

You have heard of course
Perry's disaster. He had his part of the
vessel insured, but he must make a
loss of clothes, instruments &c. Poor
fellow he seems to be unfortunate.

Accept my wishes for a merry
Xmas & a happy New Year and with
kind regards to Mrs Howard,
believe me sincerely yours
J R Bacon

John R. Bacon

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New York December 29. 1859

Dear Moses.

Your very kind letter forwarded from Governors Island, found me in a very poor state from which it has pleased God to restore me, in part. My object in going to Fort Columbus was to perform such duty as I could and remain under the treatment of occults in A.B. until spring when I felt confident I would be able to join my company. Col Cooper advised me to remain on leave as did my friends & physicians, but I thought I would feel better doing full duty, not having any place to call home, or any division. I planned, but God interceded by prostrating me on a sick bed from which got up to find my entire left side affected by a shock of paroxysm, and a cough which but for good care would have soon told upon me, and from which I am not wholly free at present. Your letter came as a kind friend, and did me good, for which you

place me under removed obligations to you.

I am indebted to Mrs French & Blau for most excellent letters as yet unanswered, and I want to write to Aunt Howard but my eyes are under a medical supervision and I am very anxious to get well again by spring, and join my company or throw up my commission.

I do not see through the cloud that has lowered upon my faith since graduating, but could I do so I would no doubt see the hand of God controlling all. I try to spin the nature of my last attack, and live in a realm of hope, although poor White is ever in my mind coupled with a remark Mrs French once made to me. God brought all this upon me to show me my own nothingness, I would run up to the Point to see Mrs L and also to Troy but Drs C & H say I must not expose my lungs at present, but am in a few months, if nothing happens. I hope to see you before going to Remondale in the spring, I am in good spirits and feel that all will yet be well. You must write to me here.

although I am off in a few days your letter will reach me. You may enclose this to our friend Howard if you wish or tell him to write to me, and I will answer at such time as I can. I wish I could transfer into your corps, think I shall write to White about it. Remember me in your prayers

Yours very truly

J. R. Farnell
Lieut 4th Art

Let Mr H Wright
A. S. Ordinance