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Dear General,

I have just rec'd your letter, & hasten to express my sincere regret that I should have been the instrument of giving you a momentary pain. I felt it to be my duty to you to tell you frankly & truly what I had heard, & heard of.

I may have erred - I don't know. - But knowing the efforts which had been made (by whom) in favor of Genl Berry, I did not think it advisable that I should attempt to raise an issue between yourself & Genl B. I therefore spoke in terms of praise, as I conscientiously could, of both, & removed as I believe an unfounded im-

me in regard to yourself which I feared might
injure your prospects if not removed. I not only
appealed you right to the Maj. Genl, but visited
upon the country's need of you as such.

Nevertheless, it is true I did not subordinate
Genl. B. to Genl. H. - Rear. under
the circumstances, I thought such course
would help neither, but harm both.

General, I wish you a Happy New Year!
I may not write you again during my official
term, and I must not go out of office
without expressing my earnest thanks
for your many kind replies, and my warm
wishes for your health & happiness.

Genl. O. O. Howard

Yours truly,
J. Westburn

Dear Sir; -

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We are about to publish a Biographical Work under the ~~above~~ title of "The Union Generals" to be illustrated with a large number of line-engraved portraits of the Generals engaged in the present War for the Union. The Book, in neat pocket form, well bound and to be sold at a low price, will be issued in a few weeks.

We beg leave to solicit from you, for this object, a brief sketch of your life, comprising some dates, such as those of your birth, graduation, marriage and various appointments, promotions and other important events - especially those relating to your participation in this War. We expect this book will be sold extensively to the troops engaged in our sacred cause, and trust their zeal, patriotism and energetic support of their worthy leaders may be, if possible, somewhat enhanced thereby.

Please answer immediately, and say whether we may have the sketch from your hand, or, if not, how otherwise it may be obtained. What you can write improvisingly in an hour even, if no more, will be most acceptable and will be very gratefully acknowledged by presenting to you a copy of our book with abundant thanks, and whatever else you may require in our line.

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Dear Sir:-

if there ~~are~~ any Regiments under
your command, without a
Chaplain, and if so, to present
my wishes to those whose duty
it is to make such appoint-
ments, you will confer a favor
upon your correspondent.

I should be happy to serve any
Regiment to the best of my abilities,
and can be prepared to report myself
at camp within two weeks after being
notified, or in less time if desirable. My
age is 47, and health good. Any recommen-
dation's requisite can be furnished, where
required what is required. I would refer
you to Major, J. Allen, Quartermaster
Smith of the 4th Regt. R. I. I. whose
brief acquaintance I have formed.

Your humble servant
Silas S. Cummings
Pascoag, Post Office R. I.
Jun 1st 1863

Brigadier Gen. Horrocks,
Respected Sir,

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This communi-
cation you will perceive, is from
an entire stranger, but nevertheless
I am persuaded that your Christian
urbanity will induce you to
regard its contents favourably. I
have long felt, and still feel anxious,
to do more for the salvation of our
beloved country, than I can possibly
do in my present position, and
I should have been in the volunteer
ranks ere this, had it not been for
the solemn conviction of duty to
devote my time and influence to the
moral and spiritual interest of
mankind. To this work God has
called me, and I do not feel at liberty,
or should be justified in leaving
the work of the Ministry. Ever since
the war commenced, my sympathies
undividedly have been deeply solicited

in behalf of our army, I anxiously desire
to identify myself with the army,
not for the immunities of the office,
but for the work sake, that I may
employ my time and capacities
for the promotion of the moral
character of our brethren and friends
that have left home, with all of
its Sabbath Church going privileges
to save our country from rebel
power. I have given my son to the
cause, a youth of but 18 years, of a pure
Christian character. He is in the
4th Regt. R. I. V, connected with your
Brigade. The last 31 years of my life
have been devoted exclusively to the
work of the Ministry; in the Methodist
Episcopal Church. 14 years of that time
in the Maine Conference, my native
state, the remainder in the N. H.,
and Providence conferences. My present
connection is with the Providence
Conference of the M. E. Church,

and am Pastor of a Church in
Berriethville N. H. Some of my
brethren have frequently said that I
ought to go into the army, that my
familiar turn, and social capacities
were well adapted for usefulness in the
capacity of a Chaplain. But I have
kept the fire concealed, and convictions
of duty hidden as much as possible,
until within a few weeks. I have finally
decided to solicit a Chaplain's
post. I wrote to Gen. Sumner a few weeks
since to know if there were any Regi-
ments in his Division without a
Chaplain. I have since learned that
he had been disabled, and that his
Division was under your com-
mand. I think I have been im-
pressed that the appointment of
the Chaplain was with the
officers of the respective Regiments.
Now General Warren, if it would
be your pleasure, to ascertain

New Years day (& by the way I wish you
a happy New Year) was celebrated ^{here} with
the usual ceremonies - They had a
surprise party at - Mr. Wheelwright
but I had such a cold that I could
not go - I heard that they had a very
pleasant party of some 30 or 40 persons

Matters here at the Sem are more or less
as usual. The older Harlow has just lost
his affianced - a Miss Phillips of Cambridge
a sister I believe of the Phillips we know
in college class of '58 & by the way
have you heard that Sam. King is dead
He died at Augusta some four
weeks ago after a sickness of some
two weeks His disease was Hemorrhage
at the lungs caused by over work in
the apt. bus. office I have seen no
particulars of his death & only heard
of it - by the way & a fortnight after it
took place. As for that furniture
I see by my book that the half of what ^{was}
own is common (including saw, broom, &c. &c. &c.)
was valued at about ten dollars - I shall

I will sell you my half of the
(Barkner, Banning, Latham & Co. carpet-
saw, nails, bowl, Mirror, lamp
&c. &c.) for five dollars.
or if you prefer I will buy
your things at this rate
& pay you besides for the
use of them for the year
Barkner - Dear Harlow
Ben did not move
about a fortnight ago &
has now gone to his
parish in Nt.
I am glad that affair
of the bank is settled
and - you think
England wants to quarrel
with us?
Very Yours Yr. A. Full
I will be disposed of as you request & as
soon as I get a chance to do it -
If I had got your letter a week
earlier I would have done it at
once; for I was out that way &
as it was, was half inclined to go
to Jay (not to speak of anything beyond
them) but did not - Another time I
shall be sure to go through & will
take your trunk w. me
My business out that way was to proceed
at Bath - Had a very good day there
stopped at Dr. Putnam's close by Capt.
Patten's but did not call there Ed. Reed
& his sisters came in & spent the
evening Saturday at the Drs. & we

had a very nice time. Saw also
lots of Bowdoin boys & among
the rest John Weeks came into
church in the P.M. Monday morn.
I called on him but he had just-
started for N.Y. - so said his mother
so I did not get a chance to speak
to him - They have no regular
minister there now but are talking
of settling a Mr. Dwight. Perhaps
to the Dr. If they do not, possibly
I may go out there again -

From Bath I went up to Lewistown
to see Sis. This was the first
time I have seen her since her
conversion - You may judge how
much pleasure I enjoyed with her
She is very happy & has a clear
evidence I think of her hope -

On my way back I had some
two hours at Brunswick which
I spent in calling upon my old
boarding-mistress & Miss Jewell Giff

Her father has the same old spider-
in-his-net look that he used to wear
As it was vacation time I saw
none of the students & only Prof.
Smyth of the faculty - He was as
full as his grimaces & kinks as
ever -

On my way from there the
cars got so delayed that there was
no hope of making a connection
at Kendall's Mill, so I took
occasion to stop at Augusta
& see the sights & make some
calls - Fell in with Capt. ^{and} Stevens
& he showed me around through the
13th encampment - & I got a chance
to see something of the Cavalry &c &c
so on the whole I made quite
an excursion of it - Last Sat.
I was down to Orland & saw
that Miss Buck - she is looking
very well indeed as though she
might be good for another walk

going away very soon. Please
ask your Mamma to let me
have your pictures as soon as
it is convenient. Kate's Grand-
mother sends her love to all
of you. Give Miss Grace and
Janey my love and remember
me to your Mamma and
Grandmother. I hope you
will write to me very soon
again as I shall be anxiously
expecting to hear from you.

Good bye and I trust you
will ever remember

Susan

Address, Care H. S. Carroll Esq
Clerk of Supreme Court
Washington
D. C.

Washington Jan 2^d 1862

My darling Guy
I suppose you
think I am very unkind
for not answering you
any welcome and long expected
letter before now. But you
must not think so for I have
been very busy since I came
here. I suppose your
Papa has told you in
some of his letters of my
being in Washington.
I was not at West Point
when I got it. I was here
some time. I had given
up expecting a letter from

you when I get it and
I know you would
write very often to me
if you had any idea what
pleasure it gives me to
get a letter from my darling
little Guy. I was speaking
once only to your Papa since
I came. They talked a great
deal about you and said
he would like to see you
very much. I wish you were
in Washington now Guy
while I am here. Very and
I could have such a nice
time together. I think of
you very often and also of
Grace and that dear little
Croque-Jammy. I was glad to
hear he had not forgotten
you. His Post-Boy thinks
I should like very much to see

him. I am big now in a
handkerchief. He will forget
Susan. But I trust you
won't and as for Grace I know
you will speak often of me.
Oh yes so she will remember
too. Your Papa read your letter
and laughed when he read
about Jammy. I hope I shall
see him soon again. Guy
while I am speaking. Oh your
Papa I forget when I am and
think I am on West Point
again. He is very well and
has grown a great deal stouter
than he was you sent.
I think what a big fat Papa
you got now. I am living
with Kate's Grandmother
now and just with her
Mamma. They are both here
yet but I think will be

remembered him, I received the
'Herald' from Charlie. I think
a hint is the best to write it. I
I have seen none of letters from
"Howard's Brigade" in the Boston journal
and week before last. I have not
seen every paper this week though.
You must not get home sick, Dearest
when you can't come home. Why, I
don't know what I should do if
you are going to get down hearted.
I have never had any thought of going
up Mr. Farnell's house. I have not
said anything about Aunt's going to
Farmington with me. Don't know
as I would want her to. I will
think it over. I will not write more
to-night. I have not read the paper
and don't know the news, only what
Aunt Betsey read aloud. She ran in a
moment as my came home with the paper.
Your ink sketches amuse the children
very much. We would be glad to
see you home when it is best for you
to come. With that night not so long
Yours ever. Lizzie

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Auburn Jan 3. 1862

My dearest Otis

I was very happy
to get a letter from you this
evening, but the first line gave
me quite a start. That "this is
probably the last letter I shall
write you ^{imagined you about to go} this year, I ^{separation after} generally
take my letters, so if the address
is in your hand writing, tear open
the envelope and begin reading
the first line without looking
at the date, and even sometimes
not stopping to see if it is addressed
to me: this was the case to-night.
My heart was comparatively at
rest as soon as I read the next
sentence. I am sorry I wrote
you about Gay now, for he is
already very well, goes out to slide

and don't seem to mind
the cold. Cousin Fanny is quite
a favorite and he visits her
often and Aunt Betsey ~~often~~.
How do you think I got my
mail? Guy goes to the P.O.
every afternoon at half past three
(just after the cars get here) and to
the Book store, which is next door
to the P.O. for the daily paper, (Boston
Journal). I was out with him one day
and waited on the side walk while
he crossed the street and went into
the P.O. office alone. I wanted to see
how he asked and what he would
do. So I heard his little voice
"any letters for Mrs C. H. Howard?" he
soon came out not seeing me. I had
walked on a few steps. he called.
"Mamma, where are you, I have got one
for myself." It was from Uncle Rowland,
describing the Christmas tree. Fanny, Grace
Guy and I went out together one afternoon

I wanted to get him an over coat, tried
for one ready made ^{but} couldn't, and
finally had him measured. I shall
go for it to-morrow. Grace will have
her new hat (brown beaver with feathers
and velvet ribbon). they have them
because they go to church and need them
while here and will need them at
Fanny's too also. I don't want to
tell you but I must. what Grace
said. "Papa writes Guy all the letters
and don't write me any". I reminded
her of your answer to her "I love papa".
but that didn't quite do. then I told
her. I really thought some day Guy
would bring a letter to her. a long
letter from pa-pa. she reads in
three letters. I took them out day
before yesterday and got them both
each a book. Guy has his nearly
through already. Fannie is very well.
Col. Gilmore stay'd here last night
on his way home from Portland. Fannie

Epworth Dubuque Co Iowa Jan. 4, 1864
Friend Homer -

Was glad to hear from
you - Did not know as the Hornard
of Bull Run was the of M.R. - Thought I
would ask the matter - Sent a line -
Recognized the hand with a
glance - I did not intend to give
up the ship where I last saw you -
Have been very thankful a number
times that the faculty of the Point
came to the conclusion that one
broun was not fit for a Soldier -

Am glad to
hear of your good luck & fat babies -
Have remained single & think there
is a fine prospect of so remaining for some
time yet - Have been urged by
many to try for a situation in the Iowa
Regiment & believe I could have
obtained one easily - Did not wish it -
Do not think I shall at any future time
but may in the Spring -

There are some
things I am quite anxious to know -
I am certain you can tell me -

How many of our
Class are on the Rebel side & who
are they? Please Inform me if you
can do so without too much trouble -
There are some boys from the South
to everything one could wish I am glad to
to believe them with Jeff & Co - Where
is J.B. Williams, Santell, Meier,

3 4 5 6 7 8
Wade, Treanell, Durand & in
fact all the good fellows with whom
we were acquainted in our Class &
out of it - If you can find time
to tell me I will feel under every
obligation to you -

Honored, to what
gigantic proportions this war has
grown - You remember I was a
Democrat once - I have acted & voted
with the now dominant Party since
its existence - Believe this war
could have been, ought to have
been closed months ago - Some one
man or set of men have blundered -

Tell me if
compatible with your Position as a
Genl, what you think of the future,
the probable length of the war &c -

I would like
to hear your opinion on this subject.

I thank you for
your willingness to assist my
brother if in your power to do so - I
do not feel enough acquainted with
Colonel to ask a favor -

Please write
me so soon as convenient & tell me
all about the Boys & oblige your
friend -

A Happy New Year to
you & your Family -
Yours truly
L. P. Brown

Charles's letter
the first
in 1862.

11 A.M.
Jan. 4, 1862 -

My dear Mother Fifty dollars
I enclose a
(\$50) for father's use if he
chooses or for you or
if you desire it. At any
rate I don't care to keep it
here & I can send another
\$50 in a few days - It might
be an interest perhaps - If
Father could get a deed of
Roland's home or Thomas' I
could certify that I owned
one without troubling the
conscience of any one - Will
father see if he can arrange
something of the kind - I have
directed that my trunk containing my
box which contains father's note be sent
to Leeds 1st opportunity - Very affectionately yours Charles.

O. O. H.
Jan 4, 1862
Camp. California

Head Quarters 1st
Brigade Summer Dis.
Near Alexandria Va
January 4th 1862

My dear Mother

Charles has
agreed to write Lizzie this
morning & I will try to write
you. We are both in good
health and still in the same
place as when I last wrote. On New Year's
day we had a very pleasant time in
the Rhode Island Regiment. The
commissioned officers presenting a
sash, pair of shoulder straps & an
opera - or reconnoitering glass to
their Colonel. I was present &
much pleased with the remarks
of the Colonel & Captain. I
addressed them a few words. The
next day they were ordered to

Annapolis. They join the
Expedition of General Burrows.
Much to my sorrow, for it
was a prime Regiment and
a Rhode Island one at that.

Charlie & I went to Washington
yesterday and secured the
promise of the 64th N.Y.
in the place of the 4th R.I.

We went to see General Casey
at a Court Martial & he invited
me to dine with him at
3 P.M. Char. & I went & found
Professor Wier & John Wier Char.
friends. They came on to
attend Henry Wier a son of the
Professor through an attack of
~~typhoid~~ ^{typhoid} fever. Poor fellow. He
is very low, but they think
now that he will recover. I hope
so. We called upon General Sumner
at Washington yesterday. He is still fairly

can just sit up in an easy
chair for a few minutes. I
hope he will soon be better.

General Sumner is a very
emphatic man. a good soldier.
He requires nothing of his men
but he is willing to undergo
himself. Char. & I drew our

gray yesterday. He thinks
of sending you a portion for
clarity. Give much love
to father I must go to
"The Board of Examination"

There are so many to do
in the front part of my
chest I can hardly write

You must pray for me
that my heart may be
kept right. My kindest
regards to all my friends.
I had a letter from Lizzie
last night. Affectionately
Otis

Head Quarters 1st Brigade
Camp California
Jan. 4 1862

My dear Lizzie

I had such a good time
in Washington yesterday that I must
certainly tell you about it. This & I
rode over in the morning. We take
a straight course now to Long Bridge-
his first to Ft. Worth which is just above
us to the North on the crest of the
hill - then to the Theat. Seminary which
is used as a hospital and where Gen. Ken-
ney has his Hd Qrs. about 1/2 mile fur-
ther - We pass along by the N.Y. Regt.
which the late Col. Jackson of Troy com-
manded - We pass several other Camps -
At one we saw a Bethel - tent - (But
we are going to build a log chapel) -
We passed the 5th Maine. By the way
Col. Jackson ^{of the 5th} called upon us a few days
ago with two young gentlemen from Lew-
iston by name Lockwood. The Col. had
just returned from a far tour.

As we rode along this companioned a

little of Cold fingers. Before we left Washington last night he got a pair of warm mittens - buck-skin, with one finger which proved effective to keep out the cold in coming home.

John went with us. We went first to Gen. Casey's Aid Pk. We had lost our best Regt. the day before the 4th Regt. I. Burnside had got it detached from us to go with his expedition. Otis was greatly disappointed at this. Col. Rodman came at 1 o'clock A. M. to our tent & said a dispatch by telegraph had reached him ordering him to report immediately at Annapolis - Otis could not sleep much more that night.

But Gen. Casey's Asst. Adj. Genl told us about the troops remaining at Washington from which we must draw a Regt. to fill the vacancy in our Brigade. We thought somewhat of the 11th Maine but soon we went across the street to see Gen. Casey himself who was president of a Court Martial.

I had never seen the Gen. before. He looks quite old. His hair is white & thin.

He is a small man - mild and quiet
in manner & looks - Oth not down
by him & conversed in a whisper. He
seemed glad to see him. The notorious
Col. Kerrigan was on trial. He is a
remarkable man in his features & person-
al appearance. You would think him
a Poet or Artist. His hair is jet black
his complexion pure - Each feature finely
chiselled - A Mustache highly cultivated - an
eye Black & sharp - Forehead not very broad
but high - He wears his hair long - Is tall & erect.
You will remember he is also a member
of Congress.

Gen. C. decided Oth on leaving the
64th N.Y. ^{Col. Port} and ordered it to report here
today - It has been drilled a month
or two & yet is comparatively raw - Gen. C.
thought this the best. The 11th Me. had
200 sick & besides had just gone into
Winter Quarters. Gen. C. invited Oth
to dinner at 3 P.M. and to our great
joy said that Capt. Wier would be there.
We called upon him. Sumner found him able
to sit up - He was very kind in his demeanor

toward us - We called upon Lot Morris
Senator & then saw his brother Aaron P. We
M. C. & soon Mr. Farwell came in - Even
Otis is trying to get Prof. Whittier, when
appointed & assigned to him as Commissioner with
He has little hope of success tho' & Otis
Prof. W. said he would come if appointed. I shall

We got to Gen. C's about 3 - Mrs. Capt.
C. soon came into the Parlor - She has her mother
paralyzed - I should think that ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~time~~ ^{time} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~beautiful~~ ^{beautiful} - We found that Henry Weir
was very low at Maj. Webb's and to the pro
our great surprise & gratification learned to our
that Johnny Weir was in the city night -
Soon Prof. W. came in & not long we had
after Johnny - He hardly knew me -

Mrs. Casey also about the same time &
two other young ladies - Another family than
the house with Gen. C. (Mr. Everette) ^{Bessie} Mrs.
C. is very beautiful - black eyes - black hair &
very sweetly features - bright & intelligent -
Johnny & I had a grand time but he looks
noble from constantly watching over Henry & before
at the bedside of Verplank - The latter is quite well
Henry is still delirious but they have hopes
well - I hope visit us in Court if his brother
recovers.

P. We left Gen. Lee's about dark. Johnny
 came along a few doors to Maj. Webb's
 when we parted - We soon met John
 with the horns - Went down street
 to St. Croix's work - "Army Officer
 & his Companion" and another little one by
 Capt. Cooper, "Field Evolutions &c". He got also
 another fine book - a little longer than
 the two he got before, one of which he
 gave to me - Price the same \$15.00 -
 He presented Capt. Sewell with the mate
 to mine & returned the one he got last
 night. The Capt. was highly pleased -
 We had a dark night to come back in

and it was snowing a kind of sleet. The
first snow we have had since the night
I came here. There is less than an inch
but it is snowing more vigorously this morning.
The Capt. is loud in his praise of his robe
this morning. We took some tea after
we got back & ~~the~~ ^{the} Oth found that his
new Robe was long enough to cover feet
& chin completely & of course had a fine
slap. I can't tell you how happy
was to see Johnny. Have you happy
about Miss Fanny Ann's book - The
is building a house - Expects to buy
the proceeds of the book - Good many
among the officers & their wives at Fort Point.

Mr. Casey also about the same time &

I enclose a draft on N.Y. for \$200.00

Young man. I got a paper
from Father today & he
got a long letter from
Rowland. He represents ^{some} is
as sickly as Farmington
now. mentions a case
of dyspnoea. I saw
Mr Farwell yesterday
but did not have time
to go to see Mrs Farwell.
Did not go to Mr Correll's.
I wish you would write
Susan. If I liked to part
with it I would send Guy's
last letter, to Susan. I am
glad Guy & Grace love the
Sunday school. Guy must
not study too much. I
went him to get Feb. & May
checks. Much love to Andy
to Eva & Minnie. I can
understand how Grace
prefers the doll & Bessie to
the sled.

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I expect to have the 6th N.Y. Regt. I liked Guy &
Grace Sunday
School. I
delivered a
sermon at
Guy's
house last
night. I
went to
see
the
Head of the 1st
Regiment
of the
1st
Division
of the
Army
in
1862
I got a letter from you
last night after my or rather
our return from Washington.
And I was glad on account
of it that I came "home". This
is a curious place to call
home. It was a cheerful
letter written after you had
got the first one of mine
directed to Auburn. The one
before that spoke of Guy's
disposition to discontinue & of
Grace's run round & of Lizzie's
come back made me fear
that the next letter might
not be quite so cheerful. I
hope you may remain well

and keep "young" for it some-
times happens, that "sick old
men" like me have young
nerves. I was never in better
health than now - in good
flesh - I have the control of
that Board of Examination &
can consult my convenience
as to adjournments. The
command of the Division
has been devolved on
Genl McIntzelman - I
think Genl French has no
feeling about my ranking
him. He is a man of
considerable talent & much
experience - He always
treats me with respect & cordiality.
I feel very sad that Genl
Burnside got away from
me the 4th R.I. The Chaplain
Mr Flanders an Episcopalian

was my favorite Chaplain -
a most worthy, steady &
active Christian. The 61st
N.Y. has a good Baptist Minister
but he has gone home with
the measles. I should say.
I am convalescing after having
partially recovered. The
Measles & Mumps are
gradually progressing
through the Brigade. Genl
Miles is just coming down
with the fever. Are you
glad I have had them
under a red flag? Mr Miles
said when I gave you
regards to Capt S. & to
Charlie. Tell her it won't
do for her to forget me -
I hope he will have
a good time with the
disease. He is a very worthy

Pres. & South Carolina - The action of
Mag. Anderson in ^{the} Charleston Fort
mills with the warmest commendation
from all - Warren Lathrop is
spending his winter in Maine - He
recently sent his order for his pay,
and it was sent back unpaid, with
the answer that there was no money
in the Treasury - I suppose you
are in the same situation -
Roland's family appear to be well -
Laura & Uncle Ensign have lost
their adopted son, by its mother
getting married and walking off with
it - Aunt Laura was at meeting
today as mother says - She is now
getting quite smart - What have
you named the little one? Please
let us know, we are getting quite anxious.
My love to Lizzie and Guy - A kiss
for Grace and the baby -
Please try to write me as long -
Your last letter was received at home
with much pleasure a day or two
since - Affectionately yours Bro. Dell -

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Leds Jan. 6. 1862

My dear Brother,

I came away from my
school last week - I had a set of
barbarians to deal with and finding I was
making sorry work I concluded to give
it up and come home - In a word I
made a perfect failure - I had a much
different set of boys from those whom
Charles taught - I had something such a
school as your friend Mr. Townsend
had in our school house, some years ago -
I did not leave however, till I had tried
the virtue of the beach wood which
grew in the rear of the school house -
I found Charles at Bangor enjoying
his course of study hugely and in
better health than he had been before
for years - He is getting strong and
vigorous, a perfect Lamson in his
way - He lifted some 500 pounds

The day I spent with him - He attends the Gymnasium regularly and I found he was one of "the strong men" of the establishment - I began to feel very proud of my brother's physical powers - I hope he may not do too much - I think that he is very careful however - Father met me at the depot - He is now quite lame, having had a slip on the ice - His lower limbs are rather stiff and he goes about with much difficulty - He is, however, improving. I can see that he has gained since I came home - Mother is quite well - Much more so than she was when I was at home at Thanksgiving time - #

The cavity upon her limb has healed over and she experiences but a very little inconvenience from it - She and Father went to church today and I remained at home to keep house and keep the fires going -

Matters in Leeds as far as Religion is concerned are in a most deplorable condition - Some difficulty is found in collecting the money due the ministers and bell-ringers - Some of the most wealthy men do not do anything for the support of preaching, while others pay but a small amount - Some men of money pay one dollar each as I learn from Mr. Bury, one of the Committee who has just gone from here - Mr. Chapin has agreed to live on \$250 per annum and I fear he may not get all that - Mother admires Mr. C. very much and I think that the people generally like him pretty well, yet some feel disposed to find some fault - I should fear, that if a man suited every^{one} in Leeds he did not due his duty to them or heaven -

The people here are very much interested in the political matters of the day, especially the doings of the

The Baptist & H. M. B. Houses of worship
are now closed & my labors increased
in consequence - O if my faith & love were
only half I could do ten times as
much - They have delayed making up
my Subscription this year & Providence
may indicate a change - I wish to
leave myself in the hands of God -

If called to a Chaplaincy - I would
try to go & do my duty - Give much
love to Charles & kindest Christian
remembrance to Capt Small -

Yr aff. Bro:

R. B. Howard

Prison women have
sent the money to
you but he did
not know how to
send it if
you do direct

Farmington Jan 6. 1862

Dear Oles

We have entered upon a new
year - shall we see its close? "Watch &
pray for ye know not the day nor the
hour when the Son of man cometh" - A
sudden death of a young noble young man
(of Diptheria) has startled us a little - I
trust he is with his Saviour - Tell Charles
two of those Marvell boys are sick of
the same disease - Yesterday was our col-
dest day - but quite a no. were at meet-
ing & Communion - Eight joined the
Church by letter, none on profession - I
preached A. M. on "He found us in a
desert place" & c. & c. 32. 10 (I believe) P. M.
on the words of Pilate "Behold your King"
and tried to lead Jesus out as Pilate
led him, but with a different mo-
tive - This being the first Monday of the
year we have had Union prayer meetings
this P. M. & evening - rather thinly attended.

But my heart was made glad by a
sick neighbor - I went ~~at~~ⁱⁿ & found him
literally rejoicing in Christ - He is a very re-
served & silent man usually - but Jesus
was so precious to him today as to make

him speak words of heavenly wisdom
& love = It was like the joy of a new convert =
I fear he will die = Cousin Sarah Woodman
(Warren's wife) called this P.M. = He has sent
her \$1000 - wh. she left with me & wh.
I will dispose of as you & Lizzie decide =
I suppose Warren wishes it endorsed on
his note = It is in gold - & gold is
increasing in value - Shall I keep it,
deposit it in our Bank, or send it to
Lizzie? I have not heard from her
& the children since I wrote Charles =
I hope to go down & see them by & by =
Ella & baby are well & have just gone
to bed - Baby grows - pulls hair & noses -
wonders with his eyes - & follows us around
with them - is very "cunning", "lucet" &c = I
wrote Gay an acct. of our Christmas Tree
for the L.S. = Daniel had a silver mug from
his Grandpa Patten & various other things =
I had a fur collar & \$4 - I have written
Cousin S. W. & talked with her today a little
in regard to her spiritual interests = She
seems "interested", that is all = Let us pray
for her - She is truly an amiable & lovely
person = Poor Sarah ^{Sargent} is in a "heap of
trouble" = Ella & I called there this evening =
Frankie is just recovering from measles

& the other three are sick ^{of them} & Sarah quite
worn out = I have been down before today
& tried to do some things for her = The children
are as well as we could expect - are delighted
with their new year presents from Uncle Perry
of two nice sleds, wh. they think came from
Va = Capt Pillsbury has called there but I
have not seen him since his return = Aunt
Ellen Otis married her hired man, Ruel
Williams, last Wednesday! He has worked
for her two years & I have heard nothing
against him - He has settled a part of
her property upon him = I hear by the
way of Mrs Sea: Page of Halliwell = Our
Leeds friends seem fast passing away - 4 have
gone this winter - Mrs Turner, Eunice Francis,
Dea. Palmer & Veranus Lathrop - three of them
members of that little church = Saw John Otis
this morn: his family are at Leeds - His
Religion is likely to suffer from his employment
wh. leads him to labor on the Sab = & prayer
meeting evenings = I am glad to hear that
you have been relieved of the annoyance of the
Dir & would like to know how = I am very
glad that Lizzie & the children can have
religious privileges at Auburn = I used
to regret that deprivation at Leeds =
Bro. Monill leaves here & goes to Auburn
to supply the Baptist Church this week =

that he might endorse
it on Warren's note - & it
will make such disposal
either by depositing in Bank
here or sending to you as
he or you may direct -
Hope my dear little

nephews & niece are
well - & their Mother
too - The funeral will
be Friday - I hope
Mother will come up
today - Uncle Ensign was
here & has gone to Leeds

Today -

many kisses for
the little ones from their
loving Uncle Richard

Harmington Jan. 8/62
Dear Sister Lizzie

Sarah is again
deeply afflicted & our hearts
are all very sad over the
death of dear little Fannie.

He fell peacefully asleep
in Jesus about 3 O'clock
this morning - I was with
him when even his poor
Mother could not bear
to be there - He was sick
a week of measles - but
we thought there was nothing
alarming till 24 hours
before he died - It seemed
as if a terrible fever affected
brain, lungs & bowels &
nothing could stop it - He
often called for Uncle
Percy in his delirium

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He was of a mild char-
acter - He was not conscious,
or did not recognise even
his mother for some hours
before he died - He would
call loudly for "Papa, Papa!"
He did not seem to
suffer very much - Sarah
hears it like a Christian
mother - the baby is quite
sick of the same disease
& her attention is partially
diverted by his care - Frank
is about recovered & Otis
does not seem very ill -
Let us pray for poor
Sarah =

Mrs Warren Woodman
called here day before
yesterday & left \$100 -
in gold for Otis - I
note him immediately

our visit - to Alexandria last
night. We went to the house
of Lieut Ferguson. the "Depot
Mastermaster". Mrs F. came out to
stay a fortnight. but has stayed
in October. A Mrs Sturtevant
and daughter a nice young
lady with many books & who
sing and staying with Mrs
F. Mrs Sampson was in there
last night to tea, we found.
After quite a pleasant call
of an hour. Mr F.
accompanied us to show us the
way to Mrs Thompson's. We found
her in a boarding house. Miss
Thompson was there. but little
Fanny was left at home in N.Y.
Mrs Thompson looks a little
pale. She has a baby a month
younger than Fannie you know.
She is the same good woman
ever. I thought Thompson did ^{was}
seem quite so cordial as he used to -

Head Quarters 1st Brigade
June. 8th 1862

My dear Lizzie

Otis has not re-
turned from Reville. Last night
he & I visited Alexandria at my
suggestion - I wished to call upon
Miss McRuer of Bangor and
daughter of Dr. M.H. Brigade
Surgeon to Sedgwick. Otis was
"concerned" about the letter which
he wished to write you to go in
this morning's mail. I did
not tell him I would write for
him and do not intend to
but if I begin he can at least
add a few words and a letter
will start today. He may tell
you about our cases last
night. It was clear and cold
and the moon was shining very
brightly. We trotted along sometimes

socially, sometimes mutely for
some distance. It is about
3 miles into Olev.

A new Regt came yesterday to
supply the place of the R. I. 4th
The 64th N. Y. Col Parker. He
seems to be a serious minded
man of middle age - somewhat
more grey than Otis. He has
a brother who is his Commissary.
He & his Lt. Col. (Bingham) took
dinner with us yesterday. This
Regt. has not been much drilled.
It is not very full - It was
raised in Western N. Y. - One
company at Owego.

It was pretty cold work pitching
Camp yesterday - We have a
little snow - half inch or so.

Otis & Capt. Small have now
come in & say the 64th did
not appear at Revelli; neither

officer nor man. We heard
heavy firing before we got up
& while dropping down the River.
We hope Brumfield has sailed &
is blowing up some of the Rebel
batteries but can hardly believe
he has got off without its being
published all over America.

I will not take up Otis' "room" - Did
he tell you what a good ^{Monday 30th} ~~progr-~~
meeting we had Sabbath night; & that
Prof. Chauncey was here ^{Monday 30th} & that we
took tea with Mrs. Jamison & saw
Mrs. J. calling also upon Mrs. Heintzen
and Mrs. Sedwick? Much love to
Mary, Grace & kids & sweet family.
Very Affectionately yr. br. Charles -
Dover.

It is funny for me
to fill up a letter to you that
another has begun - but Charlie
has left now. When he mentioned

Head Quarters, January 10, 1862

My dear little daughter

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Papa got Mamma's letters with a good one from Grace. He is very glad she is going to be such a nice little girl. Papa had a present today of a little dog. His name is Castor. The giver's name is Carlos, an Italian; who has come to blow the bugle for papa. The dog is lying on papa's wash box; near the wash basins: papa sends a picture with this letter. Mamma is very good to give Grace so many things, a bureau, a doll, a new hat with a feather and a velvet ribbon. Gracie goes to the Sunday School? Does she ever hear of the Saviour? Does she love him? Shall I bring Castor home when I go? Give much love to dear Mamma and Guy. Kiss Jamie boy and tell him not to forget papa. Who plays with Grace, Guy or Minnie? Is Guy getting to be a large boy? He goes to the Post Office and asks for letters and I think must be quite a little man.

Good night my darling child
May God bless you and make
you always a good girl and
papa's loving little daughter.

Your own papa;
O.O. Howard

To

Gracie Howard
Auburn Maine

Charles F. Foly.



Papa's present.



Papa's valise



Buck skin

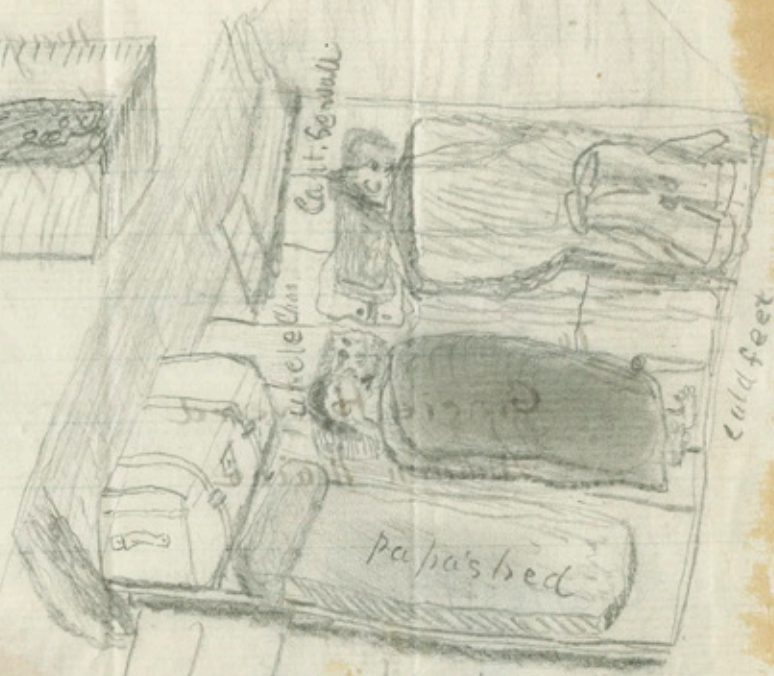


Papa's new one fingered Mittens

Capt. Sewall calls



Papa's Cal



Papa's bed

Wheeler

Capt. Sewall

Calfeet

O.G. Howard

Mr. Miles's child

My dear Mr. Garrison - Many thanks to Mr. Chubb
for your letter to me
I am glad to hear
May God
bless you
affectionately
Yours
J. W. Brown

Head Qrs. 1st Brigade

Sumner's Division Jan 10. 1862.

Dearst Lizzie

I expected I should
get a letter from you yesterday but
did not. I am in hopes the next
letter will say my is hearty & his
cheeks getting rosy and Grace's
finger has got well of its
"run round". I believe Jamie shows
no traces of the scarly fever, does
he? How has Aunt Sarah managed
out to get along lately? Does she
still enjoy her religion. I am
glad to hear you speak so well
of Eva & Minnie. I's brother with
his mother. You must give him
my kindest remembrances.
(coming). Since I began the above I
have received just the news I asked

for. Your good long letter with
Grace's darling little letter enclosed.
I have written her a letter tonight
with sundry illustrations. I expect
she will be amused at it. I
was on the "Examining Board" today.
We examined eight Captains &
two Lieutenants. It is some work
but you know I am used to
work of that kind at West Point.
Capt Sewall sent his regards just
as he lay down a few minutes
ago & said he thought I had
gained ten pounds: so much
for health. Ellen has a cold &
throat a little sore. Mr Miles is
quite sick with the measles &
Capt Sewall Judge Advocate
of a Gen'l Court Martial.
Charlie wanted me to say
to you he did not write such
a piece as that in the Herald

where he is called My Son.
I don't think you could have
thought he did. I have forbidden
him to praise me in any

price he ~~may~~ write. Warren
Woodman sent one hundred dollars
to his wife intended for me -

She gave it to Rowland & he
wrote me to know what he
should do with it. Would you
make another warrant of the
money to buy what she pleases?
or would you put it in a

deposit? Our possessions might
get shaken if we had a war

with England. I am glad to hear
you clothe yourself & the children
above all let them be dressed

warm. It has been raining & warm
the last three days - so kindly you
can hardly step - the 64th Regt. have
come in & taken the place of the

Rhode Island Regiment. I hear that
that Aunt- Ellen has married her
her Coachman. It seems to
surprise her friends very much.

The little dog that Carlos gave me
will grow to be a very
large one tell Guy - He has spent
some time in my tent today. I
have sent him to Carlos's tent to
stay with his mother. Henry
Mullock has a nice little kitten
that sometimes comes in & pays
us a visit. I think Jamie would
like to have her soon. Tell Guy
of my horse looks like a zebra -
is so striped & spotted. I exchanged
the one Capt. Sewall let me have
for him. I must now wish
you good night. My previous
wife. I am glad we can
look to a common Father &
that we must sooner or later be

but he promised to visit me &
see them with me some time &
vice versa. He is to go for Mr. Thompson
to & ride with him to camp. She
must be much interested to inquire
how all change you & the children.
She is rather lonely in Alexandria
but thinks, that while her
husband is so near she may
as well stay. He sleeps in
town every night. He says he
knows it is unwholesome to
have his wife there, but he
can't help it. It makes me
wish I could see you & the
children to be their old friends.
but I think we can do best
off. The men can be some
prospect of new meetings &
partings. You spoke of Guy
having indigestion in the letter
next to the last, but in the
last letter you did not say if he

was better. Professor Wier says, how
is Guy? Poor Henry Wier was very
low when we were there but
we have not heard since. Mrs
Thompson Fanny's mother thinks
Grace must have gotten to be
quite a young lady. Yesterday
I had the front part of our tent
floored. & put up a new tent.

We are now very comfortable.
I have one of the skins of
robes to sleep in. I turned over
mine to Capt Sewall & bought
one called the hide of a "Chimicker"
I don't know anything of such
a fur! It is nice & warm &
large. My kind regards to
Aunt Sarah & Joe & Minnie - Many
kisses to the little ones & a "God bless
you" darling to your self.

Affectionately
your husband
Jas

through Mrs. Robby, that she was building
a house, but they said nothing to me.
I will visit her anywhere as you said once.
I believe I should not want her to have any
connection with me, she would lead
us all, as I know she would if she should
undertake it. Prowland has returned from
the L. School concert, and here is a whole
family - all the members here. I fear
they don't realize all their blessings, as
I told Ella, I have looked out the
window more since I have been up
here, than I have done before for
some time. I have not heard from
you since I got Charlie's letter.
I may have one sent from Auburn
tomorrow. I think of visiting Cadet
Smiths tomorrow, and not returning
to Auburn till the next day. How
much I do want to see Jamie,
I don't write you as often as I must
and I wish I could get a letter from
you every day. I want to write more, but
with talking and writing I have let all

hope you will soon.
Guy has returned with
the measles but
the other came
down and now
he is better. I
will see where I
may be you have not heard
of the sad cause of my coming here
Cousin Sarah has lost her dear little
boy Timmie, he died last Wednesday
morning, of measles, all the children
have been sick. Otis has recovered.
Frankie getting better, but the Baby is
still quite sick. I didn't know how
I could come up here at first but after
wards I felt as if I must. and as Guy had
had the measles I took him with me.
I came Thursday, and now I suppose
Gammie is nearer isn't it too bad? I can't
bear to think of it. Aunt Sarah told
me to stay away from him, and perhaps
it is best. Sarah bears her affliction just

as we all ought, with Christian
resignation to the will of God.
I was there to help her yesterday, but
have not been to see her to day.
Warren Woodman's wife came to the
funeral, and is staying a few days
with Sarah. She is really a very agreeable
person, and very lady like, and congenial.
She gave Rowland \$100. or toward paying
for the horse that she had received
from her husband. I told Rowland
I would take it and then you need
not send me more at present. Is
that the way you think I ought to do?
I was glad to learn the horse was not
lost as first reported. I have not
written to you for some ^{time}. I think I have
written but once since New Year's.
I have been waiting for Gen Burnside's
expedition to sail, and have felt a great
deal of anxiety lately. I have been think-
ing that might affect you, Dearest, but

I didn't know how either. It left
Hampton Roads' the 9th. I shall read
everything I can get in the shape of news
and newspapers now, for a while
at least, and pray God may overrule
all for good. I think Charlie deserves
a good, long letter from me, in answer
to his most welcome letter to me.
I was so glad to hear from him - about
Johnnie Win - West Point, - and especially
Jeanie Gray's book. I am perfectly astounded
do you know anything more about it?
You must tell me if you ever hear
any more. I am going to write
to Mrs Blunt soon. I cannot delay
hearing from West Point much longer.
Where is Mr Blunt? When I called to
say good bye to Mrs Wheeler she asked me
if I knew what Jeanie had undertaken
for she (J) told her "if I succeed in what
I have undertaken I hope to have a
nice little home of my own." I heard,

have a cold & am a little
hoarse - I don't think I shall
grow very old before I get home.
How is it with you darling, shall
I have a young wife when I get
them? I expect you will be
young. How did you like
his letter? Does Garrison look
picturesque or well as you used to?
Charles has written mother a
long letter tonight of six pages
letter paper size. Have you
written to Susan? I have not seen
nor heard of Susan since the wedding.
Have you written her or heard
from her. Capt Sewall has
come in how we must read
& go to our "boards"

My God bless you all
Don't forget to remember me to
Aunt & the children ^{your loving} husband & the

Head Master's Brigade 62
Summer Division Jan 14th

My dearest Fizzie
Charles says

I shall begin about eleven
o'clock tonight to write to you;
contrary to his say so. I will begin
at once. It is almost half past 2 P.M.
I have not done much today. There
came quite a heavy snow last
night & it has been rather stormy
since. Sunday it was as warm
as summer & now it is more
like the weather you have.
Yesterday I was on the Examining
Board & worked all day about, &
I have something at West Point, &
felt pretty tired when I got back.
I lay down & took a little sleep &
then with Charlie went to Clermont

& thence to the 3^d Maine. Dr
Palmer engaged for me that
I should take tea at Mrs.
Sampson's as her sister
Miss Smith & Mrs Capt
Watkins had come to visit
her. We found this arranged
for a party at ^{to be} "Alexandria".
You should see how near
Mrs Sampson manages
to make her tent look. Rather
more so than mine. At this
point I broke off. This evening I
accompanied Lt. Col. Barlow of the
6th N York Regt. to see his wife at
Mr Richards. Mr R lives just on
the right of our grounds near the
5th New Hampshire. This is the first
time I have called there, though
I have often thought of doing so. Mrs
Richards is reputed to be quite
"deception" a cousin to Mrs Conover

Forrest. I found her a very pleasant
lady. Her husband was not home
this evening. He professes to be a
declares he has been a strong
"Union man". We have just got
the news of Secretary Cameron's resign-
ation & of Secretary Stanton's appointment
Oh, that Washington might be
free from corruption. "I am
not into temptation". Tell my I shall
expect him to laugh heartily at
my picture. He must describe
it to Grace. I am a little afraid
you are sick for I ought to have
had a letter this evening, or rather
this morning for the letters reach
here in the morning. Capt
Swale is working too hard with
his County partial. I am
afraid he will get sick. Chas
has had a sore throat but has
now gotten quite well. The

longer too fully, but she
seems to be kindly disposed
towards me. Capt. Sewall
has been working during
the past week on a County
Journal as Judge Advocate.

He is working too hard I find.

I fear he will give up for
he is not naturally very strong.

Give many kisses to the little
ones. It must be hard for you

to leave Fannie, but I expect
Aunt Sarah knows best. If

you can only be well. I

trust it won't be many
months before we shall

be together again. Charlie
is asleep. He is a good brother.
Most lovingly your husband

Perry is now looking to
leave all & come to
my dear wife & family to

Head Quarters # 162,
1st Brigade Sumner's
Division Jan. 16th

My dearest wife,

I received your
kind letter written from Farmington
this noon. I had heard the sad
tidings of little Fannie's death. Perry
told me at the 3^d Maine that
Rowland had written him about
it. I wrote you about the money
which was sent to Rowland to
ask you what you thought of
assisting father or mother. I
fear they may be much pressed.
I can never forget the sacrifices
my poor mother made in my
earlier life to give me clothes &
an education. The same you will
make for my & Fannie, if ever
the circumstances. I should like
to make it easy for them if
I could. Tell me darling what you

My prayer is ever for you

think about them - I's Father
hard pressed for money or any?
Charles sent - home some to
deposit with him, for
father to use as, will - I
think he sent a hundred dollars.

I know you must have
been sorely tried to have parted
from Jamie & Jean afraid
you have been too much
taxed, or you would not
have "looked out of the window"
so much. You will soon
get back to Auburn. Was
our poor Sarah awfully
shaken to lose her precious
boy. I keep hoping that we
will not need that chastening.
Not that I expect we shall
always be so good, but I long
to have my children I plead to
become good & useful & I hope

that such is the purpose of
God. I wish I could go home
for a time, but I now feel
that now is the time. Now
men are getting discouraged,
restless, complaining. Now hearts
are failing. Money is growing
scarce. Business is ~~paralyzed~~
paralyzed, and now is the
time for all men of true
patriotism & courage to stand
forth. We must, as a people, in
hard times. We must be humbled
before the Lord will exalt us.
A curious rumor got out in
the 11th New York tonight
that I was very sick & the
result was a note from
a French Matron who is
there. She is a curious
woman & gives us some trouble
with her disposition to use her

should not now if I did not
know 'the Miss'. I received the
check, and I took the gold Mrs
Woodman left with Pearlman. I shall
spend some of it for clothes. I went
to and think ~~that~~ best. I saw Mrs Cassell
at Sarah's when in Farmington, Mr C. had
not returned. Col. Strickland came home
a week since. William Henry Strickland
came yesterday or very lately. They ^{he and wife} are
going to Indiana soon. He has quite
an amount of property there. I have seen ^{her}
~~here~~ lately. They have a little boy nearly two
years old. I find this note I left
Friday evening, intending to find it early the
next morning. But did not think of it till just
a moment too late for that day. I will try
and not neglect you so long again. I hope
you are quite well and happy. I don't look
for you home at all this winter. But Sarah
is for sending me to the Mass now I need
not take care of the children. But I fear
I don't feel inclined to go, as long ^{as}
I do not want to use the check I received
from you. I shall not get it cashed for

the gold
I have not
written to answer you
yet as I have been out
for so long
I have now time
for writing during
the day but go
must write to
you again soon
and I will do
soon I can
get the
time.
I receive letters so
often from you that I am quite
happy. But ashamed of myself for not
writing to you oftener than I do. Guy
brought a letter from you to night with
another 'picture' (daddy and cart
they amuse the children very much
indeed. but Uncle Charles' 'cold feet' ought
to call forth jiding dears. I ought to
write to him. he has written me such
long, full letters that I feel very
much indebted to him. he always
writes just what you never would, so
his letters are very welcome and read
with a great deal of interest. I remained
in Farmington till Tuesday, was away
for Jamie just five days. Jamie claps
well at night now, and I can call

him baby no longer. I found Grace
and Jamie both well, but glad to see
Mamma. I think of Sarah a great
deal since I came back, how many
afflictions she does have. I ought
and do try to be very thankful that we
are all in good health. Rowland
Ella and Baby look very happy in
their own pleasant home. Ella
has a very good girl now. Abby is still
there, but will soon return to Bath,
and Ella thinks of going home on a
visit soon. I went to see Mr Smith's
Mother (I mean Goddard Smith), she is not
married again, or was her second husband
named Smith, and the first one the one
Charlie mentioned? He is a real good
Christian woman with more grace than
we usually find in the country.
Charlie spoke of the late Col Jackson.
I have never heard of his death.
How pleasant for Charlie to meet John New
in Washington. I must write to Mrs Blunt

very soon. I should like to see
Mrs Thompson. You have my best love.
Mr T. is a regular pot. He does better
when his wife is with him, but has not
much respect for her presence even.
Mrs Blunt lived at Fort Independence and told
me many things to surprise and almost shock
me. I presume he would not be at all
cordial towards you or any one who
would do right. Guy is much interested
in Boston. Bessie is still doing well.
Gracie's finger is quite well. She has a
new nail. Your letter to her was just the
thing she wanted. I wrote to her from
Farmington. Her hat did not do, and she
is still without. I am very much obliged
to Capt Sewall for saying you had gained
so much ~~from~~ Charlie must not. Oh!
I have made a mistake. Wier need
not speak in such high terms of his
General in the next letter to the "B. Journal"
as he did in the last. I have never seen
any reason to condemn before, perhaps I

[illegible]

morning. I was not quite well yesterday and did not feel well this morning. But I went to Sunday school took Grace along. Gay was already there. It is directly after the morning service. Mr Adams exchanged with Mr Walker of Portland (State St.) Excellent sermon, text from the fourth chapter of John, "If thou knowest the gift of God." I must tell you of a little incident that took place here. Cousin Fanny had a very bad cold and did not go to church. I thought just after tea I would go and see how she was. I left Gay, Grace and Minnie at home in this room and took Fannie down to Aunt Sarah telling her where I thought of going. I found her quite well, Adams at home, and Aunt Betsey and Uncle Elden with them. I made a visit as long as I wished and came home. As I opened the parlor door to come in Grace I saw Grace leaning against Aunt Sarah crying and Minnie on the other side of her crying. Gay was sitting in the rocking chair, looking as if he had something to tell me but hardly knew how to tell. It seems

that they continued playing church, and singing S. School hymns all just before I came in ^{when} Aunt Fannie and Eva came up and found Minnie and Grace crying as if her heart would break. To inquire into it they when they were done singing they had prayers. I took Grace up in my lap to ask her about it. "I couldn't help crying ^{me some praying} ~~me some~~ ^{and then} she would cry again. "I asked Jesus to forgive my sins," and Minnie said "forgive the sins of the two little cousins" and we said some more and I cried, and Minnie said "don't tell" but I said, you would feel better about it if I told you", and don't you feel better now I have told you, me-ma?" I assured her that I did, but I hardly knew what she had told me, with her sitting, broken sinner and crying. Minnie cried because she saw Grace crying and said "don't tell", because being a little older she felt a little ashamed to be seen crying. I kept on talking to her to get her cheerful and happy. I told her we must try to be good, and do right and that Jesus came into the world to take away our

Head Quarters 1st Brigade
 Sumner's Division Jan 19 1862

To His Excellency
 Governor Morgan
 of New York

Sir

I have just learned from Col Bone 61st N. Y. Regt. that his appointments or recommendations of officers to fill vacancies in Co. "D" of said Regt. were not confirmed by yourself.

St. Henry was made Captain - 2^d
 St. Scott was made 1st Lt. and C. H. Howard whom I had requested Col Bone to appoint subject to your approval; and upon the strength of that appointment had created my aids de camp in order; you had caused to be replaced by a Sient Paine. Sient Howard has been allowed to draw his pay upon this appointment.

This occasions me much perplexity.

P. S. For the fitness of Lt. Howard for his position, I respectfully refer to the officers of the 1st Regt. of the 1st Div.

It deprives me of a good aide de
Camp & obliges me to refund the
amount of his pay drawn, to the
Government. Had I supposed
any want of Confidence on the
part of yourself in Col. Bone
I should have hesitated to ask
Lt. Howard's appointment in that
Regt.

I respectfully ask that you
reconsider this appointment and
if possible put C. H. Howard
in the place of Peter C. Baine who
has never been with us or for give
Mr. Howard a Lieutenantcy in that
or some other of your Regts. with the
understanding that he is to remain my
aide de Camp.

I do not consider this as asking too
much for I have two of your Regiments
in my Brigade & I am obliged to
appoint my aides from the Vol. Subaltern
Officers. An unfilled place in a Company is
necessitated by the law.

Very Respectfully
Wm Howard Brig. Gen. Vt.

Have to silence the men there - all
these noises trouble Otis & keep him
awake because he feels so much
responsibility in the matter.

We have had it very rainy here
for several days past. When not
pouring right down there is a
heavy fog settling down upon us.

Last Saturday Otis with a
squadron of Cavalry went
upon a Scout - partly to ~~reconnoitre~~
and partly to look for forage.

Dover left behind to inspect a
Regt. Was just returning from
Grand Mountain when I met
Otis starting out - (I have had
this morning duty ever since Mr.
Miles was taken sick with the
measles - He is well now but very
poor) - I was telling you about
the starting of the Scout. The
Cavalry had gone on a little before

but the Colonel was riding with Otis.
It soon began to rain too hard for
the Inspection so I got my horse
& rode on after them - I found
Otis riding at the head of the
main body & the Maj. was with
him now - He sent me forward
with the advanced guard & I kept
with it at its head most of the
time we were gone - The reason he
sent me was because I knew
the "Counting signals" - I could
describe to you our entire expedition.
We went out about 12 miles
and ~~at~~ one house the ~~fastest~~
one visited by us and approached
by only myself & on other horses
they told us that the Southern
Cavalry were there two days before.
I did not let them know but
that we were Southern. We found
very little forage - The country

Head Quarter 1st Brig
Camp California

[C2-January 20, 1862?]

~~Robert~~ Lizzu

I got a good long letter from
last night but it was replete with sad
tidings. Parley disabled: His little boy dead &
very sick with his tumor that he almost
always has after eating nuts. I was intending
to write you last night but I had to make
preparation to send out a scout and
snores had ^(a rumor) news that the enemy
was strong and advancing on our left. I ordered
one of my Regiments to prepare two days
rations & put itself in order for a
moment's call. The scout is a party
consisting of 30 horse & 40 infantry under
the command of Lieut. Miles did the camp
he was to leave at three. But the Cavalry
to come from Alexandria did not come
till four this morning. The infantry I sent
on at 2 A.M. to wait at the outposts
at Amman-dah till the Miles with the
Cavalry should overtake them. I feel badly that

that the Cavalry Captain's neglect should have hindered
Mr Miles so much & shall be a little anxious
till he comes back. He is to go within two
or 3 miles of the enemies lines, apprehend
a spy & bring him in. We have caught one
& stopped up one channel of information
and are on the scent of two or three
more. I made Mr Miles a map of the
country over which he is to go. That is,
just in "The Blues". the rail roads, the roads,
& the position of sundry houses, and also
put down the places where he should
have alarm sentinels & where a force &
give him the detail of his march. This
morning we were waked at one and did
not get any sleep till nearly five. John
went as guide. He was out with me when
I reconnected to the front. The men along
the 500 strong proved to be untrue. This living
ready for action night and day might seem
pretty exciting, but it has long ago ceased to be
so to me. When I held the front for two or
three months after "Bull Run" with a broken
demoralized, un-clothed & hardly fed brigade, I

had to stand out at all times of night & to
sleep as it were with one eye open. My
mind & my heart keep recurring to you & to
your little Guy just now. I do not think
it will be go to Framingham with the
children while sickness prevails. Certainly not
so early as March unless there is a decided
change for the better. Charles seems quite
well, writes seldom for the Boston Journal
I saw my name in the Herald yesterday
as one who had expelled a letter for
selling liquor to the men. I told him to
be off & he promised to go beatified away.
So I had him. His board house & all
his goods just beyond the limits of the
Brigade. No noise was made about it. He
sent wagons & took everything away.
I have a picture for Guy & a nest for
Cypar. Pop cut out some pictures yesterday
from a book which he will send with his
letter now & then. I wish Guy had been able
to write to your Susan. I think Susan is really
in love with Guy. She can hardly think of the
rest of us. when I have seen her. I shall

Go to Washington soon. I expect to have
to refund Charles's pay this time for
it was by my order that he drew it.
Governor or rather the New York War Depart
ment as good as promised that he
shall have a commission. I wanted
to get here before I went to Washington.
We have quite a snow now. The
ground is as white as it is with you
and now the sun has come out very
bright. Dr. Small has just got ready to go
to Washington so as to send home some
of those bills that our people are so impatient
as to discount. They talk hard of cutting
down our pay. They should do whatever
the necessities of the country demand
I do not shrink from sacrifice, or anything
that will help us out of the awful plight
our country is in. Give much love to
Aunt Sarah & tell her she must keep
her armor bright. Must not let the very trials
& sorrows that are sent to fit her for a high
place in the better land, be to her a stumbling
block. I hope she thinks much of the mercies
of God - His Grace & Giver. & His & Love.

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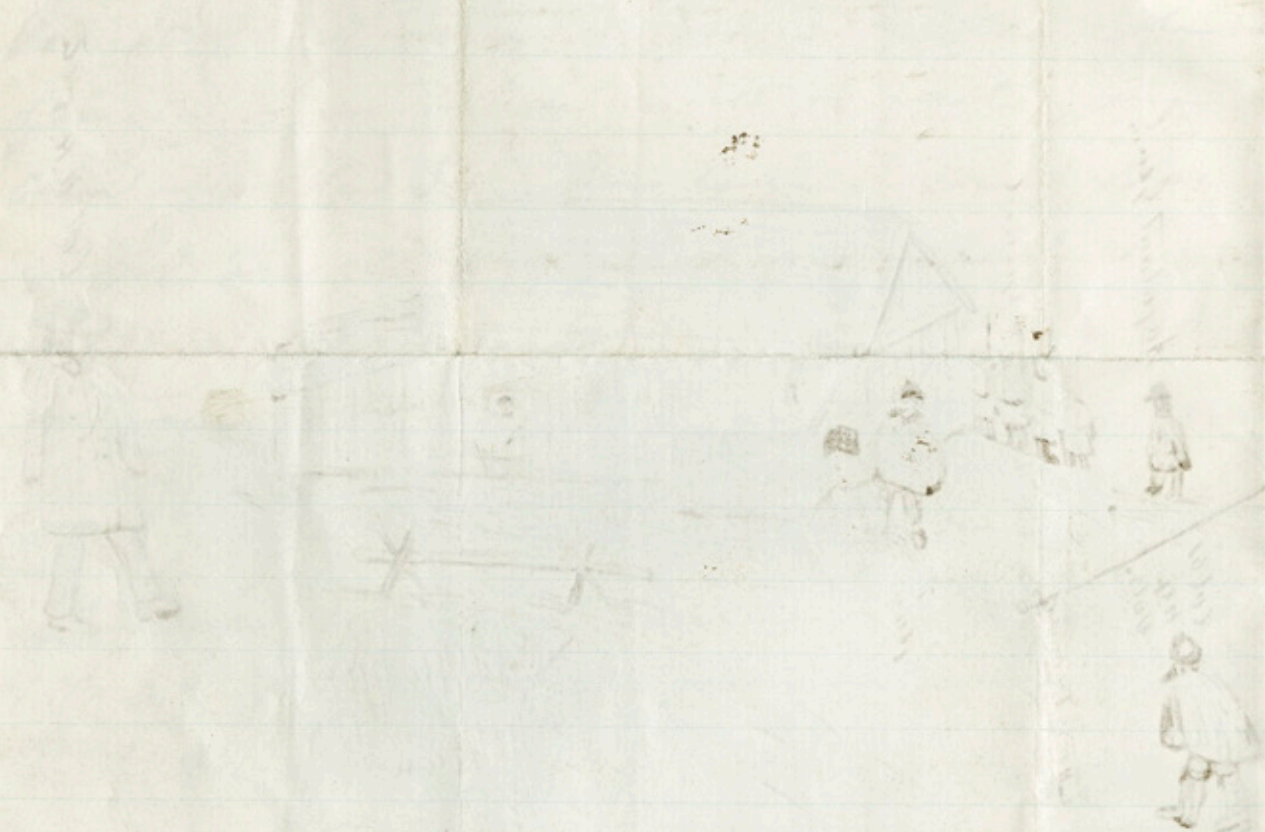
Scene at Reveille.



Guard House in front
of Papa's brigade

Harling.

Scene at Newcastle



of the house in front
of the bridge

are getting along - Did he know
you when you came home?
I don't expect he would know
me. How did Grace seem? Glad
to see her brother Guy & Mauma?
Genl. Sumner is almost well
so that he walks about - I
hope he will return to us
soon. He expects to do so but
it is bad weather for convalescents.
How did Sarah seem when
you left - Tell us about
Ella & her home. How does
the baby look, what kind
of a house keeper is Ella - Rowland
seems a little down hearted. I
fear that it is going to be
hard for the people to pay
their ministers this year.
I long to see you.

Affectionately
Yours 22

Dear Martin
Jan 21 1862

Friend

I had made up my
mind to write you last night
but had quite a headache &
had to give it up. Charles volunteered
& so I went to bed & fortunately went
to sleep & this morning am
perfectly over my troubles. Charles
has told you all the news. I
had expected to take my
Bryant out to the forest but
the Lord has prevented by sending
us continuous rains & such
traveling as we sometimes have
at home is a pain. I heard from
Rowland of your cold ride
to New Sharon. Did Guy see
the place where paper fell
down cellar when he was three

years old. He did not like to
ride under the buffalo (?) I don't
think there is much fun in that.
And how cold it was when you
& Guy rode to the depot. Are
you well now you have got to
Armed Service? I know you
will write me all about these
things. I had a letter from
your old brother at West Point
Virby Kapelle. He is at present
a Lieut. in a Long Island regiment
& desires to be promoted in the
regular Army. So many of those
young men ask me for letters!
I wish he had taken more care
of himself & his studies while at
West Point. It seems almost
impossible for us to accomplish
much now in this quarter.

The idea will soon prevail that
there are no lion men here.

And I fear that we shall
have to bury many a poor
fellow before the winter is
over. One day last week there
were five lying in State at
the same time. In Cal.
Farnsworth Cavalry, sickness
prevails to an alarming
extent. Typhoid fever mostly. My
General health is excellent
& I have to be more than
thankful. or I ought to be
for God's goodness to me.

Poor Charlie seems to be
hardly used. I have written
to Governor Morgan to see
if he will give him a
commission. I do hope you
will all be well. I am in hope
something will happen this Spring so
that I can see you all. I want
to know how you & family

Fort Royal Jan'y 22 1762

Dear Cousin -

I wrote you a long time ago but receiving no answer I concluded you were away from it -

I had my wife pay to you Mr. Benard 100 Dollars & will send the balance as soon as we are paid off. I wish the Regt could be paid off then ^{and} many soldiers whose families suffer. The last money they rec^d was 7 L^{ts}.

That Horse scits me very well except when troubled with that lameness. I am careful of him & hope he will be well by & by. Of course I do not allude to the Horse to complain of you or to ask any discount.

Our Col I resigned. Lt Col Rust is now Col. & I am promoted.

Col R has been sick for about 12 days & I have had the Command. I have drilled the Regt more during the past 12 days than it has ever been drilled

before - Col V was just good for nothing
in preparing Company to act together.
In fact he knew nothing about Military
duties, could not drill a Squad of men.

Col R started green & has not learned
very rapidly, he is slow to learn & slow to
think & dull of comprehension but
what little time he acted as Col he seemed
anxious to learn, still he was slow -

I am glad that I started as Captain
for that position requires of me to start
at the bottom - I can now manage the
Regt with as much ease as I could my
Company - I hope the Col will be able
fill that position - And soon be on duty.
We had one Brigade drill while Col R had
Command, & he seemed lost, since he was
taken sick we have had three & I got ^{along} alone
(Two Majors here) & made no mistakes.

Genl V told me that our Regt had
improved rapidly, he said he was satisf-
ied with me. What we need is a
Col of Experience, One who can manage
the Regt in battle, the line Officers & men
appear well satisfied that I can manage
the Regt, but I doubt my ability to do justice
by the Regt. We have been expecting to
receive Marching Orders & if so I will

leave the Command - We will go in
bad condition, No Col, No Major, & No
Adj. The Senior Capt is unfit, (but there are
one or two Capts who would do)

Adj. resigned & the one appointed not
reached us. Two of our Captains have resigned
& 2 Lt.

The health of the Regt is quite
good. Many have had colds, owing to the
sudden change from warm to 12 at night.

The Col expressed a wish to leave
the Service on acct of his health - If he
dies, I should rather serve under an
Experienced Col (Not of the West Down
East School) than to be promoted.

I got the general views by
the papers.

Yours Casin
H. Woodman

My health good - Not failed
to do duty a day since I came into
the Service.

Boston Jan^y 23^d 1862

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I received your kind letter in due course of mail and should have written you before but thought I ought not to intrude too much on your time.

I would not trouble you now but your letters are interesting to so many that I know they would miss them very much. I read your last one to the boys who sent the books and they were pleased to learn that they were so well received. I see by the papers that you now have command of Genl Sumner's division and perhaps may be so busy that you cannot write yourself but you may know some one who would be willing to do so and let us know how the cause of Christ is prospering. Men and Women are beginning to appropriate the work that should be done in the Army and they are encouraged to hear such reports as come to us from some of the Regts.

They are also rejoiced to know that some

of our Officers are examples of what
Christians should be

It has an influence more than we some
times expect. The reason that I ever wrote
to you a stranger was that an Officer under
you told me that ~~you~~ you always asked
Gods blessing at your meals

I thought if you did so you would be
willing to write me about the cause of
Christ in the Army. And many thank you
for your letters they are so pleasant. Later
an old Lady told me the other day "I wish I
could take him by the hand and thank him
for his good letters"

There is some religious interest among
us and some 6 or 8 have lately experienced
a change. Oh! how much there is to do yet
before the world will acknowledge Christ.
If you have time I should be more than
glad to hear from you and now wishing
you health and a safe return to your
home

I am yours as ever

Jas D Gilmore
 142 Court St
 Boston

exactly feel like making the necessary
excursion. Uncle Eldon and Aunt Parley came
in to see me the evening now and then. I
enjoy her society more than any relative
here. He knows more, reads more, goes
more than most other ideas and
sees for things generally. Prudence is still
in Bangor & doing well. Adams went
into business last Fall, purchased
a machine shop. he would not be
here if he were working by the
day and job as he used to be.
Fanny has a great deal of energy, and
helps him all she can, he is doing
well. Capt. Grace judge advocate
of a court martial that is hard work.
I do hope he may have his health
renewed good, that he may be able to
continue his great assistance to you.
I do not know about Col. Gilmore.
appears he did not keep much money
of him, and they spoke as if he had collected all money he had out, and all debts

My dearest -
I received your letter
of the 20th this afternoon. I ought
perhaps to call it Charles. he was
so good as to begin to write for you.
I cannot express how thankful and glad
I am to have him with you. I haven't
mailed a letter to you for some time
I fear you will think some of us are
sick. We are all well. I got up this
morning with sick headache, but it
was all gone before I went to bed, of
which I will tell you before I close.
Rowland intended making me a visit
yesterday leaving Ella, baby and Abby in the
city to pursue their journey to Bath. they will
not get down here (Barry's) in season
to make the connection with the Lewiston
train. So they all Ella, Rowland, baby and
Frankie Sargent came over to visit us.

Hudson, Jan 24, 1862

Why get a man to take her in a sleigh
to her friends in Litch eight miles. I said
we were all very glad to see them.
I hope the journey with the Frankies
good. he does not seem to gain at all
and looks very thin and pale. We
left all the children last evening, great
and small, with Aunt Sarah, and went
over the river. We are excellent concert.
Some of the pieces we have had at our
concerts at West Point. It was very pleasant
to me to hear them, came home at ten o'clock
babies all asleep, and retired soon after
praising prayers. I had arranged to
take the children to ride with us when it was
most convenient for the train to start. We
all went to the Depot leaving Ella and
Mary ^{there} to go to Bath. (her friends will probably
meet her in Brunswick as they were telegraphed
to yesterday seeing where they were.) We
left Frankies, Sam and Bertha and myself then
went to Aunt Sarah's home. They got all the
evening's work done. I had to go to the depot
to see the train.

down the river the big factory of the
"Indusaggin Company" and the big hall
which has on it "The Union Constitution, and
the Cause." drove about the millinery
store, then returned home having been
gone some one or two hours. After dinner
about two o'clock Uncle Paulus, Guy,
Frankies and Chester walked to the
Depot. they took Guy's sled along for
Frankies to ride, and Chester went to
come back with Guy for he does not
go that distance with alone. Chester
knows where the New Depot is. Now
the children are all asleep and I hope
they will not wake for they were more
tired than usual. I want to write
a letter to Aunt also to night. The people
here seem to go very pleasantly in
connection with the morning meetings
and prayer meetings. Mrs. Dr. Wiggin called
this afternoon. Fannie wanted me to go
to the school and visit at Mr. Little's and
see the school. I had to go but I did not

great moves will soon be made
and you may all be far from
your present home. Great anxiety
is now felt to hear from Burn-
side's Expedition. No one yet
knows where he has gone. May
the Lord direct his Armada
to the right place & give it
great success.

A thousand things I would
like to say and ask, but
I must not inflict too long
a letter upon you. I hope
some one of the circle in
your tent will write me
often. I would be glad to
hear from Chas. or Miles
or Cap. Sewall, & of course
from you, if you can
spare the time to write.

I will send the Independent
to Cap. S. beginning tomorrow
with the two first that contain
Mrs. Stowe's story, & sending two
each day up to the last no.
Give my love to all.

I have not been well enough to try James Paltus house
yet, but will do
so soon as I can
with you about
him. Mrs. W.
says her opinion
of John. Thell
is rising fast.

Brunswick Jan. 26.
[1862]

General
I was glad
to receive your letter last
Friday, & to learn from it that
you are all well at your
Cozy quarters. I can see you
all - each at his table, or one
lying back in that luxurious
chair of the Cap. with the ever
present Newspaper. But you
must be having a little of
the disagreeable this month
even if a small portion of our
storms reach you. During the
last weeks it has snowed
about half the time, & rained
& hailed a good portion of the
rest. I found the sleighing
very fine when I returned, but
now the snow is too deep.

Brunswick is as quiet as ever. There is nothing to remind one of the great struggle for life around you. It is only in the papers that we can find signs of war. But to me every description of a Camp or a battle presents a vivid reality; thus I am reaping every day good fruit from my recent pleasant visit with you. Today I have been to church for the first time since I left you & it was with difficulty that I kept my cough from annoying my neighbors. Indeed I have not been able to be out much since my return; but am beginning to improve a little. Our College term began Thursday, & I expect to enter upon my regular routine of work tomorrow. I shall try to apply my mind to the school

of the writer & speaker" for a few weeks; but I confess it looks in prospect rather dull, when there is so much to do & to suffer perhaps elsewhere. But my path seems to be made for me. I do not think you will succeed in your kind effort to give me a place on your staff. There are many worthy men in subordinate stations whose services entitle them to promotion when vacancies occur, & I think the Sec. of War will give them the preference - and justly too. Should Congress in the course of two or three months give you a chance to appoint a Brigade Chaplain, then - But what changes may come in two or three months! That victory at Mill Spring Ky. has encouraged the expectation that

to break up we shall be likely to move.
After I wrote the above I attended religious
services in the 64th Regt. Rev Mr Hibberd.

We formed square on the slope just
in front of the new Head Quarters.
Band present: opened by a piece
from the band. The Minister made
a short invocation. Then Dr Vogle
preached, then Dr Vogle a minister
(baptist) assisting in the 61st made
a prayer. The Chaplain - preached
a written sermon. Our Chaplain
said to put Christ into their
sermons. good lecture. Dr Vogle
said a word or two. I told them
that Dexter said that Walter had
formed his divisions in camp.

Mother wrote the dear Dr Dexter Howard
& Walter Buelty. That was Dexter's
messy home. I hope that there
will be no message like this -
William or Henry has lost his savings
but I fear such a one might
now & then be told if the truth was

proper. I think the Lord will to carry me through this war. His will
be done. General Sherman has not returned to us yet. But he

is made well
& we expect
him soon
Charles had a
very letter from
Mother yesterday
Father was sleeping
in his chair
with lamp
in his hand
I have a
sketch of
Thompson
for you
I visited
Friday
then. I think
Thompson must
move again that he
can get some
I received a very long
letter from you in pencil two
days ago. When I see the pencil
I always fear you are not
very well. I said not tell you
how happy it makes me to
get letters from you when you
can get time to write me
I feel glad & I hope thankful
that you have so comfortable
a place to live in during this
evolution. I wrote the above
lines after prayers & before breakfast. After
breakfast I had my horse also Charles & the
boys & started to inspect the Brigade. I
rode through the ranks of all the Regts.
excepting the one on picket and then
through the company grounds. It is
very nice to see the boys
in my uniform
I think they are
very nice to see
the boys in my uniform

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Camp Calaveras
Jan. 26. 1862
I visited
Friday
then. I think
Thompson must
move again that he
can get some

hard to get so many men to
conform to the rules of health &
comfort. I told a Sergeant that
he ought to see everything cleaned
up - just as he would do up for
church at home. He said: "I wish I could
go to church at home." I told him I wish
I could but our business was here
just now. I came pretty near making
a march this last week. It was reported
that there was but one regiment at
Fairfax Court House, and Col. Miller, one
of my Colonels, desired to take a trip
out there. I told him I would refer
the matter to my Superior in command.
He went to see Gen^l Heintzelman & Gen^l
H. telegraphed to Gen^l McClellan for
permission. The permission was granted
and Gen^l H. sent for me to visit him.

I did so & told him that I had
very little information, none certain.
The enemy probably had artillery. I was

12 miles from the place. The enemy in
force but seven miles. I told him I
was willing to go, would like to, but
wished to look the difficulties fairly
in the face. It was impossible to move
artillery excepting on one road, mud
deep & sticky. He said at once it
was risking too much to accomplish
very little; for if we lost a battle there
it would be trumpeted over the south as
a brilliant repulse; if we succeeded we
would still have to fall back 12 miles
to our camp unless Mr. McClellan
was ready to make a general
advance. The project was given up.
I felt now that Gen^l McClellan's plans
will succeed with very little loss
of life. Gen^l Bull is succeeding. Let
him cut the Western R.R. communication
& Burnside the Southern. That Long
Army cannot stay a month at
Manassas, and as soon as it begins

W. Church Jan 7 27th 1862

Gen Howard Dear Sir Although
a stranger personally, but not entirely
by reputation I venture to say a few things
that I purposed to say before you left the
State Main when your then 3rd Maine was at
Augusta encamped but as I only saw you
a few times during my brief stay and you
appeared full of business I did ^{not} say what I
went thirty miles to say, and after this long time
sit down to write, we have about fifty men that
have enlisted from this place & are now in the
Potomac Army and the larger part left here
under ^{your} command among which was my son
Corp^e W. H. Shaw and off. Col. that I feel
a great interest in being promoted and who
has often expressed regret to me that you
left their brigade I hear very straight from their
by a gentleman that has returned that there is a
great wire pulling for commission & causing

And as he has had no one to say a word for him while
others had so many to work for them I feel it my duty
to make an effort for him and being an old officer
my selfe you will allow me this privilege I
think by what my son says you will assist
him at this time if in your power and as
there has not bin any woolwich ^{of the} boys that
has asked or bin commissioned I think it no
more than fair that if H. H. Shaw by examination
is found to be competent which I think I by what
officers have told me that has bin their undoubted
fact ~~has told~~ that it is not asking too much
to have him promoted to 2^d Lieut which I can
do if you will give him a recommendation for
that office I think you will find him a good
scholar an honest steady upright man
pleas to make a special effort for him you
and you shall be rewarded & drop me the
answer as soon as possible and ^{you will} confer
a great favour on your old friend
in haste

To Gen
O. O. Howard
G. W. Shaw
Woolwich Maine

M. B. I send this in care of my son
H. H. Shaw who will see it conveyed to you
as I do not know the number of
your brigade
G. W. Shaw

small. I long very much to go
home sometimes. I wonder when
it will all be over & we will
be reunited - north to south
& you to me or I to you -
What does Guy do every day, work
with his tools or play in the
snow? How does Grace pass
the days, running about, playing
with her doll & that chubby
boy Jamie I wish I could have
all your photographs. Can you
get them taken - just
posts with light ground, and
send them in a letter. It would
be a great joy to me to open
a letter & find it containing such
treasures. You know I can tell
how Jamie looks. I must
bid you good night, darling.
The Lord keep you all
& bless you - kind regards to
Aunt Sarah. Lovingly & affectionately
Henny

Give my hearty love to Mr. Grace & Jamie
They must never forget Papa -

Wm. Masters Howard's
Brigade Jan. 29. 1862

Brevet. Sizzin

I think you
ought to have a letter tonight.
Today I have had two Brigade
drills. One this forenoon of
a little more than two hours
and ditto this afternoon. I
think I have the Brigade
pretty well in hand now.
The mud is only two or
three inches deep on our
high ground & in some
places even less than that.
This is surely a muddy country.
The fair days are much
inclined to be foggy, and the
rains are very frequent. I now
feel like complaining of
the weather however as you

know, for the simple reason
that it is wrong. Charles has
now a fair prospect of a
commission from Governor
Morgan. A letter from
the Adjutant General as
much as said that it
should be granted upon
the first vacancy. That
vacancy has now occurred,
& Col. Lane says he has
forwarded the recommendation
I purposed to obtain Charles
at all hazard, but it is
much more satisfactory to
him & me for him to
have a commission. I have
learned that Burnside after some
hard weather had got into
Pamlico Sound. We may
expect to hear of lively work
in that direction soon. G.W.

Smith. we have heard they
replaced Beauregard in the
command of the Rebels at
Manassas & Centerville & B—
gone to Kentucky. A little
party from my Brigade went
the other day within the
enemy's lines in the night,
picked up a man supposed
to be a spy & brought him
back. This was near Fairfax
County house. They got fired on
but nobody was hurt. The 8th
Maine made a storm ration
march to the Cacotunk river
or run today. They took no
baggage or tents, except
what each man carries. I
hope you do not feel anxious
about us. The chances of moving
during such weather & in
such depths of mud, are pretty

I am just about
hoping to see you
very soon. I would
like to see what I
can do for you
before I go. I have
more time to
be with you than I
will have when
I am away. I am
very sorry to
hear of your
illness. I hope
you will be
able to go
home soon.
I received a good long
letter from you this evening. Glad you
didn't make a march last week.
You needn't be doing such naughty things.
I was indeed happy to get a letter to night
for Jay has been having one of his "fever turns"
this week and I have been a little down
hearted. He has had no fever today
and I presume it will not return again.
He ate out one day last week, and took
some cold which caused the fever to
be aggravated. You know if anything is the
matter with him this intermission you will
follow. I have commenced giving him
"our elixir". It is highly recommended by
minors who have tried it. Pelly has lost
his little boy, the child of Crisp. Cog Pelly
was here evening before last. Pelly lost his
child about two years ago by a fall against

his back. At times he has not been able to be moved. She has been a great sufferer. She has been very low of late but was some better when John wrote about the death of the little boy. They have a little six months old. For three weeks we have had snow. It is a pleasant day. We have a great deal of snow now. But it is just slighting when there is much travelling. Col Gilman was here yesterday ^{Wednesday}. Came down with his horse. He had seen no papers since Saturday. Cars could not get through. I think they next up regularly this afternoon. I will send Mother your letter to morning for Col. I said they had not heard from you for some time. A letter may have been on the way. I returned home about Tuesday afternoon. I had a very pleasant visit at Mrs Adams. They have four children, the youngest eleven years old. Guy, George and Janie are all doing awfully well. Guy seems very well now. He has been hoarse since yesterday afternoon. I do feel very

Guy

anxious when any either of the children
are sick. Aunt is a good nurse though.
I have spent nearly all the evening reading
the paper so I will have to cut short
my letter to Alice & little tomorrow.
But my mornings are so short I fear
I would not get time to finish before
breakfast time. We seldom breakfast
before half past eight. We are not at
all military here. I will have a great
many more bad habits to get over than
what I used to have by the time you
come back to sea. We had a visit
from William Mary and Wife and boy
one day this week. They are on their
way to Indiana, near Louisville, Ky.
He will join the army there as soon
as he can. He spoke highly of Warren.
I wouldn't try to get the 3^d Maine
into your Brigade, unless it was the superior
opinion, and I suppose it is not.
Col. Don has a good Chaplain. As H. D. Moore
Guy has composed two letters to Susan, one of

Farmington and left it, and just before we
he was taken sick. I suppose she ^{will} ^{be} ^{back} ^{by} ^{the} ^{time} ^I ^{write} ^{this} ^{letter}.
returned to West Point by this time. I ^{and} ^{there}
wrote to Mrs. Blunt when I mailed ^{the} ^{letter} ^{for} ^{you} ^{last} ^{letter}. I hope she will write ^{me} ^{soon}.
to me soon. Col. Gilmore and Mother the letter of
of coming down in the train to make ^a ^{call} ^{on} ^{her} ^{and} ^{her} ^{children}
just a call ^{not} ^{consuming} ^{all} ^{night}. ^{He} ^{will} ^{be} ^{back} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{afternoon} ^{train}.
but arriving in the afternoon train. Thomas ^{and} ^{his} ^{wife}
wife has a little girl one week old. ^{Her} ^{sister} ^{is} ^{helping} ^{at} ^{the} ^{house}.
Her sister is helping at the house. ^{Mr.} ^{and} ^{Mrs.} ^{Blunt} ^{have} ^{gone} ^{to} ^{the} ^{train} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{evening}.
Eva, Charles and Minnie have gone to the ^{train} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{evening}.
Train. Minnie is to tell Jay and ^{her} ^{husband} ^{about} ^{it} ^{tomorrow}. We have ^a ^{concert} ^{every} ^{month}.
all about it tomorrow. We have ^a ^{concert} ^{every} ^{month}.
Sunday school concert every month, and ^a ^{great} ^{many} ^{of} ^{the} ^{children}
class have written questions to answer ⁱⁿ ^{writing}.
in writing, and was "Why have we hope of
of salvation through Christ?" another, "What
"What ^{gifts} ^{are} ^{Christ} ^{called} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{old} ^{and} ^{new} ^{testament}?" What ^{gifts} ^{are} ^{Christ} ^{called} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{old} ^{and} ^{new} ^{testament}?"
old and new testament?" What ^{gifts} ^{are} ^{Christ} ^{called} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{old} ^{and} ^{new} ^{testament}?"
Officers we need you that I know? Any ^{other} ^{questions} ^{you} ^{have} ^{you} ^{can} ^{ask} ^{Mr.} ^{Col.} ^{Hopkins} ^{yet} ^{you} ^{will} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{ask} ^{him} ^{to} ^{write} ^{often}, ^{dearest}, ^{will} ^{you} ^{not}.
More you can ask Mr. Col. Hopkins yet? you will ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{ask} ^{him} ^{to} ^{write} ^{often}, ^{dearest}, ^{will} ^{you} ^{not}.
continue to write often, dearest, will ^{you} ^{not}.
you not. Much love to Charlie. I ^{hope} ^{you} ^{will} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{ask} ^{him} ^{to} ^{write} ^{often}, ^{dearest}, ^{will} ^{you} ^{not}.
go to Betty's while Ella is there ^{is} ^{not} ^{sure} ^{she} ^{will} ^{be} ^{there} ^{when} ^{you} ^{go} ^{to} ^{her} ^{house}.

of little David while he was here.
Guy wishes he had seen the place when people
fell down cellar. I hope you will
always take Charles's good advice when
he tells you to go to bed. You don't know
when you are tired and sick and I am glad
he does and can watch you. And thank
you. Even have just come to out with
me. I am with her book. But saying
that is very well but you would notice
that she has changed considerably is an
business of everybody's question with
an evident motive. All comes through
her earthly afflictions & pressure. I am
only speaking of them things to you. Not
that it is not pleasant to be here.
She is very much respected so far as
I know in the society. Mr. Eldon
called here today. He asked about you
but he has no idea how you are. He must
spend the time, what he wishes to. I don't
think he has any ^{in the winter} relatives, or how much
about this thing matter. He is working very