

We got a letter from
Mother a short time ago.
Her journey is small. Haying
is almost over - Father has
not worked very hard -

Oliver & I heard the Universalist
preacher lately come to the
3^d main Sunday forenoon - All
he said was very wholesome
& good & we were not dis-
satisfied - He is a genial
man - It is a charming
morning. How much I would
like to look in upon you
at W.P. & kiss each of the
children not to mention my
sister Lizzie. Please kiss the
children for me & charge to
my acct. We are both
very happy that the Lord has given
you such a spirit of resignation to his
divine will - adieu C.H.H.

enclosed
\$50.00

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Bush Hill Aug. 5th 1861

Dear Lizzie

Mr. Madecai

goes to Washington & this gives
him fifty dollars to be changed
to a check & enclosed to you.

We are all very well - George
leaves our comfortable quarters
here for a tent more in the
rear of our forces - Tomorrow.

Much disappointed this
morning in having the
Cavalry & Artillery removed
from our Brigade - Lethe
from Rowland & Ella last
night - All well & happy -
Will be very glad to
see you & the children.
Mother would like much
to have you stop with her
at least for a while - More
like Sabbath resting than usual.

His speech to the Company
Soldiers at 6 1/2 P. M. held
a Religious Service - Gov's
Morrill & Charles Stinchfield
of Hallamill here yesterday.
Yr. Affectionate Brother
C. H. Howard

P. S. Mr. Mordecai cannot
go now & I will add more.
Perry returned from Wash-
ington yesterday & goes back
this morning - He is trying
to get reinstated in the
Navy but will then
 resign since he is chosen
Lt. in the Hallamill Co
8th Regt. -

Mordecai wants to
get into the Ordnance &
after will leave us
soon -

Buell is gone for good

Good many vacancies
occurring from Resignations
in the 8th Maine - Wonder
whether Wherry Weir would
like act's Commission there -
He would get as dis-
gusted with Volunteers as
Mr. Buell.

I attended services yester-
day P. M. up at the
Alex. Theol. Sem. about
3 miles from Alex. & 4
from here. The 15th Regt N.Y.
is quartered there & so they
use the Chapel for services -
It seemed more like a
Church & I enjoyed it
much -

Rowland can leave &
take vacation anytime
he chooses to take it but
thinks he will not be able
to visit us for want of money.

the paper (news paper) a moment then finish writing. I don't find much in the paper this morning. Yesterday a quiet Sunday in Washington. You know, do you not, that Gen. Mr. Sellen's wife is Capt. Marcy's daughter. We can see her and call on her and mother at the Hotel. I have no news to write and haven't written much of a letter. All quite well.

From your own Linin

West Point. Aug. 5. 1861.

My dearest Otis

I got a nice long letter from Charlie last, with your wee little money message at the bottom of one page. I can pay Mr. Fuller as well as not. If he is in Washington I will send to you, if at Augusta I will get Uncle Edward to do it for me taking some of the money on deposit. Which Mr. Fuller is it! and did you give your note? You just write me how it is, and I will explain to Uncle. I have only drawn the two hundred I mentioned to you before from Mr. Bacon. Will you send an order for the money due on what you own in the Insurance company and then I will write to Mr. Bacon. I shall have to have some more to settle up him before I leave, but I know not just the amount. There is \$143.00 on deposit in the Bank in Uncle's care, \$100.00 to Mr. Fuller and the rest to take me home with what I shall have left. I shall find out how much I need to pay the bills.

here and write to Mr Bacon for the amount, and what
is left with him I can leave or take as you think
best. I shall have a great deal Interest after I get
to Maine. I shall have my boxes in a few days
and as soon as they come I shall begin to pack.
Plans first. Chairs and looks next. I shall not work hard,
and shall not hasten. I am very sorry you lost so
many of your things, but am thankful you got off
as you did. I ~~shall~~ ^{can} make you and Charlie
as many shirts as you say now. I really have no
sewing to do only my weekly mending and now
and then a small garment for one of the children.
This is the first time since our marriage that I can
say. I have finished my sewing. Now if you wish me
to do anything for you just tell me so. Before
I begin to pack, that (the packing) could be delayed
a week. The ladies here are making shirts, (plain),
dressing-gowns, bed-gowns, handkerchiefs &c. for the wounded.
We meet every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 12, a.m.
Will send a box to Washington as soon as ^{we} get
enough ready. I just thought you might come
on to see us a day or two before we go to Maine
would it be best? I don't above all things wish it,
but thought perhaps you might. The Small-pox
is really raging in Buttermilk Falls. All communication

between here and that place cut off. Not
even Mr Denton's Wagon or the milk wagon
allowed to come up. I have just received
a letter from you, Dearest. It is yours written
Aug. 1 last Thursday. I hope Mr Mordecai will
remain with you. I hear from Charlie that
Mr Buel has left in disgust. He always looked
as if he would be very easily disgusted, and I wish
he was not so attentive to Mrs Jasie McDougall.
I heard of Mr Mordecai's father's family in Phila
through Miss Fanny McD. who has been visiting
in that city and Baltimore. I shall ask
Maria to call on them. I will write her soon.
Mrs Williams, Johnie, Mottie and Miss Pamela Phillips spent
last Thursday with me. We called to see Mrs Grubb.
I had a good long talk with Mr Funch. He wishes
to be remembered with much love to you. Expresses thankfulness
that so much grace was given me. The order
for the first class to Frederick has been counter-
manded. Would John Mein be a good assistant.
I know he went to New York to join the Seventh.
again when an expected day would be called out,
a few days after the retreat. If everybody else is
lazy and indolent, you do your duty, but don't
kill yourself with work. I will look at

but I suppose it would be very difficult
to get a commission there - especially in
the Engineers - Next to that I would prefer
the position of Qr. Master.

Previously to this war I have had but little
experience in military affairs; have be-
longed to two militia Companies but not
for any great length of time - During the last
two months I have been continuously in
camp, have attended the regular drills
& have studied the books pretty assiduously.

I think I am competent to fill the position
of 1st Lieut. in the line - at all events would
be willing to stand the examination -

If, in the midst of your multitudinous
& pressing duties you can find time to give this
matter a little attention, & will do so, you will greatly
oblige me - From my knowledge of you & what I hear of
your regt. I should like very much to be with you. If
that is impossible will you take the trouble to make enquiries
& use your influence elsewhere - I can furnish all necessary
testimonials as to Character, capacity, &c. from Maine, N. York,
& other states where I have lived - Should it not be possible
for you to obtain anything for me at present, will you bear
the matter in mind, for some future opportunity - A letter
directed to ~~Box~~ 209 Henry St. Brooklyn, N. Y. (or simply
to Brooklyn N. Y., will always reach me - Hoping soon
to hear from you I am

Very truly yours

H. S. Owen

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Brooklyn, New York,
Aug 5. 1861

Col. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir;

You will probably
recollect me as a member of the Class
below you at Bordoin.

I am seeking a commission in the
Army (regular or volunteers, & I write to
solicit your influence & kind offices in my
behalf.

I will state briefly the history of my
life since I graduated that you may see
how far I am fitted for the position I seek.

I went South immediately after
graduation & taught school there, in Northern
Miss & Southwestern Tennessee, two years, mean-
while studying Law a little. At the expiration
of that time by the solicitation of an intimate
friend, P. A. Eng^r. of the Memphis & Charleston
R. R., I abandoned the idea of studying Law
& joined his ~~Office~~ of Engineers - From that
time for four years I was an Assistant

I desire to examine the subject of Military Engineering somewhat what I wish from the
any or not - But you know the kindness to indicate to me the proper books.

Engineer on the M. & C. R. R. of the East
Tennessee & Georgia R.R. - I then went
to Minnesota where during two years I
was City Eng^r of the City of Stillwater, mean-
while having a Contract for Surveying
Public Lands ~~and~~ in executing which
I had three months of very severe & trying
Experiences of frontier Camp life. Two years
since - the business of Surveying & Engineering
in common with almost every other, having
become nearly worthless - I returned home
& resumed the study of Law entering the
Columbia Coll. Law School from which I
graduated in May last. Soon afterwards
I entered the "Sickles Brigade" as Co. Master
of one of its regiments, but yielded the
place after serving a week, on the promise
of ~~the~~ Gen. Sickles of a 1st Lieutenantcy
in the Engineer Corps which he proposed to
organize, meanwhile to hold the position
of 1st Lieut. in the line. The matter has
been in statu quo ever since. Three regts.
of the "Brigade" have gone to Washington -
Gen. Sickles is not a Brigadier, & probably
never will be & the project of the Corps of
Engineers is of course abandoned.

Meanwhile I have acted as 1st Lieut. "im-
attached" & waiting for something "to turn up"
like Micawber - I have been assured all
along by Sickles & the Col. of the regt. to which
I was assigned that, if the first project failed
I should have a 1st Lieut. G. in the line.

The regt. however, being now merged in what
is called the 2^d Regt. Primer Lonaves, is, I
think, rapidly becoming disorganized & I think
will go to the dogs altogether. It is a
Concern, too, with which on many accounts
I am utterly disgusted, & nothing but a
strong desire to go & a dislike to "back down"
prevents me from abandoning the whole business
at once. Even if the regt. is completed I
think that it will be impossible for the
Col. to fulfil his promise, Company Officer
in his regt. being elected & the result would
probably be that after waiting a month
or two longer, I should be thrown out at last.

I write to you not with any great
expectation that you will be able to do
anything for me, but still hoping.

I desire if possible a 1st or 2^d Lieut. G.
in the Eng^r Corps or some kindred department.
Of course the regular Army would be preferable.

Warren Maine August 6th 61

Robt Howard

Will you pardon my
 taking the liberty of addressing you, and
 inform me if there has been or will be any
 measure taken for the release of one of your
 surgeons Dr B F Buxton who is a prisoner in
 the Southern Army. I have been told that
 there will be an exchange of prisoners, do you
 think it is true? if so when will it take
 place and by whom will it be done.
 Can any one going from here have any
 influence or help it along in any way?
 Can a letter be sent by any means to the
 Sec. I see by this morning's papers that exertions
 are being made in favor of Mr Ely of the
 House but no mention made of other prisoners
 and also that Dr William who was reported
 to have been taken prisoner when he was, has
 returned home to Portland. How was he
 released? - by answering my ^{as soon as possible} enquiries you
 will very much oblige Julia Buxton

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West. Point. Aug 8/1861.

My dearest Otis

I have regretted ever since I wrote my last letter that I said anything about your coming to see us. I had rather you would do as you think best without my suggesting. I send this little extract from the paper as the only thing I have seen about Mr Lee's Institute. Aunt Martha Jane, Carrie and Freddie were at Leeds, and in company with Mother visited Ella and Redland. They took Sarah's two eldest boys home with them to stay a while with Laura.

This is the first rainy day we have had for a long time. I have the children with me up stairs. Guy is very busy with his tools taking the hook and hinges off his broken toolbox "to take them to Maine to put on some other box".

Grace has her De Hammars baby, asleep now. But wakes me to call her when I hear her cry. Jamie is creeping about throwing down towers that are built of blocks for him, and I am waiting for John to bring me the paper, ^{5 minutes later} he has come.

I don't all letters
to Washington. Do
that last P.

and brought me a welcome letter from Charlie
a \$50. check enclosed. I fear you need the
money more than I. It keeps the other longer
though on interest. I have not time to
send to John this morning and get an
answer, but I have written him a note about
it. How would it be to write to Rowland to
come on for me, and not take a girl
I would have to pay somebody's fare on
and back, and if he would like to see you
and visit you, if you are not here to see us!
he could go on from here to you. I
shall leave here this month, you write
your answer to me, and I to Rowland
when I learn what day I can leave
if you cannot come to us, if you think
it best. you can tell me what you think
would be best. Mr New has taken Mr Pipers
furniture so I can use it after I have packed
as he will not move it till I leave. Charlie
says you are to leave you comfortable
quarters, for a tent more in the rear of your
forces. I guess I'll say I am glad of the letter.
I saw by the morning paper Mr Mordocai's name
attached to the 'Isopog' as Second Lieut. I am sorry he

is to leave you I think you can make a
year for John this if he will go and you would
like him. I fear you work too hard. No news
here and it is past mail time so
no more at present. Much love. many
kisses, and earnest prayers for you
Aunt Mipe

Linn.

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Old Quarters 3^d Brigade 3^d Divⁿ
Bush Hill August 8th 1861

My dearest wife,

I received your good letter dated August 5th yesterday and presume as you did not say anything about the matter, that you & Guy & Grace & Maria are well. The millers are so thick & troublesome that I can scarcely write. Gen. E. M. Dorell with Prince Napoleon came into our vicinity this morning. The Prince passed on towards Richmond with a flag of truce accompanied by an escort. Gen. E. M. Dorell stayed and reviewed all the troops in our immediate vicinity. He first reviewed Gen. E. J. Roney's brigade & then mine. I heard yesterday from Senator Morrill that my name was put in first on the list of recommendations for the Brigade in Gen. E. J. Roney's command, but so late that the appointment could not be made before the adjournment of Congress. Today I heard that my Brigade had been distributed. But Gen. E. M. Dorell says, Colonel, that action is not final. You shall not suffer, nor lose your Brigade, or something of that kind. How it will be I don't know. If John Pier would only come in I feel sure I can get him a lieutenancy in one of these Regiments. If I return to mine it shall be there. Perry Lee is lying in one of the Companies. There are over an hundred sick in each regiment of this Brigade on an average. They are quite

will care for, though it is rather sickening to go through
 O'Leary's house where there are so many poor fellows
 together. I visited nearly every room last Sunday morning
 and tried to say a word for My Saviour to them. Charlie
 thinks we fall far short of living such a life as Vicars &
 Harlock did. I borrowed the \$100. of B. A. G. Fuller Esq
 of Augusta Me, but I think I was to pay the amount
 at the Augusta Bank at the end of 30 days. I have
 written to see if some arrangement cannot be made
 to allow me to pay it at the close of this present
 month. I also owe a bill for clothing that I shall
 pay at the end of this month at Augusta. I send
 you fifty dollars which I hope reached you in safety.
 I don't know as there is anything coming to me
 on the insurance stock. I have forgotten the name
 of the company and have lost my Black book containing
 it, but I will write you the order & you can get
 some man to fill in the name from the Certificate
 of Stock in your possession. I am sorry the small pox
 is so near you. How Mrs Gray & Jennie at B. Fall, still &
 Mr Rose. You may give my love to Mr French &
 thank him for his kind words & also remember our most
 affectionately to his family. If the boys & girls & millers were
 kept off I would write more. I wish I could look in upon
 the children tonight & yourself. Don't make ^{Char & me} anything to
 send home feeling, for we don't want anything to lose. Mary
 and Miss you are - Kiss the children for papa. Remember me to Susan & father
 & mother & affectionately to the Corbells - ^{your affectionate Otis}
 Otis

from to Mr Charles please if you can
 see all the rest (also)

Augusta Maine August 8. 1861

To C.C. Howard Col. Commanding

Dr Sir, I recd your dispatch & in
Ans will say, your note is in the
State Bank in this City for safe keeping
& it will be better & more safe for
you to send the draft to the
Cashier of said Bank, than you will
be perfectly sure of your paper
or if you prefer you may send it
to me either way will be safe
& I will attend to it promptly
We are greatly obliged to you for your
promptness, I send the bill for insts.
I have forgotten the price of one of the
instruments but have got the ^{agreed} amount
all right, it would not be right
for me to send a bill receipted so I am
informed by those who pretend to know

I will do so if you wish it
the Brass inst prices as follows viz-

To 2 E ^b Cornets Brass	\$32.00 each	60.00
" 2 B ^b Do. - "	\$32.00 "	64.00
" 2 E ^b Alto's - "	\$40.00 "	80.00
" 2 B ^b Tenors - "	42.50 "	95.00
" 1 B ^b Bass - "	70.00	70.00
" 2 E ^b Basses - "	80.00	160.00
		<u>529.00</u>
Manufacturers discount 10 per cent		<u>52.90</u>
		476.10
one Bas. Drum		28.00
" A ^b , Bas. - Expense		45.90
" A ^b Tenor		25.40
" pr. Symballs -		15.00
" E ^b Copper Cornet silver trimmed		40.00
		<u>\$ 630.40</u>

the amount of your note
is just six hundred & thirty dollars ⁴⁰/₁₀₀
if you find any thing wrong in the
above please inform me & I will
make all right if possible
Your note is not in the Bank for collection
only for safe keeping I have purchased a
set of inst. on the strength of your note

our Band boys, send there love to our
band boys, now in your command.
Please accept our best wishes for you all

I may Gods blessings attend you all
yours Respectfully In haste

J. L. Hovey clerk
of Band

To Col. G. C. Howear

Gen. Washburn
After with-
reference to
Capt Savage

Augusta Aug. 8. 1861

Dear Col.

I have your telegram in reference to commissioned officers, recruits -

Please inform me what vacancies exist in the companies, & who are designated to fill them, that we may know who to give commissions to.

I shall soon commence recruiting for the Regt. till after training is fairly over it will be rather slow work -

I have forwarded by Paymaster Robie some shirts & knives, forks, for the 5th Reg. - & some things for the others.

I have seen Capt Savage & rec^d 22nd Co. of John Santish which I will forward to you - with this explanation in regard to Russell & Lacey.

He says he has a per diem to Oct 1. - I hope you will get rid of the poor timber among the officers, as speedily as possible.

I enclose copies of petitions sent to me for members of four of your Companies which would ^{so far} ~~disprove~~ the state if I should make them public, that I cannot do so. The men may be discouraged by reason of absence or inefficiency of their co-officers, but the idea of such large numbers of men who have

enlisted for 3 years, & rec^d their bounty & obli-
gation to be discharged at the very commence-
ment of their service is a most unpleasant
one - out of charity to them & respect for our
noble State I have not published their re-
quest, & only persons in the office know of
it.

You will make such judicious use of the
facts I give you as you think fit. It
would perhaps be well that the soldiers should
understand their petition cannot be granted,
that they may cease hoping for a discharge.

Yours truly,

J. Washburn

Col. O. O. Howard

3^d Reg^t Me Vol.

Augusta Maine

Aug 9th 1861

Col O. Howard

Dear Sir

I find that the people of Schothyuan & of Somerset County feel vexed & outraged, by the course which Capt Savage is pursuing remaining at home, at ease, while his Company is exposed in the field. I found also during my visits at Washington that the members of his Company were anxious for his discharge, & I doubt not that it would tend to restore confidence & be a source of great satisfaction (not only to his Company) but to their friends at home if this could be accomplished. I learn that Capt. Savage is not intending to join his Company before October & is comforting himself with the idea, that he can remain at home & draw his pay on an extended furlough. My own impression is that he more intends to repair his

company, [but holds on & draws pay
to the last moment, the reason. Certainly
something to do with, for really Asa S. is
a disgrace to his company & to the
state. I write by order of the

Governor,

(signed)

Yours very truly

A. W. Wilder

A & C

Letter of A. W. Wilder
respecting Asa S. Wilder
of Andover 9th Dec 1861

A. Wagg
Aug. 10th '61

Saugusville Aug. 10, 61

Dear Sir

I have a son in
company I, of the 3 Regiment
by the name of ~~Henry~~ C. W.
Wagg, who is a minor
and who enlisted and
left the state without my
knowledge or consent.

He was from home, —
about seventy miles at
the time of enlistment,
and I knew nothing of
the matter until he informed
me of the fact from Washing-
ton. His health was not
good, and I should not
have consented to his
enlistment. I write to pro-
cure his discharge, and
earnestly request you

to render what assistance
you can in accomplish-
ing that object.

Were he in the enjoyment
of sound health I should
not ask that he be discharged
from the service, but as
it is, I feel it to be my duty
to act differently.

I have petitioned the war
Department for his dis-
charge, and cannot doubt
that when the case is right-
ly understood, my petition
will meet a favorable
answer.

The young man is not
twenty years old.

Very Truly
Yours

A. Waggy

Col Howard

W. H. Howard
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Hamington Aug. 10. 1861

Dear Bro. Oliver

We have a little son born about 8 1/2 O'clock this A. M. - The little stranger - took us quite by surprise. no one here but Sarah - Ella is so well that I feel as if I never had such cause for gratitude to God as I now have - No Dr. & no nurse when he was born - & Ella & I out calling last evening!

A Dr. Dr. was here in about 15 mins - Prof. Stearns preaches for me tomorrow - he was here at the crisis! Pray for me & my little one - we are drawn closer together by this new tie of sympathy - Your letter was a dear welcome one. So was Charles's.

We want to hear from you about the things to be made & forwarded for the soldiers - What can we consult Mrs. Sampson & write us - Love to Charles & Perry - I will write you more at length

soon - We feel with ⁱⁿ your
discouragements & afflictions &
try to carry you ⁱⁿ ^{our} ^{prayer} before
the throne of grace - Ella & I
have tried to consecrate our
little one to God in prayer -
Yr loving Mother
Rowland

Tell C. Fuller called he
had received his letter =

Mon morn -

Ella is very
nice - Nurse
came yesterday -
Baby is little
but good!

Hamington Aug. 10, 1861 ²⁸

Dear Lizzie

God in mercy
has given us a little son &
dear Ella is quite well. He
was born at 8, this a.m. - We
were alone & except Sarah - The Dr.
was not here till 15. min. after the
child was born - I could not
leave Ella & our girl could not
find a Dr. But, thank God, he
did better for us than we could
have desired - Now join us in
praising his mercy - Tell Guy & Grace
& Jamie they have a little cousin.

Our note was a good long-
letter, (his first) on the 4 inst -

Prof. Harris preaches for me
tomorrow - With a basket of love
to the dear children - In haste

Yr. aff. Bro
Routland

Will you send Guy packing down
East? - When will you start
from West Point? No house yet
certain -

1881

Dec 10, 1881

Dear Papa

I am so glad to hear from you
and that you are all well. I am
well and hope these few lines
will find you all the same. I
am so glad to hear that you
are all well and that you are
all happy. I am so glad to hear
that you are all well and that
you are all happy. I am so glad
to hear that you are all well and
that you are all happy. I am so
glad to hear that you are all well
and that you are all happy. I am
so glad to hear that you are all
well and that you are all happy.

Mon. Nov. 11

Ellie &

very nice.

Baby is little
but very good!

Will you please write soon
and let me hear from you.
I am so glad to hear from you
and that you are all well. I am
well and hope these few lines
will find you all the same. I
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well and that you are all happy.

of the officers I knew resigned from the 3^d Regiment.
I have never written to Mrs Sampson. I must
try and do so. I presume she could tell me
what would be acceptable to the sick men.
Please remember me very kindly to her. My boxes
I hear are all ready for me. I have done
nothing about going away yet. Could you be affor-
ed Brigadier Bailey without being confirmed by Congress?
I wonder what other names were sent in with yours.
Do you know? Is not the State entitled to a Brigadier General?
I seem to have left my letter Saturday Evening
Dearest, with a few ambitious sentences it would
seem. I got no letters this Monday Morning
We are all very well this morning. I want to know
if I may expect to see you before I go away.
You must tell me plainly what you think, and
I will not be disappointed if you say me nay.
You will know best what to do. I do hope you
do not presume my letters after you have once
read them, they are written in great haste
and I would like them not thrown down but
destroyed. Will you do so. No more this time
I hear the Cadets firing big guns. I might imagine
a battle taking place. But I won't. The children
are all (Betie) playing in the back hall and as I
am up stairs I will close without ~~the~~ messages.

West Point, Aug 10. 1861.

My dearest Otis

I have written a note to Mr Bacon
this evening to send Monday Morning. I have
so little time to write when I try to write
in the morning. I want to get the mail
before I begin and that is ten o'clock,
and all letters must be at the Post Office
by twelve o'clock. I was very happy to get
a letter from you this evening. We have an
evening mail from Washington, and as it was
Saturday Evening Mr Berard brought me my letter.
It was written the 8th with the order enclosed.
I received the check and acknowledged it
in my last letter. If there is a Brigadier General
made from our State I think, and so do others
that you ought to have it. If you do return
to your Regiment I shall insist that you come
to see us before we go to Maine, providing we
are here long enough for you to know what you
are going to do. In my last letter I wrote about
Rowland's coming on to take me & to Maine.
I am anxious to know what you think is best.

I don't think he would leave Ella alone the first of next month and would want to get back before the 28th of this month. I wouldn't like to remain here after the 28th of this month, and would like to get away a few days before. I fear you have not enough clothing to make yourself comfortable. Are the sick provided with anything I am thinking that when I get to Maine I shall get a contribution, and form a society purchase cloth and make shirts (plain), bed-gowns, dressing-gowns (cable double), handkerchiefs, linen (old), and send to you for your sick. I would like to do it, and there are enough who would like to help me. Will you tell me what you think of it? We are doing the same here now. Do not forget to tell me. You may suggest something better or something else to do. How you sheets, pillow cases? I know you are provided with certain things and we, or I wish to send what would be useful that you could not get for the men otherwise. I suppose you lost your dressing case. I am sorry you met with any loss. But such little things don't trouble me now. I do believe your

absence was just the thing for my best good. I take it you do not wish me to pay Mr Fuller of Augusta at present. Communication is opened between here and B. Falls. ~~All~~ cases of Grace now are taken to Cox's house on the Eagle Valley road, or "up in the mountain". If you go to your Regiment you will not have to work so hard. Mr Carroll received a letter directed to Capt L. S. Carroll from the Treasury Dept, but has not officially received his promotion. He got a letter directed to Capt Carroll from Capt Griffin. I don't care much for promotion, rank &c. I will try to do my duty, and don't care much whether I get any credit or not. Charlie Carroll a Lieut in the 5th Artillery. When you see him you must ask him to tell you the 'Mine Story' including Mr Carter and myself. Guy went to ride with the Carrolls and we had supper little later, as your letter came as the children were finishing their evening prayers. I read it aloud to them, and when we came to Papa's kiss we had quite a round of kisses, and Jamie his share. Charlie said you were about to leave Bush Hill or rather Mrs Scott's house. I feel very much interested in her and her children, and my heart is filled with gratitude for her kindness to you. I am very

Many times to each one of the children from papa.

poorly fulfill my duties
as "God-father" to little Clara.
I know Guy is a good boy. I wish
I could look in upon him sleeping
in his little bed tonight. Grace
I think she does not cry much
I think she must have a cheerful
countenance - and Jamie doubtless
has his times of crying - Suppose
he would know me? Well,
Sizzie, times will change
I may be home before
a long time. There seems
to me to be a great want
of principle & true patriotism
among our friends. I don't
know what we will come to.
I have Green's battery attached to
my Brigade. His officers are Gustav
Harris & Butler - a company of
Cavalry - Scouts Drummond &
Custer. My kind regards to my
friends at West Point. I am happy
to hear you say "but one thing is needful"

Mr. Mordecai sends his love to you - He is a good friend - I shall

write him
soon - wish
it was here
now - your own
etc

Head Quarters 3rd Brigade
Bush Hill August 1st 1861

Mr. Mordecai wonders
how I can be so completely engrossed
with my official duties & say so little
about my family particularly when I
have so interesting a family. I told
him it was because I exercised faith
in God, who is able to protect & care
for them & is willing to do so. I do
pray to him constantly for you & Guy
& Grace & little Jamie. I do regard you
all as my sacred little treasures, that
will be kept in store for me
while I am trying to do my duty to
my country. There are untold trials
after a defeat. Every body is sick
in body or in heart. Applications for
leave, resignation & discharges have
been the order of the day for the
last week. Grumbling, fault finding

and charges against my officers
came to me from every quarter.
But thus far my heart has been
light. I try to do my duty as
I have done heretofore & don't worry.
It is a comfort to have Charley near
me. We are still at Mrs. Leister's
house and are well. Thus far I
have found an effectual remedy
for the summer complaint in
something that the doctors laugh
at. I take the white of an egg without
the yolk & stir it in a tumbler of
water & drink it. I think this
has cured me twice. At
any rate I have gotten well -
My horse is getting well gradually -
Sicut Griffin has made me
a present of another horse, a
nice one. I have been into Washington
once since the defeat on business.
When was with me we visited at
Mr. Carrolls. He was getting better

he rode out the day I was there.
I was surprised to find him so
weak. Mrs. Carroll was as
kind & attentive as usual. Mr.
Carroll pays me a great deal
of attention & treats me ^{as if he was} like
my father. I don't know how I
can repay them for their kindness.
You spoke of Mr. Benjamin. I
saw him during the retreat.
He was in the action on the 18th
& fired the first gun. And I believe
he protected our retreat after the
battle of Bull Run. I found
Kirby in rather a critical
place with one caisson that day.
His face was covered with blood
but not his own. Somebody had
fired a ball through his poor
horses' nose & splattered him. I
think of Mrs. Grubb & her dear little
children often & try to remember
them in prayer. I fear I shall

Capt Savage

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Sat 10 Aug 12th 1861

Col O C Howard

Sir Sir

I have recovered my health so as to ride out
in fair weather think I shall be able to
over ease the present work; the bounty for
Tantiak I passed to Department of State
suppose it is sent you for him before
this - I am 40 lbs lighter than when I started
for Washington the 5th of June -
I would like to know if there is now wanted
to take the place of those discharged in 3rd
Reg - if so how they are to be got to Washington
I think there is enough in this vicinity that
would like to go when I return -
Please write

Respectfully & Truly Yours

E. G. Savage

Left Aug 1

Let me Aug 12 1881

Col. W. C. Wood

I have a letter from my mother
 in this letter she says she is well
 and says the present money she has
 wanted to send to the bank for
 the purpose of saving it for her
 children. I am glad to hear of this
 and hope she will be able to do so.
 I am also glad to hear that she
 is well and hope she will continue
 to be so. I am sure she will.
 I am sure she will be able to do so.
 I am sure she will be able to do so.

Respectfully,
 W. C. Wood

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New York
Aug 13/64

Dear Mr Howard

I recd your note,
with the enclosed order for
interest on stock. This
only insurance stock of
Col Howard, that I know
any thing of is in the
Washington Marine Ins Co.
and tomorrow I will go
there & draw the interest.

I am very sorry to
hear that your husband
lost his paper - such
a loss it is hard to replace.
When will he be coming
this way again? May the

good Lord spare him
and bring him back
again to his loved living
ones.

Why can't you come
& make us a visit?

My wife would be so
glad to have you, and
the ^{children} ~~boys~~ ^{children} would scam about
with mine, to their hearts
content.

Your draft for
money shall be honored
when presented.

I hope to have the
pleasure of seeing you
at our place, but if you
cannot give us a visit
let me know when you
pass through the city, so
that I may call upon
you, and if I can be of
any service in shopping
or any other way don't

hesitate to command me,
for it would give me great
pleasure to serve you for
the sake of your noble
husband whom I love
& honor so much.

I shall expect to
hear from you if there is
anything I can do for you.

I am, Sir, very sincerely
John R. Bacon

Aug 14

I enclose you 3 checks
for interest on Insurance
stock & estate.

I wish I had persuaded
the Col to put more money
into that company for he
has received so far for 1 1/2 years
13 1/2 percent interest
J. R. B.

West Point Aug 14, 1861.

My precious Otis

Wednesday Eve.

I must write you part of a letter this evening for I have good news to communicate and quite a number of messages. I got a short letter from Rowland this morning. Eliza has a son. I suppose Rowland would come for her the last of the month. Mrs Gray and Jennie walked up here this afternoon wished to be remembered to you and also Mr Beebe sent a long, affectionate message to you. It is very pleasant to me to have people remember, and speak of you so kindly. Mr Ru has gone to Mrs Beaul's (Roberts) to board. The Grays are to go away before the first of Sept. I see our Mr Bigelow is Consul to Paris. I got a reply to my letter to Mr Bacon and will you believe it forty dollars \$40.00 interest on stock up to date Aug 14th. I will send you his letter. This being "Hop" night Cadet Smith came to see me, and brought me some of his pictures to take to his Mother. He will not ask his brother to come here, as he is not to graduate at present. I would not have troubled you with anything about my getting home, if Charlie had not said that Rowland

Eliza has three teeth

was entitled to a vacation, but thought he could not go to see you and him for want of funds. I thought I could as well pay his fare as anybody's else. I am waiting to learn what you will say. I sent Mr Denton your \$50.00 fifty dollar check or rather check of fifty dollars. to pay his bill of \$43.00 forty three dollars. I left my letter to take, and rock dear little Jamie to sleep just now. I know you would like to kiss his little velvet cheek to night and take a look at us all. I will finish this some other time. hope to hear from you again very soon and from Charlie.

Friday Morning

Dearest. I hoped to get a letter from you this morning, but it seems I did not. I don't believe you can leave ^{without} there may be someone from where you are, going to Maine the last of this month. Don't think because I say so much about it that am worried about getting home. I feel a little disgusted with the world this morning I have been reading different reports of the battle at Bull Run. This one calling the attention of to someone who was very active, another who rendered efficient service to another for

coolness, as if no body else did anything. Every body should have done what they could, and ~~they~~ they would only have done their duty. I am like Mr Thunk. A Brunt for doing one's duty is absurd. I hope you are as well as we are this morning. It is a delightfully cool morning. I have seen no report from you. I am going to the Academic Building to see for the soldiers as soon as I finish this. I hope I can ^{make} ~~do~~ something of service to you and your sick when I get home. Children are playing. Much love to Charlie. Wholly your own
Linnie

I cannot visit Mr Bacon but will see him before I go away.

I will wait my little money for him. I sold the sofa, parlor table, your desk, to Mr Denton, I had to drop two tears when the latter went yesterday. I have my little left to sell. Linnie

Plan for each of us - Do you remember
her Bushnell's sermon?

Do you know anything of McDellens
Religious Character? Will Otis be com.
at Brig: Gen? We hear our del. in Congress

recommended him - with others - If God
puts him forward in place & influence, he
must be more constant in prayer - He
must guard against impulse & try
to act more & more on a system & in
accordance with principle - I hope his
frankness, generosity & entirely democratic
feeling - may still give him influence.
I not detract from the service & duty -
his country expects of him - Nellie &
mother wrote Monday & Tuesday - They are
well - Ella sends her love to each of
you - We will look for Lizzie now
before long -

Mr. Morn: All well this morn - Letter
from home last night - Same there - It
seems we are having trouble in Missouri -
But good bye - God bless you both

Love to
Nellie
& family
all well

Yours
Grafton

Portland

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Farmington Aug 15, 1861

Dear Bro: Charles

I have not succeeded
in getting answers to two questions that
I have asked a no: of times - One is -
"do you want any of the newspapers that
I have"? I will send any of them
if you desire it - if not - most of them
are valuable to keep - I send the
"Mirror" of this week, containing a very well
written acct. of commencement &c - The
other question is whether the ladies of
this town can add anything to your
Hospital stores, & if so, what - One
other thing - I promised our washerwomen
to inquire for her son Alsbury Luce -
private in Scourgean Co: of 8th Reg: - He
thinks he may be in the Hospital with
measles - Can you not see him & give
her some information? Tell him the
& her family are well now - (I saw her at a ^{social} ^{and} ^{meeting} yesterday) - Ella & the
little one are nicely - Mrs. Patten came
Tues: evening & will stay some time - We
propose to call him Daniel Patten now -

We had an excellent prayer
meeting last evening - Jacob Abbott
Lowe (Rev) Lyman & Edw: & Geo: Perkins

were there & took part: Rev. A. Monile
sends his love to Otis: His 2nd little
girl is about a week old - Col. Wiley
of the 5th is his cousin - Delli's declama-
tion is highly commended in the papers -
He is at home now & wrote me a singular
letter about the baby - Dr. Harris preached
two excellent sermons for us last Sab.
In the P.M. On the text "This is your
hour & the power of darkness" - he discus-
ed the principle that Satan is always
active when Christ is - Without alluding
directly to papist priests he thoroughly
treated the whole subject of the war
& its causes - The only question of final
success seems to me to be, Will the
people - on whom rests this Republican
Government - have sufficient self-denial
& pluck - to carry it through? Will
they endure taxes - disappointments, defeats -
will they be willing to suffer terribly
in all ways to sustain our Government?

At present, indications are favorable - the
people do better than their leaders - but
my hope is in Him who turneth
their hearts as the rivers of water
are turned - If He has thus undertaken
to deal with a gigantic moral wrong

& Social Sin - He will provide the
means - It will not do to announce
that the logical result of this terrible
conflict is the abolition of slavery &
temporary material ruin to this Country -
because you thus drive off those who
are willing to wage the war for other
ends - but my mind is settled on
this as the great moral end to be
approached, if not arrived at in this
contest - And this is not an interested
but a merely philosophical view of
the whole matter - We as a nation
are having a cancer drawn out, that
is seated on our very vitals - we may
die in the process - but Gods will be
done - I would prosecute the war till
the Gov. is acknowledged throughout the
Nation - Between this & that, there are
years of sorrow & blood - God give
us strength to do our little part in
His great work! I feel in my soul
that every reverse will only make me
more determined & I sometimes feel
as if I would speak words of encou-
agement & truth - words calculated to
make men cheerfully suffer - into the
ears of this whole nation - God has

I am two miles nearer Alexandria than when I wrote this -

How is Miss
Blanch & Mrs
Sunday school?
My family
Hendersons -

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W. Quarter 8th Brigade
August 15. 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I find it is now eleven o'clock
P.M. but as I am on a General Court Martial tomorrow
and will have little time to write I will just write you
dearling, a few lines on business. 1st. I have got the payment
of Mr Fuller of Augusta put off till I can pay him
at the end of this month. 2nd. I could not think of going
home as delightful as it would be even if I could
get a leave after having refused so many poor
soldiers. I think your plan for the sick a good one -
but don't work, Lizzie, too hard for you have a precious
& absorbing charge in those little ones "Oliver brothers"
around you. You will notice that we have been differently
brigaded. I am the ranking Colonel & am still in command.
but Colonel Sedgwick is assigned to this brigade as ^{actg.} Brigadier
General. I understand that he don't want to come and will
try to effect a change. I made up my mind that I was
to go back to my Regiment. The Regiment is in a bad condition
sully demoralized. They lack clothing & shoes. Half of them
sick & nearly all crying to go home. McSellen's inspector
today found the arms in a wretched condition. I learned tonight
that some of the officers those that I thought much of had been

robbing Clermont, after the command left. I shall
investigate the matter tomorrow. Bishop John's fence
has been used for tent-floorings. Corn & potatoes & vegetables
are used without asking. Now I don't allow these things -
and they keep me in much trouble. Corn if we are
prayed for we keep growing worse & worse. How can the
Lord bless such troops. Poor Charlie is quite ill &
gets poor care from me. He has considerable frore. He is
always a great comfort & help to me. You must
change my direction to 8th Brigade. I should be very glad
if Rowland would come & take you to Maine, if he
could do so. You ask if I could be appointed Brigadier General
without the approval of Congress. Yes, to be confirmed when
Congress met. The other names sent in with mine are
Col Jameson of the 2nd Maine & Major Brewer, paymaster
of the Army. If any influential man should solicit my
appointment I might get it, but I have nothing to say.
Charlie takes care of your letters for me. I hope Charlie
will not have a long turn of illness. It is not best for
me to leave now, Lizzie. Mr Mordecai thinks I have
sweet little children & so do I. God bless them & help them
to grow up to do his will. Good night. My precious wife.
My kindest regards to the Carrolls, Jennies, Charles & Wrens
& all friends. Many times to Lucy & Grace & Sammie.

Very affectionately your husband
Otis



State of Maine.

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HEAD QUARTERS.

Adjutant General's Office,

Augusta, Aug. 15 1861.

Dear Col. — Private
Allen Patridge Company B.
3^d Regt, is quite out of health
& his friends are anxious that
he should have a furlough
for 2 months. If your duties
will permit you to en-
quire of the Surgeon relative
to his condition. I think you
will find his case one de-
serving consideration & you
can safely recommend to
Gen Mansfield that leave
be granted him. —

Yrs truly

John L. Hodsdon

Asst. Genl.

Col W. V. Howard

Comd'g 3^d Regt

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HEAD QUARTERS.
Adjutant General's Office.
Calais, Aug. 15 1861



been lost —
Allen Partridge, Camp 13.
3. Partridge is quite out of health
of his friends are anxious that
he should leave the army
for 2 months. If you could
will permit you to en-
quire of the Surgeon relative
this condition I think you
will find his case one re-
quiring consideration & you
can safely recommend that he
be given a leave.

Yours truly,
John D. Hodgdon
Adj. Gen.

Gen. A. A. M.

Col. O. O. N.

Dear Sir. Allen
Partridge is very poorly & I fear
he will never be able to do
the duties of a soldier
Yours respectfully, H. Palmer