

Leeds Feb 1/1862

Mrs Howard

I received
your note sometime ago
wishing me to make out
my bill I have been very
busy and have neglected
until the present

I have six bills and four
calls and call it 1,00

seven dollars We are quite well
and trust this will find you
and family the same

I shall ever feel grateful to
you for your kindness to me
Hollis S Loring

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I enclose the money by
return mail

Yours truly,
Mrs. H. H. H.

and implicated a young man
who lives just on the lines in
going there to the evening
lines whom he has a relation
his name is Talbot. I have
sent Mr Miles this morning
to bring him in. I have
succeeded in getting a Chapel
tent raised in the 61st room
by. Friday evening I attended
a prayer meeting there & tonight
I hope to do so again.
I have thought I would not
visit the hospitals today but
I may some of them. Now
I want you to write much about
yourself & Grace & Guy & family.
I do so long to go home, but
if I do I will have to let every
body else go. For there are plenty
of applicants - I only go to
Washington once a month &
then do not stay all night. I

Dear Mother & Sister
I feel almost homesick this
morning; for I have been allowing myself
to think of you more than usual perhaps.
I hope nothing has happened to you
but that you find yourself well &
happy this day. It is the Sabbath.
We have had Devotion & I have received
my report at the Guard House, returned
and we have had prayer. I read
the last Chapter & in Sermons &
the 117th Psalm. Then Charles
led in prayer. I was thinking how
much his voice sounded like Uncle
Zadig while he was praying. Yes
today I learned that Col Parker
64th N.Y. whom I had sent with
his Regiment on picket had been
neglected. So besides writing him
a reprimand. Capt Sewall & I

rode out to Edsall's Hill. We rode
with Col Heath - formerly Capt
Heath of the 3^d Me. who came
to call as he passed along. We
went down the Little River Turnpike
and then turned down a new
road through the woods. It
was a cloudy day & for a little
time there was nothing to
show where we were for a
mile or two. I kept the
direction & came out just
when we wished, but the
Captain got completely turned
round. and thought he was
approaching Edsall's Hill from
the other side. We have cleared
away nearly all the woods in
man & up to where our troops
are stationed - but beyond much
of the country is covered with wood.
You can have no idea of the mud

here. My brigade is the only
one that has been able to
drive for a month. I believe
Gen^l Kearney did have one
drive. The mud is sticky and in
many places four & six inches
deep & so soft that it will
not tread. Today is the Sabbath &
I have thought I would not inspect
(myself) this morning. but trust
to the Colonels to keep everything
in shape. On Friday I rode through
the regiments, reviewed them all
but the one on picket & visited
all the Camps - Our sick list
is diminishing. I sent out a
scouting party day before yesterday
of about 25 men under Capt.
Harkness who returned last night
and reported 4 Regiments of the
enemy encamped at Fairfax Station
& located the pickets in advance

New York, February 5, 1863.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to
your notice David Gregory Adj^t
61st Regt N. Y. S. V.

Mr Gregory has been one of
our near neighbors & our families have
associated on terms of great intimacy.

I have always found Mr Gregory
a young man of great respectability
& have felt desiring that he should
in some degree secure the interest of
his general.

Our warmest wishes accom-
pany you, Sir, & I trust that God
will enable you to return to us unhurt
& honored.

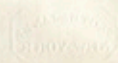
Begging you to pardon me for
thus bringing before your notice a
neighbor & friend

Brig Genl O. O. Howard

U. S. A

I am truly yours

W. V. Lippincott



49. So. Cherry St.

Arthur F. Reed

Bridgeport Ala
Feb. 4 - 1864

Maj. Genl. W. Howard
Genl.

My brother - Rev.
A. C. Osborn of St. Louis will
leave ~~in~~ St. Louis in a few
days for Washington on the
business of the promotion.

Will you do me the favor
to write him an introductory
note to Vice. Pres. Hamlin
stating, as you may see fit,
the object of this visit.

I do not expect the Vice. Pres.
to interest himself but my
brother through this channel
may be able to gain every val-
uable information.

Please direct the letter to Wash-
ington where he will rec. it.

I am Genl. & resp. yours & subs.
W. Osborn

Seeing Mr. Reed here I have written him on the subject of the promotion. He has given him a letter - Mr. Reed has said -
The 2nd Division Regt. is assigned to Prince George.

New York Feb 5th 1862
Brig Genl. O O Howard.

Dear Sir:

I have received a letter
from my son. Lieut Edgar Pelcher of Co E.
61st Reg^t My S Vol. in which he states
that charges have been preferred against
him for sleeping on his post.

Will you please write me about the
case and what you think of it.

My son is young and inexperienced, and
joined the army only from his wish
to serve his country and contrary to
our wishes.

He states that the charge against him
is not true, but that if Capt Jackson and
some men in his intent, swears to it. He
does not know what to do.

I shall take immediate steps in
relation to it, and I would refer you to

Col Cone in regard to my son and myself.

I can not yet make myself believe that any harm is to come to my son, and I wish to do all in my power to protect him. May I not depend, General on you to do all that you can honorably to see justice done to him, and that when his case comes to trial he may have as able Counsel and defence as is possible.

When will the trial take place?
What preparations will be necessary on the part of the Lieutenant?

I regret to trouble you as I am aware that your time must be greatly engrossed in duties connected with your position, but I feel that you will not turn away from a Father's pleadings.

So write me at once, and address to me as follows.

Jam^l E Belcher
Care Jefferson Insurance Co
No 60 Wall St.
N.York.

Duburn. Feb. 5, 1862.

Dearest

I have just received and read
your letter written last Sunday morning.
I don't like to have you sad or have
sick, but if you are I do wish you to
do so. You must do as I do, never sit
down to think. Somebody asked me
the other day if I felt contented here,
I had to stop a moment before I could
answer her, for I came here to stay a
certain length of time, and if I find
anything pleasant so much the better, but
if not, I can enjoy what is, and not
grumble at the rest. I had never thought
whether I was contented or not. I know
I could under some circumstances make
myself very discontented ^{here}. My paper has
been lost every day this week, and I have
nothing to do, and nothing this week
but to read the "Boston Herald", and I don't

I am glad you enclosed the letter
you did. Grace wanted me to read what
Pa-pa's present was going to be. Guy heard
and I went over to Uncle Hicks'
today, called at the office on our
way home just about dark. We took
tea and then I came up stairs to
write. When it was time I put the
children to bed. ^{I think so} Jamie sleeps with
"Pink" each every night. Some nights
he doesn't wake at all and some
times he cries. He is having some
more teeth. He is just about as large
now as Guy was when you went to
Florida, but is much more go ahead
and mischievous. He tells a great deal
about "Pa-pa", because he hears it from
the rest so much. I sometimes think
he would call you "Pa-pa" if you
were to come home and he should
just see you in uniform by your photo.
He is always perfectly happy when I will let
him know that and keeps repeating "Pa-pa, Pa-pa"

and keeps walking very fast, but with
just short steps that he does not get
tired any at all. They are all asleep
now. Glad to hear the sick list is
diminishing. I do hope you may continue
to have good health. How is Charlie?
I am so much obliged to him for
writing me such good letters of late.
I hope he will continue to find time
to do so occasionally. Where is the
3rd Mom now? What is at Edsells Hill?
How far from you to Newport do the
pickets go? I cannot write more to night
and I hardly think I will have any
time in the morning to write before it
is mail time. All letters go in the noon
train - all that are going South. I
do want you to write often. I don't
look for you home on a visit now.
My kindest regards to all with you.
Don't lose the jewelry from
your Lizzie.

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Lieut. Edgerton.

General.

I on behalf of the non-com.
officers of the 2nd Vermont Regt. allow me to tender to
your acceptance this gift: Sword. It is but a
poor token of our esteem for you as a man &
an officer. You will remember ^{General} that we received
our first lessons in the military profession under
you and we are anxious to show our appreciation
of the ^{style} manner ^{in which} you dealt with us. We have
had hard work to confine our list of donors
to the non-commissioned officers, for all
officers & soldiers wished to bear a part & show
the high the ~~low~~ esteem & affection they
bear you. Take this sword & the motto
"Palmarum qui meruit perat. Tuum est."
You ^{will not} receive it ~~not~~ for its intrinsic value, but
you will value it for our sake. Wear this
belt & this sash & carry this sword.
Till you are crowned & the country we love
are crowned with the laurels of victory.

William D.
H. Lawrence

School of

N. E. Officers

W. 2d Regt

Presenting and
to, to the Board

Feb. 6 1862

W. D. H. Lawrence

Lawrence

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from Sergeants & the Company Sergeant-
Major to these Headquarters with a sword
& sash & a belt. The sword Capt. Swale
said one of them said was worth 150
dollars & the sash was a very large
& beautiful one, rich buff - wide with
large tassels as good as McClellan's. The
belt of Russian leather & embroidered.

I should like to show them to you. The
sword ^{scabbard} is silver mounted with a ~~Latin~~
Latin inscription on one side:

"Palman qui meruit ferat. Tuum est."

"Let him bear the palm who merits it;

It is thine". ^{They} The Lieutenant presented it
in behalf of the non-commissioned

officers with a few remarks in perfectly
good taste, full of flattering remembrances.
I replied as I took these ^{gifts} in a few

words & gave them a letter to carry
with him to read to the non-commissioned
officers. I had a good dinner prepared

for their reception & with Capt Swale
accompanied them on their way back
for two or three miles to return

them a shorter way home. They are
in the Brooks Brigade, Smith's division.

They say they have never ceased to be sorry
they left me. And indeed this Vt. 2nd & the

R.I. 4th were splendid regiments of
men. I am anxious to hear from
you again to hear if you got through
his indigestion without any more fun.

Yesterday evening I took Mr Miles & visited
the 8th Maine. Called on Capt Watson, found
three ladies, his wife, Mrs Wilder & Miss Smith

Mrs Sampson's sister greatly pleased in
the back tent or house. with everything in
tip-top - lady like order. Went next to see

Walter Lee's house for him & Mrs Staples
enjoying domestic comfort. Went to Mr Lee
Sampson's - found Mrs Sampson - We called

first at the hospital, saw one of Charles'
friends very sick, a Mr Prince of Vernalboro.

with dysphasia. Talked with him & fear he
felt unprepared to die. Today he is dead.

I talked with him quietly & tried to direct his
thoughts to God. but he said he had been
told to, much by his parents. & to the end
he declared he was unprepared. Oh, he was

New Quarter Howard Brigade
Feb 11 1862

Dearest Fizzie

I wish to write you a few lines & tell you that I was made quite happy by getting your Grace's picture. Yours is very good & Grace is a pretty little girl. But her hair is dark & I am afraid I shall not know her. She is growing to be such a good girl. Little Guy & Jamie did not appear - You comb your hair down pretty close, which makes you look a little odd. I cannot thank you too much. I am getting rich in presents.

You did not say whether Guy had gotten well, but I presume he had for you said they were all asleep & stopped there. I am glad to find you so philosophical - that you do not stop to be discontented. I generally have so much to occupy me that I do not get very restless.

This morning I told the Colonel at Reville that I would have a short march with the entire Brigade in

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old sisters, she seems to be
anxious to be busy as she says
that is the best comfort in trouble.
It seems to be a great pleasure ^{to her}
to think that is good ~~father~~ to her
little Clara. Mr. French was
here for a few days, not long ago
Miss Gubler says he is very much
impressed out as he has had no
experience at all in teaching
and he misses this very much
in his other duties. In the
evening the women's society took a
very nice house indeed and I
suppose their ^{for} father helps them
as much as possible. The son
was very devoted to this and
did not want to leave his
mother says it is very

My children are all very well -
Sam. goes to school for the first
time today - I suppose Eug. goes.
Write me when you can. Miss
Barnd is teaching Mary French
this winter and another young lady -
She was here for a week or two -
This winter. Her history is very highly
spoken of. Give my love to Bowland
and Ella. God be

affly your cousin
Moria

Write
P.S. how does Sarah get along, has she
means enough to make her comfortable
I wish you would write me about her
as I have no way of knowing -

I know you were disappointed in me & I do not blame you for I was so myself. I did not intend that you should be, but after "Bull Run" I became very much disgusted with things generally & Veterans in particular & I did not know enough to get over it; think I should do better now. I muddled in things that I had no business with & I know you saw it and I fear I have at times made myself very disagreeable to you & even hurt your feeling I now regret it very much. I never wished to come here and was sorry to leave the field but now that I am settled I find it pleasant enough shall leave certainly in June.

I was in Philadelphia at Christmas a couple of days found them all well; my father in poor spirits but well, has nothing to do which is a great worry to him & his family; my two eldest sisters come on as well as they could with their school & seem perfectly contented; the only source of worry is that father can find nothing that he will do or rather thinks he ought to do whilst remaining perfectly neutral.

I heard of your brother once I think through Mrs. G. whom I saw in Phila who told me that she had seen him: please give my kind regards to him & also Mrs. Lamson when you see him. I believe you are in Sumner's Division if so you must be about where we used to be on the Little River Burnpike I should like very much to go through our camps once before you go, but I suppose I shall not have the chance as by next June they will not be where they are.

I have written more than I intended but I hope some of it will interest you if it shall be my lot. I enclose for which is coming to you I wish with us I believe perfectly agreeable. I should like to see you in person I owe anything just ask him to let me know. I left it unwilling that I did not state my accounts.

Remember me most kindly to your wife when you write. Hoping always to see of you I and hear of success in whatever you undertake believe me most kindly yours

Yours Affly Wm. A. Adams

My kind regards to be most kindly remembered

January 11th 1862

Your note of the 8th was received by me this morning and I will not allow a day to pass without writing to you. Your letter of October last containing the money was duly received and if I had done as I intended I should have answered it without delay, but I put it off as much that I at last imagined it was not necessary and satisfied my conscience when writing one day to Smith - your old commissary by telling him that I had received your letter. I have never even congratulated ^{you} on your promotion which allow me to do now. I know you do not care for the rank, but since you have determined to serve in the war it is pleasanter to be a Brig Genl than a Col. I have heard of you several times

since I left Nyamoria, from Smith's & also from
Buel and I frequently speak of you to your
friends on the Point all of whom will be glad
to hear something of you. I have often
considered how your wife was for when I saw
her here she looked over worked & anxious
though she declared she was perfectly well.

All here are as usual only more quiet
than formerly, not the place it used to be in
that respect. Mrs & Mrs Church have been
very well all winter, Capt Hunt not yet
returned from Dickens but expected every
steamer. French family all the same;
Wheeler, Mendell, Craghead & Minet & families all well
and the same as when you were here. Bernard's
also well as is Col Brown & family: amongst the
single officers there has been change; the Major
the same as ever has been sick twice during the
winter but is now well; I live in his addition where
Symonds & Carling lived at different times. The
Comdt is Ganard a Capt in 5th Regt a very fine
man & an excellent Comdt much liked by the Cadets.
The tactical officers all changed, are now Whistler &
Hopkins of 3rd Lt Phillips of 1st & Adams of my class, 1st Lt

all very good but the latter who is too young.
Piper of 3rd Lt is the Regt Assistant in Chemistry
a very nice man too; he & Ganard I suppose
were 1st Chorus when you were at West.
Prof Church has Whistler, Elderskin, who has just come
& myself. Has also 2 Cadet Assistants for the
4th class is very large, forms more than half
the Corps. Brynker who used to be here in
Chemistry is Adjutant & Quartermaster. Prof Church
has only Hopkins in his Dept. also two Cadets
one of whom is Mr Smith: the latter named
Brett has I think greatly improved seems more
of a man; stands very well indeed in his studies
will I believe graduate in the first. The Sunday
school under the hill has been merged into the
one at the Chapel & I think Mr Smith is one
of its Pillars: he gives very general satisfaction to the
Officers. Dr McDougall has been ordered off does not
yet know where he is to be stationed; his daughters
I suppose you know are married, the eldest to Buel
the other to Babbitt they are both in the Ordnance
now; Buel at Watertown, Babbitt at Pittsburgh. I also
am in that Corps, having been transferred; lost
rank by it as I was a 1st Lt in Topog & am 2nd now.

place) ought to resign & that, with out delay - I make no charges against Cal. Come personally, The misrepresentation mentioned in regard to his qualifications & number of his Regiment to which I have alluded, I do not know of having been made by him - & I have only mentioned them to show the influences which induced their joining his Reg. & their consequent disappointment on finding they had by some person been imposed upon -

In Madison, Chenoweth & Irondequoit Counties there is much feeling in behalf of the young men who have gone from those Counties - and in behalf of the friends of the young men in those Counties - & especially in behalf of the officers referred to & their friends, Allow me to entreat you, to relieve them if you can possibly in any honorable way do so - any way consistent with your duty as the General of the Brigade - Of course, I do not ask you to do any thing improper to be done - & I know your high sense of honor & propriety would prevent, if I or any other person or persons would ask you to ask it. But I am confident that if another place could be given to Cal. Come, or if there is no such place for him if he in view of all the circumstances could be persuaded to resign it will add much to the efficiency of the 61st Reg. & will be very gratifying to a large number of the friends of men of the Regiment - I have written you quite freely, having been assured by you that there would be no impropriety in my expressing to you fully my views & feelings - You enquired of me whether more ~~recruits~~ ^{volunteers} could be obtained for the Reg. I stated that under present circumstances, there could not, but I think if there is a change in the Colonization - that with the present indication of a determined course on the part of the Administration in regard to the war, ~~is~~ now indicated - that after one or two more victories we shall be able to send forward more recruits - We cannot certainly ^{in any count} multiply them in a change of Commanders of the Reg. If a change is made we will make an effort to send forward recruits - I hope for the good of the Reg. & for the good of the young men who are dissatisfied for the sake of their friends & of the Cause we all have at heart a change will be made -

Most Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

John J. Hoate



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Private

Washington City Feb 11 1862

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

You kindly allowed me an interview with you in relation to the complaint made by officers in the 61st Reg. against Cal. Come. Therefore I feel almost forbidden to trespass again upon your time, but my own anxiety, and the anxiety of others who with me have been instrumental in organizing the Companies of capturing Brody Brooks & Semming prep me to again call the matter up for consideration. I am satisfied that the Reg. can never be efficient under Cal. Come's Command. There is such a want of affinity between him and his subordinate officers, that they cannot in the nature of things do as they would under a person in whom they had confidence. They think ~~that~~ ^{he} lacks executive ability.

This is no new thing - The friends of these Companies consented to their joining the Regiment under the impression that Cal. Come not only had received a Military Education, ^{& every way competent} but that his Reg. together with the 3 Companies of the Captains mentioned would make the Regiment com-

plete. I do not know that Col. Cone represented that he had received a military Education, but it was so said & believed. & also said he was fully competent to discharge the duties of Colonel. It was represented to a young man whom I sent to New York to make Enquiries that 400 or 500 men were at that time enlisted for the Reg. when in fact there were only about 50. These Companies at this time could have gone into the Ellsworth Reg. They being organized in Albany - that is a large portion of them, but such were the representations that they chose the 61st Reg. They have from the first almost to this time been sadly disappointed. They soon saw that Col. Cone not only lacked Executive Ability but lacked these Elements of Character ^{necessary} in order to obtain ^{the confidence of} men of their intelligence & high moral Character -

You have in that Reg. a large number of young men of ^{superior} intelligence & of high moral & Religious Character, ~~men~~ ^{and they} are men to, who are brave - ardent in their attachment for free institutions, and if led to the battle field by a Colonel in whom they have Confidence they will be an honor to your brigade & to your Division. Give them a Colonel in whose ability they have Confidence & in battle they will display a valor & abnegation of which you will not be ashamed. I am satisfied from observations I made that they are governed by no improper motives. I ~~know they are~~ ^{know they are} patriotic. They may be ambitious, but it is an ambition to serve their Country. They risk their lives for their Country, willingly, but don't want to risk their lives

under circumstances where there will be no probable gain to their Country. Had they not been influenced by patriotism they would never have enlisted. Feeling as they do, I think that unless there can be some change, they would all instantly resign their Command were it not for the obligations they feel they are under to those who have chosen them to their respective Commands. There is no obstacle so great to a Soldier who desires to do his duty as a want of Confidence in a Superior officer - an officer who has the control of their action in a time of the greatest moment.

They have perfect Confidence in you - This feeling I think is universal with their men, but none whatever in Col. Cone - Now it may be said that Col. Cone passes a good Examination, But is that enough - Ought not a Col. to be able to obtain the Confidence of his men - He might get along perhaps if he was simply unpopular if they only had Confidence in his ability - Often military men are somewhat unpopular, when there exists a Confidence in their ability, but unhappily Col. Cone is not only unpopular with his subordinate officers - but they have no Confidence in his ability - During our conversation, you intimated that perhaps you could appoint Col. Cone to some other office, Brigade Inspector I think you mentioned now, would you do so. For the sake of these men I hope you will if you can possibly make it consistent to do so. I can readily see why Col. Cone will dislike to break of his command, but I have no doubt he would willingly accept of another post. I think under the circumstances, he (unless he can have some other

and the hope that I must send a pair of
paper for her, and for my Jamie and Minnie,
which they all indicated. I hope they will
cut down the pay of the Army and keep as much
in the treasury as they can, there doesn't seem
to be much just now. But I don't think Everett
will have to fail. You visited quite a number
of Ladies the other day I should think, but
I think I am as well off as any of those you saw.
I have not been to Boston. I hardly think I shall
at present. I should go to see Mrs. Sewall if I
visit no one else. Ella will be coming home
soon I presume. I have not heard from her
since she went down. I will send this without
writing more. but I should like to say in-
cidentally more. I think I will begin to
believe the war is almost ended. I am in no
need of money. I have the Gold Mrs. Woodson
received for her husband for you, and I deposited
over two hundred dollars in Auburn bank
last night. I have none by me now, and shall take
out twenty five tomorrow. much love
to Charlie. If you are not together I should
feel that I must write ^{him} alone, as it is he **4**
negotiates. but I love him just as much and think
of him as often.

Yours ever,
Linn

Andover, Feb. 10, 1862.

Dearest Otis

I have received two
long letters since I wrote you.
I am more than pleased when
you write me often. I tried to
have our Photographs taken last
week but failed. We intend to
go again soon when it is a pleasant
sunshiny day. Grace and Jamie are
recovering from Chicken pox. I suppose
that was what ailed my about two
weeks since. The most likely took
it of someone and gave it to the
others. I had a treat last evening.
I heard Dr. Hollans (I think) lecture
"Working and Thinking" the subject.
It was capital as Tolsonhe would say.
I wish you could hear it or see it reported.
I have spent nearly all the evening reading

the Boston Journal of today. It contains
"Carleton's" account of the "Capture of Fort Henry"
but you of course see it. What a good
reply Col. Ford made to the one who
"feared" he was nervous and did not sleep well.
^{It also contains}
a short letter from Col. Gross "to the
patriotic people of the Massachusetts." I heard read
an extract from a private letter written by a
lady in St. Hampshire declining an invitation
to participate in the Thanksgiving with a friend
for she had so much work on her hands
work for the soldiers - that she would feel
condemned to be asking a more personal
pleasure at such a time as this when
so much could be done by the ladies.
This is at all because I have forgotten, rather
is it so beautifully expressed. I cried when I
heard it read, from joy and sympathy, and wished
this feeling was more universal. Evening, 13th
Fannie is so restless lately I do not get much
time to write. She has been asleep over half
this evening, but waked and I kept her a while
now he is asleep. Thomas and his dog (Sion) are home. Grace came last evening before she

was sent here today to see us. Guy was glad
to see the dog. He is much interested in
"Castor" another wonder of Papa will bring
him home. thinks he might send him home
by express a some way. but I had as lief
you would keep him. I have babies enough
(Bennie included) to take care of at present.
The pictures you cut from books or papers are
not as welcome as "Papa's written pictures".
Guy is writing to Susan. I shall try to have
him finish it tomorrow. We often speak of what
Susan used to do and say. Col. Gilman has stopped
the "Portland Advertiser" and now takes the "Boston
Journal". The ^{London} politician has changed
somewhat (by change of Editor) and he was not
going to take a Democratic paper, nor one
that advocated such principles. I have
not yet had a visit from Mother. I wrote
to her day before yesterday a short note
and enclosed St. Col. Howard letter. I read
of the presentation in to-day's B. Journal. The children
are quite well but will not go out for a day
now. Grace came last evening before she

There are 8 ladies now in
the 3^d Me. They don't feel
like moving forward you
know. It is all very pleasant.
Pleasant to go there to visit.
But I would not like to
bring you to camp to stay.
Mrs McComer was at the
Wipers Hotel. so I called
there & found the Dr & Mrs R.C.
also Mrs Brammont. So you
perceive I have been welcomed
in ladies society lately. Ceph
Sewall accompanied me
last night & tonight. Mrs
Scott invited me to take
Charles & dine with her
Sunday. I expect I told you
of that visit in my last letter.
I feel very great longing
to go home now & then
Susan flows in upon us &
perhaps we soon can meet
him the darling bairn for

Love to Aunt
John & to my friends
New Hunter Camp
California Feb 13 1862
Miss Figgie.
I found a little
gift box at the dangerous
the 64th Reg. & got him to
sit you & Grace into it. Now
I have you two suspended on
my watch chain. not handsily
for you know I wear my
coat buttoned most of the time
in military style. Charles
thinks you look a little too
serious. Is Grace getting very
fat cheeks again! What
good news we are having from
Bourbon & what useful from
Kentucky. Yesterday after the
days duties Capt Sewall &
I accepted an invitation to
take a cup of tea at the 3^d

paper - John Williams writes about them by name
Mr & Mrs R.C. with "old hair" and
kind regards -
Good night
& good sleep
Thee - my
Miss Figgie

Maine. We took a straight-
road through mud, ⁺slap ⁺brook,
and found ourselves face to
face with Perry. He was
just getting ready to go
to the new theatre. The
Ministers from New York
& the Wifes hadron, but
I declined going. don't
think much of ~~the~~ ^{the} thing
any way & for fear of ~~the~~ ^{the} actors
in the field in front of
an enemy. We found
Mrs Sampson, her sister
Miss Smith & Geo Sampson
just ready to sit down to
tea. We had a pleasant
chat. Mrs Sampson said
when I came over there
she sometimes wished it
was you I was going
to see instead of herself. ~~for~~

My Mother & Sister - I don't
 know whether she wished she
 was my wife. It seemed so
 did not it? I called in to
 Mr Richards this evening. The
 man whom place we saw
 at. He insisted on telling
 me that Mr Richards said
 he would die for me.
 He would tell that
 Mr. R. said that if he
 should die ^{& my ~~own~~ ^{you} should} she should
 get her cap for me. Mr
 Richards is a very pretty &
 ladylike Occasion woman.
 Her brother George is in the
 Rebel Army. This is the
 second time I have been
 in the house. I had just finished
 with the 3rd Maine. I called
 upon the chubby & happy Mrs
 Stetson in their cosy little cabin

Bath Feb. 13. 1862

Dear Sister Lizzie

Ella will return to Framington with us today - She could not get any hat to suit you for Grace here - She is sorry that she could not have attended to it before -

I hope you will write how you all are - I sent the Eclectics & Children Papers to Littlefields by Mr. Goff - Mrs. Patten sends her kindest regards & will be very happy to see you at any time you may come -

Mrs. Senall, on whom, Ella & I called would like very much to become acquainted with you - She is an excellent Christian woman and

is warmly engaged in
the labors of the Revival =
Our meetings have been
very large & interesting = It
was a week Tuesday since

I came down and it
has been one of the happiest
weeks in my life = Hattie
hopes she has found Jesus
& we are all hoping that
Ellen's father is coming, if
we can only hold on in
prayer: Do help us =

I stopped at Leeds
one night as I came
down - All well there -
The baby a week old -
& Abby improving -

With a great deal
of love for the children
& kindest remembrance to Gr.
Aunt & family

Yr aff. son
Randal

P.S. Tell Guy quite a no of
little children, no older
than he, have become
Christians we hope =

Point Feb 1861 - Seventh Camp
 California near Alexandria
 Virginia - Feb. 1862 - We
 will not skip Dec 1st 1860 -
 nor forget Jan 1st - Your place
 are respectively Portland. Augusta
 Florida - ~~from~~ West Point &
 Auburn - How much it
 would take to fill up all
 the intervals with events. There
 is enough to link us closer &
 & closer for time & for Eternity.
 I am quite well - Drilled the entire
 Brigade this afternoon - The
 mud is drying up a little -
 We have good news from Roanoke
 Island. "We lost but 22 in the
 action". You know I sent the 4th
 Rhode Island & I am anxious
 to hear that they are safe -
 Charlie & Capt Swell are in
 the other tent. Then the children
 but don't wake them & go to bed

my darling little wife
 make me wish
 I was in the long
 picture - that is
 right - fill up
 that time - I
 wish you much
 for me - I do for
 I believe it is seven
 years ago tonight when that bonfire
 of houses took place in Portland - &
 I worked at the engine breaks - I saw
 a work of years - since we were linked
 for woe or for weal - I wish I could
 kiss your forehead tonight & talk
 about the past, the present & the
 future - I have your picture with
 our smiling little daughter's next
 my heart but it cannot smile nor
 talk, nor cry - How little we
 know of the future. When we
 were married. There was home, & mother.
 Others were there & are not now - First
 Waterville. The big stone house. The early
 window, the broken & sliding hill

the homesick little wife; the
hopeless face. then the two. First
Mrs Lynnington. the poor Majors
prominent feature. her good
size & strong ways, his goodness
of heart. - (Mrs Buggs) Buggs &
Thinks. Mrs Thornton with
a husband away. waiting &
waiting. He did come home.
J. Snuebe-Cornwall. the good people.
Charlie & Mrs Mulliken. Mrs
Millions & Jennie Brooks. the
happy Dr Briggs. the baby. Guy.
How proud & happy we sometimes
were. Mrs Black gave the discourages.
Back to Troy leaving our friends &
Capt. & Mrs Gorges. Mulach. The
young, the single, Thomas with
his broad laugh, Ellen McParty
& Ellen McNeely or McNeery.
Bro. Hillhouse & Mrs H. Rowland.
Albany. Mr & Mrs Dunlop [did I ever

write you that Mr Dunlop had
chanced to pay me a visit-?) - Now
come the Orders, the parting, the
first family prayer then. A long
seven months. Maine again.
Little Grace is given, Mother
is taken. Home again. a new
man, with new hopes clearer
head & clearer heart. You a
Christian. Now West Point, with
all its friends & associations &
its several homes, from the
packed room or Rori to the little
kennel at the North Gate, then
to the cottage on the rock. Then
the barrels. then the good home
then the war & the runaway.
The wedding ^{at Portland} Feb. 1855. First Anniversary
at Augusta Feb. 1856. Second "
Florida Feb. 1857. Third West Point Feb.
1858. Fourth West Point Feb. 1859
Fifth West Point Feb 1860. Sixth Wash

Prince the paymaster, whom
Mr. Washburn recommended
for Brig. Gen. &c. He invited &
conducted us to his room
to fix up, get my &c. while
Charles & Mr. Donald went to
the P.O. to put up the horses.
After this Major Burt & myself
meeting at Willard's proceeded
to the room of the Secretary
of War. in rather that of his
Ship Clerk. Here we found
a crowd of people in waiting.
At first we could not get near
the Sec. Secretary - but soon
the smoke took a fortunate turn
& came down chimney - The
Secretary changed his position
to the hall & in following him
we were thrown by the crowd
down by. I extended my papers
made my request, introduced

Maj Burt, got the Homogeneous
& polite refusal & with thank
you for coming; and then
retired. went back to Willard's.

Thence to the paymaster, drew
my pay for February and now
enclose to you, one hundred
dollars (100.00). I would send
you more but you just
said you had enough. I
went then with Charles & Mr. Don-
ald & settled his pay matters.
Now Charles & I paid a
visit to Mr. Curran. We met
Miss Leary, Miss Childs, Mrs
Meyer. At first Mrs C. was
lying down with sick head
ache. She sent her love & request
for us to dine & then come
& stay all night. We went
down Pennsylvania Avenue.
I bought a new coat. your coat.

with them & the Dr made a prayer -
Charlie had accompanied us till
we left the N.H. hospital. He then
went for the horses & joined us here
with the horses - I will mention our
young man George H. Farnum of
Milford N.H. who talked with me
specially. He seemed in just the state
of mind I was in prior to my going
to Florida. I took his name & he
has promised to let me know if
he finds the Savior. We now
took a ride across the fields in a
southerly direction to the "Clement
Hospital." where we now were in
the Bible & went from room to room
to talk & pray with the men - In
our room a Lieutenant had asked
for the Episcopal service - I used
the prayers of the prayer book such
as I could remember. After we
had visited the sick we had a pleasant
call on the assistant Surgeon Dr
Merrill of whom I spoke awhile
ago to you - in the 6th Regt. N.Y. He is

"This afternoon I proposed with Dr
Vogel to make the rounds of the
Hospitals - The 81st Pennsylvania
was a hospital, a large tent and
also a hospital department
in a house - to visit each
of the others. I will tell you
about my tour when I return.
Col. Staples was here yesterday
the 3rd Maine. He wants to
get into my Brigade. He talked
the Quartermaster is here to
day & they ship the Regiment away
give me a good deal of trouble
if it should effect the exchange
(Evening) I will now give you a detailed
account of our visits to the hospitals. I met
Dr Vogel at the Hospital of the 61st
As you enter you see two tiers of the
sick - feet towards the center. A range
near the whole length towards the
middle part. We talked with the sick
The Dr. was speaking to a boy about 15
or sixteen sick with the scarlet fever

in the further corner. I told him Greg's
short prayer. "O Lord Give me thy Holy
Spirit." I asked him if he could say
it. He immediately repeated it &
said he would remember it &
use it. The Dr. made a prayer - then
we passed to the Pennsylvania
Hospital. Dr Gardner the Surgeon
went in with us. One Sergeant who
is quite deaf from sickness answered
me when I asked him when
his home was. "My home is in
God". Here again the Doctor V.
made a prayer. We then
went to the 64th hospital. one
man had just died. They have two
tents. We visited them both. and talked
with them & prayed. In the last
room the convalescent. A young man
laughed as I asked another if he
could tell me the story of his Saviour.
as I saw him making a ~~bold~~ story

I then told him I thought it a
fine time to insult the Lord. Several
heaven looked very serious; so I changed
my tone & repeated some passages
of Scripture. As we went out I
put my head down to a poor boy
about 16 & asked him if he loved
his Saviour. He said he "had not
experienced much". but he was crying
& promised to think & pray. We next
went to the R. Hampshire hospital. Here
we took Dr Knight the Surgeon, a real
good Christian man, and went the
rounds of his hospital. he has a large
tent. & four small ones quite full.
Not all ^{badly} sick: some with measles.
I tried to point them all to Christ.

We now walked a half mile
straight to our front, to the "Gregory
house". All here were convalescents
except one who had just died. They
came into our room & we talked.

Head Quarters
Irish Brigade Union Division
Feby. 29/62.

General, I accept with
pleasure, your very
kind invitation and
will do myself the
honor to see you at
the hour named in
your note.

Very Respectfully
Thomas Francis Meagher
Brig. General

To
Brigadier General Howard



My dear Mother
I received your letter
of the 10th inst. and
was glad to hear from
you. I am well and
hope this finds you the
same. I am writing you
a few lines to let you
know I am still alive
and well. I am not
feeling very well at
present but I hope to
be better soon. I am
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Portland July 22 1862
Mrs Elizabeth A Howard
Dear Miss

This to inform you that
I have collected the Interest on Coupons of
your Treasury Notes amounting to \$14-60
the interest on the Notes when purchased
I paid leaving balance due me at the time 96 Cents
leaving now due to you \$13-64 - which I would
Enclose if I was sure of your present place
of residence - please write me where I shall send
hoping this will find you and Children
all well - I remain Your Affectionate

Uncle
E. Wait

P.S. we are all well and all
Join in love to you and all yours

220
365
485

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Portland July 22 1862

My dear Sir

I have collected the list in answer of
 your drawing. I have sent it to Mr. W.
 the artist on the list which has been
 I have been waiting between the time of the
 leaving them due to you \$13.00 which I would
 rather if I was sure of your present plan
 of ordering. I have written the artist to collect
 having this will find you are satisfied
 as well. I remain your obedient servant

Yours truly
 E. W. Allen

I am one all well and all
 I am in love to you and all yours

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to make a book of record of all the
"Union Generals" engaged in this contest.
I have expressly forbidden Charles to praise
me in any of his Boston Correspondence
& not to mention me only when he
cannot help it. In this letter I do
not wish him to appear. & hardly
know what to think of the propriety
of his sketch. I am inclined to think
it may tend to do good to the cause of
Christ - by making it prominent - that
I lean upon the Arm of the Lord. & it
may tend to increase my usefulness or
be a pleasant legacy to my children in
case of disaster. How is little Grace tonight
Papa has got her with Mamma (in imitation of
you to his heart). Poppa has a sorrowful trouble
to tell you, your wicked man has stolen
"Leostor" & Papa cannot find him. Susan
hung upon every word I spoke about you all.
She is quite pale & very very thin. How is
famin now. How the chicken got. Good night
My dearest wife. The beginning of the
end is drawing near - Most lovingly to yourself
your husband & his children & family

Head Quarter Howard's Brigade

Feb. 22 1862

My dearest Siggie,

The 22nd of Feb is just
past. Though invited by a resolution ^{of Congress} to be present
at the Capital at the presentation of the
Secession flags & other trophies to Congress,
I concluded when apprized of certain rumors
of attack not to leave my Brigade. I have
now granted a pass today. After
Am. I formed my Brigade in four columns
in Mass (3 ||||| ~~100~~ ||||| and first had a piece
by our Band. Then a prayer by Mr. Hibbard
Chaplain of the 64th - A second piece of music
by another Band. After this I stood on the box
and read Washington's farewell address to
the Brigade. When about half through the
New Hampshire battery, having come to pay
Cal Corp a visit, arrived & formed in the
open space behind me. I closed the men
up as compactly as possible & think I
made all attention people hear. After this
I spoke to them a few minutes. Then we had

Washington's grand March played by the
third Band - We then then united in
singing "Columbia". After this was over, I
formed the columns  then
view the new ~~hampshire~~
batteries first - a battery of  34 guns - and the
regiments were dismissed. In the afternoon
we had a drill, Col. Crose moving his regiments
to support the battery - i.e. drawing up his regiments
in line in rear of the battery while it was
firing and moving on to the front of
it as soon as it ceased to fire & opening
himself with muskets. I expect they would
have been considerably excited over the events
of today had he been here. You will have
read of the death of Willie Lincoln before
this reaches you & perhaps think how
the Lord tempers prosperity with sorrow.
I hope He in infinite wisdom may make
President Lincoln a Christian like George
Washington. My trust is not in princes
but in God: but no auspices are more
satisfactory & promising than the work
of the Lord in raising up men after his own

heart. to hold the rule. The inauguration of
Jefferson Davis, encroaching upon the anniversary
of Washington's birthday, is not by any means
in joy or hope. Washington City & Richmond
are shadowed in sorrow and I am hoping
that good will come to us from
both events. How calm - how firm, how
constant a man can be if he has
a real trust in his Divine Master. As
I know, he feels that events are in
good hands & that all will be well -
"Ellovaah jroah". I have picked up my trunk
with my white shirt, spare coat, spare books
&c. &c. & sent it to Washington. My horse
can carry all my baggage now except
my tent bedstead & mattress. We may not
move, but it is my impression we
shall before long. A paper or letter
sent me some months or more ago
to the Washington P.O. asking me to give a
sketch of my life came to hand when
I was over in Washington last. Charles
has concluded to answer it. So he is writing
about me tonight. The Editor or publisher wants



Autumn, Feb. 23, 1862.

My dearest Oles

I have just returned from Sunday School Concert, took Gay with me, and left Grace home to sit up till I should return. I put her to bed after she told me about the story Aunt Sarah read to her. As it is but little past eight o'clock I will write a short letter to mail to-morrow. I fear I did not write you at all last week. I hope you have not been anxious about us. We are all quite well. I must have spent more time reading the papers and work than usual. We hardly thought my picture hardly worth sending, but for fear I could not

get another for some time
I concluded best to send it.
Very pleasant days are very few.
I have to improve every pleasant
day to pay visits, or they accumulate
too fast. I wish to get over my back
habit with regard to visiting. I want
to learn to have more energy. Mrs. Stinson
has just returned from Augusta, where
she has been to say good bye to her husband.
She is Quarter Master in Col. Dow's
Regiment. I am glad you have such
good (& succession friends) as Mr and
Mrs Richards. What is in "Locket No. 2?"
You said there were eight ladies in
the 3^d chain. Is it they who do not
feel like moving forward, or the Regt?
Glad Mr. Darby has been to see you. I also
looked for the welfare of the 4th Rhode Island.
They are under another Ordnance Officer
Gen. Rice. Do you have much time
for general reading. Would you like
any books sent you. I have been

expecting "Lessons in Life". Kindly attend.
I would like you to read the book.
Aunt Betsey and Sarah Alden look ten
with us to night. She says
Jamie will know his father, he
knows so much about "Pa-pa"
one is familiar with his picture
that she don't see why he won't.
I think a great deal of ~~my~~ her
opinion on any subject, and
hope this will prove correct.
Give much love to Charlie.
Grace is writing to Papa but I don't
know as she will finish in time
to send it in this. I mean she has a
letter commenced, and I will try to
have her finish it in the morning.
Good night now, dearest. I hope the
war will be ended soon. It
looks more like it now I think.
Ever your own true wife.
Lizzie.

you see our dear boys remember me to them
if opportunity presents, tell them I still pray for
them, I spoke with Dexter's mother today she said
a letter from him to his brother-in-law last ^{evening} week
he spoke of a forward march, but our papers do not
say anything of it so I think it has not commenced
I was glad to hear that General Sutter had
returned to his command, hope he will recover his full
strength I see Col. Staples name in some paper saying
he had captured a ~~pirate~~ ^{pirate} for his log house
I saw Capt Foss's wife at the funeral with her
father-in-law and mother-in-law quite young
and pretty. I understand she has lately returned
~~to~~ ^{from} here from her husband, your father
has just ask if I had not nearly done writing
you have never answered my letter where I wrote
you I had taken a note of your father for your money
and whether you had order'd your trunk sent here
from Bangor ~~we~~ hope to hear soon from you
from your affectionate mother Eliza Gilmore,

Charles H. Howard

Leeds Feb. 23. 1862. 54

My dear Son Charles
Last evening we were made glad
by the arrival of a letter from you, although a week old, owing
to the snow storms we have not had our mails regular for several
days, I have written quite a number of letters to you this winter
two weeks ago this evening I wrote you, you have not mentioned
any of my letters, in yours perhaps they mislaid, you cannot
write anything to your mother that is not interesting even the
names of those with whom you associate are pleasant to me because they
are your companions from day to day in your duties, I have some
times thought of writing to Otis, and then I would think Lizzie writes
to him and I will write to Charles and write Otis another time
but when you write you never have mentioned my letters, but
I gathered from something Otis said in his letter to me
that one of my letters had reached you, I think a great deal about
you this winter and hope you do not dispond, we have some reason
to believe, that this terrible rebellion is on the wane, and our
souls will soon return to their homes, ^{those} ~~what~~ of them ^{who} do not fall
a sacrifice to this great calamity. I am greatly obliged to you
for describing your surroundings, perhaps ere this you are on
the march ~~and~~ towards the enemy, I hope you feel safe to trust
our Lord and Saviour with your soul, death is sure to us
sooner or later we have had a sermon on that subject today
from Mr Chapen on the funeral occasion of Mrs. Hackley
death, she died suddenly at Livermore falls a few days
since, and her remains were brought into our church at
noon today, where the funeral services were performed
it was truly an interesting day to me, there were a large collection

of mourners and friends some linger'd a long while over her
coffin as though it was pleasant to ^{them} view, from my earliest recollat-
ons, I look back upon her, as the same calm example of propriety
to the day of her death, she has been a member of our Baptist Church
for 22 years, these things don't interest you as they do me, as young as
you are, Mr C. is text was, there is but a step between me and death,
~~2 Sam. 22. Chap. 3. Verse.~~ Mr Isaiah Addleton's family
have fallen sick ^{with diphtheria} the ten days past, and one daughter died
seven years old, and it is thought the others will recover, I was very
sorry to hear of the death of your friend Mr Merrill, it is indeed
hard for his parents, but O, Charlie how many bleeding hearts
there are in the land this very minute but our heavenly father
suffers it to be so, no doubt for some wise purpose, there is
somewhat more attention to the subject of religion in
North Leeds and at the Bridge at North Turner Bridge meetings
are frequent and some have profess'd to a change of heart
how much I do hope, that God will appear for us, I have been
brightened and ~~hardened~~ myself but I feel as though my
saviour had appeared for me, and I feel an increased
confidence to call on him for help in time of need, and
the scripture seems indeed precious to my soul, I should
have gone to Farmington last week to spend one day if the
storm had not prevented, Rowland thinks the attention of the
people are somewhat called to the subject of religion in
that place, I have not heard from Lissie and the dear
little ones the past week, had a letter from Rodolphus
last evening written his birth day, his twentieth birth
day. He said he should think parents would feel old

to have their youngest son 20. years old, and indeed it is so
I have been reminded of it particularly to day, while
seeing many of my old acquaintances that formerly
were ^{my} companions in youth bald headed and grey
headed with ^{their} children and grandchildren around them
time carries us along and there certainly but a step
between us and death Isaac Pettengill is very low, prostrated
by sickness I cannot help having a strong hope that he may
yet be spared to us, our church is fast thinning out, "must
thy children die so soon" your father's health is good, seldom
coughs every thing goes along well with us, I saw Brother
Cusign to day. he was one of the bearers, and seem'd well
Laura was with him, we have a great deal of snow, high
drifts, but the Thermometer has been 40 degrees above zero
Roland and Cynthia and children go along about the same
it is reported in the neighborhood that Josie Keene has valid
somewhat under Doct. Loving. practice it is three weeks
since he began to visit her, I have not seen her this
winter I seldom leave home unless some special
duty calls, Eliza Ann Peasey came and talk'd to me
after the funeral services, she told me Peasey had
been confined to his bed with sickness two months
and in the mean time his son three years and half
old died with croup, Oh! will feel to sympathize
with him in his trouble, as an old friend and
chum and classmate I am in hopes to have more time
to write letters and shall be able to write to Phi soon
my heart is always ^{with} him as well as your self, when

New York
July 24/62

My Dear Howard

I have just
been looking at your
"Carte de Visite" and at
the autographic "you faithfully"
at foot of same.

I know you never say,
or write, more or less than you
mean, therefore, as I know
your time is valuable, I
go at once into the main
immediate occasion of
this note — My youngest
brother George, about 24 is

a first Lieut in the 91st
Regt N. Y. S. T. now at
Key West - He was a member
of the 7th Regt and with them
at Washington - a good soldier
full of muscle and health
pluck &c. - and he wants
very much, (and so do I,) to
get on some General Officers
staff - or more especially,
glad to get a commission in
the regular service - A thousand
words are no better in this matter
than the precise number needed
to ask you the simple question
if you can aid him in the
accomplishment of his wish,
and thereby rendering him a
service and very much obliging
me.

I hope you are in good
health and that you may soon
lead your men to victory -
God Grant this to other officers

in that region will steal all
the honors from you if you dont
take care - I trust you get
good accounts from Mr Howard
of the dear children - I was truly
sorry to hear of poor Sarah's
affliction, what a sad thing for
her - May the good shepherd
comfort her.

We are all, Thank God,
quite well - Mr Bacon desires
his warmest wishes for your
well fare and kind remembrance.

I commend you, my dear
Howard, to God's mercy and
care and am, with
sentiments of strongest regard
& friendship Affectionately

Yours friend
Wm R Bacon

Tamington
Feb. 24. 1862

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Dear Sister Lizzie

I enclose a note
from Abner that came in a letter
to Sarah. There is considerable religious
interest here. We have both daily &
Evening meetings for a week and there
are as many as 15. Inquirers and
a few converts. Christians are making
up & we feel that God is about
to grant us a great blessing. Pray
for us. It has been a long time
since I have heard from you and
the dear children. Write a
few lines - Give my love to each of
them.

Yr. aff. Brother,

Rowland

Our Church was packed full to hear
Mr Hammond last night. and 75
stopped at the Inquiring meeting.

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for all
kind are
well now

and see you. He said he often comes &
would do so. A promising young
Gentleman from Swanton was here
the other day. He was going in to see
you. Col. Jackson is a fine soldier &
I should like to have you call upon his wife
& thank her for what I have heard that she
must be a good woman. There is
my dear little daughter Grace. I hope
soon she will change so much that she
will hardly know me. And our little
Fannie - bless her little heart. On Sunday
Mrs. Sampson sent me an invitation to
go over to a Sing & prayer meeting in the
evening. I was with Mr. Miles & I went. We had
tea & then a good meeting. I must
stop for the hour of duty has expired
& have written this interrupted by pressing
matters &c. Give much love to yourself
& the business - also to family &
family & all friends. I hope another
time to see you & his wife -
God bless you always -
Affectionately
John

Head Master Howard's Brigade
Camp California Feb 2^d 1862

Dearest Lizzie,

I feel quite badly to think I cannot
send you & Grace some more "winter pictures". I
have so many different things to attend to.
If I could do so I should like to make a
drawing of a temper in which my brigade
underwent a review yesterday & afterwards
the wind blowing & chasing stoves, tents
& birds up double quick over hill &
dale. Sibley poles & flag, stumps were
quickly demolished. My poor tent stood
the gale with difficulty but the
dining tent was partly badly torn -
the kitchen & stable partly unroofed. Ralston's
& Carlo's tents were laid low. The
Capt. Arthur's stable men - turned
over. Then his table instruments picture
&c. were up into active service
joined the common throng. All this
was to pay for our churches - the day
before. You see, the Inspector General was

known to be coming on Monday so the
men turned in on Sunday and trimmed
up their boots, planted toes & chained up
their arms as well as they could. About
ten A.M. on said Monday. We were formed
in three lines & Col. Sackett came
to inspect - accompanied by Major
Davis. It was a pleasant morning but
a heavy cloud was rising in the west -
it rained a little as we began to march.
then it poured upon us & drove into
our faces hail & rain as hard
as a battle almost. The men got very
wet, ~~well~~ through. Arms & brasses grew
dim. We dismissed them as soon
as possible and then came the
trug of war to keep the tents from
blowing away. You should have seen
Capt Sewall trying to get the flag
down & to keep the pole up. His
countenance looked wild & excited. His
hair on the back of his head & his hair
flying. The wind lasted during the
day & part of the night. I got to tired at
the windy inspection which I attended

with Col. Sackett till 5-1/2 P.M. without
my dinner. That I slept soundly
during the night, in spite or rather
without fear of the elements. Mr
Richard very kindly took compassion
on me & invited me with others
& Capt. Sewall to dine at his
house. So I did a little after 5 -
Mrs. St. Col. Burton & 1st Lt. Boardman
also Mrs. Collet a wife of Major
Collet of the 11th Regt. & Treaney's Brigade.
The little Guy M. M. has found "Custer".
Charles says, "in Fortman had him
tied up in his tent." A Sergeant came
& apologized for having him said he found
a little dog in his company & found I
didn't know whom he belonged to. Yesterday
Mr Jordan who came from the top of the
house where I got my dear little wife a
few years ago - with two or three Maine
friends paid us a visit - was present at once.
& paraded & enjoyed his visit wonderfully.
He came into my tent, got Charles' Autograph
& mine & then left for the 5th Ar. "Holds"
Main where he was to see ~~Swiss~~ to call &

would expect our Brigade Monday.
The men as a matter of course
neglected their cleaning up &c. a good
deal bloody & soiled Sunday -

The ground over our is not good
deep - The arms & drops were all buried
& I thought our Brigade would take
the Palace - But just the moment
our Review began when Capt. Leavelle
it commenced to rain in a flood &
soon came back & a terrible wind.
Imagine the appearance of the review. We
came back & our boys in the field.

But just as we were marching in
the Review it cleared off & a cold wind
came up as I never before experienced - We found
Capt. Leavelle with the entire force of Orderly
trying to keep our flag staff from blowing down
upon the tent - We got inside but at the first
gust - almost every tent of the N. H. Regt
was swept flat - Horses & furniture of all kinds
went flying past our tent - Our tent did not
go down - Capt. Leavelle died & you can imagine
the condition of our Sunday - fixed camp at the
end of our half hour - The arms too of course

My dear brother
I thought this would
be a happy for
Monday and
a Sunday -
When I arrived
the 24th letter
from you &
must have
been sent yet
that by the way
We expect to
move before
long -
Wm. G. Brown
Capt. 26th
Cal. Inf.
Brigade
Feb. 26 1862

Your letter of the 21st was
very brief but very welcome. Mr. Hammond's
visit to you has often been in my mind.
I trust that your hopes as to the benignant
results of the meetings will be fulfilled.
I saw an article in Capt. Sewall's Christian
Mirror which seemed to question rather ex-
plicitly the propriety & usefulness of Mr. H's
labors - But if the Lord so will, it
does not become editors to condemn too readily.

I thank the Lord for "signs of religious
awakening" and hope your next letter will
record something further.

I will not let any portion of your letter
escape unannounced this time, I thought about
your question regarding my monetary accounts
just after I had rec'd my last. I should
have been more particular had I not concluded
you better not be troubled with them. The last
one of \$25 - is in Mr. Higgins name & is in the

supported by the men is that the girl and her mother are well as they
would have been. This stopped the work & had the men go to
the hospital but the
hospital for
the 24th letter
from you &
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hands of Mr. Orgood - Ex^{mp} Agent at
Augusta who has (what is required) the power
of attorney" to receive the money. - Joshua Turner
has another small account. but perhaps he
will not present it & no matter if he does
not. This in my name. He also has power
of attorney" from me.

Thought of you & tried to pray for you
& your people on Sabbath evening. We had
a prayer-meeting in the Chapel tent of the 61th
N. Y. This was a Hospital tent which Otis
had put up (after it had been cast aside) for
our meetings. We have interesting meetings.
Some new ones comes out almost every week &
some very interesting ones. Two sermons particularly.
Wrote you could have heard their simple story
of the Cross.

Glad to hear good news from Hattie. I don't
hope Capt. Patten would this time escape
Christ. Poor Lizzy I hope the throbbers of
this world station will soon fall off from her.

Thus far I wrote before Breakfast - Mr.
Miles is now attending to General Manning. I hear
the Band playing - Otis is writing Lizzy

Yesterday P. M. while we were having Brigade
Drill - Mr. Jordan who used to live in Mr.
Wright's house came riding out on horse back
down in together with two others from
Portland & Mr. Warren the latter of the
5th Maine. They enjoyed the drill our
much - I wish you could see our
Brigade drills. They are much more
interesting than Battalions Drills - Today
the General held the different Regiments
like & hold different hills situated
1/4 mile & more apart.

Last Sat. 21st Otis read Washington's
Farewell address to the Brigade - A G. H.
Brother came down from a neighboring
Division to be present & in the afternoon
Genl. Crook supported them in a kind
of show battle - The firing was deaf-
ening - They gave the National salute
of 32 guns after the General finished
the address - The troops gave 3 Cheers
to the General.

We had notice tomorrow that Genl.
Sackett, Inspector General (of N. Y. Militia)

He made Lizzie an impromptu
visit, ~~on~~ my way to Bath - I
enjoyed it very much - The children
have grown - & it seems as if
family must be somebody's else
child! How pleasant it will be
to have them all here, this summer.
Sarah & her children are getting
along nicely now - Sarah gets
out to the meetings quite often,
and seems to enjoy them - I am
very sorry your Mother could not
come up - Rowland wrote her to.
Has Rowland told you that
Anna Kattie Lopes she has found
her sister? Hannah says she
is very much changed - She
loves her Bible, & good books, & Rev.
Mitchell & Mrs. Oliver never talked
so well before, she says - In the
evening meetings, Kattie was
never very much edified by these
two, but she thinks they have
improved! We are all praying
for Papa - must you help us?
We shall expect to hear astounding
news, when the cars do get in -
We have had no mails since
Monday - Rowland will write
another sheet, I think, & I will write

to Capt. Sewall -
I. C. Reid, & saw
his wife & children
returning in Bath -
Goodbye, & God
bless you both -
Your sister
Ellen -
I am sure is
getting to be quite
a promising
young man.
The women are
all well, & happy, &
I am sure of course,
every day.
It is as
good as
done.

Feb 27 1862

about know but I might as well
add - Capt. Sewall, and the
rest of the Unit's Staff! For
I hear your letters are mostly
in common! I've got into a
better smiling mood, tonight, which
is quite a wonderful thing, for
me. Baby and I are all alone
this evening - All the rest have
gone to meeting - Rowland has
probably written you that Mrs.
Hammond was expected here
two days last week - The storm
prevented his coming until
Saturday - He came Sat. night,
intending to be here but two days -

but Providence intended otherwise.
and sent a big storm, so
that the cars have not been
able to go since!

Mr. Hammond seems to carry
a kistling with him, wherever
he goes - he has certainly brought
one here. There was much feeling
among the impudent, and
Christians had to give to pray,
before he came - but now they
have gone right to work with
him, and sinners are coming
to their Savior. Many remain
to the Inquiry meeting, every
night - and some have already
given their hearts to Jesus.

Dr. Alexander, whom you have
both heard us mention, & whom
Charles has seen, last night
knew whom to be prayed for,
and promised to pray in

his family - and he is not
a man to go so far, unless
he meant it. Another man
who had a "Lope" years ago,
has come now, & thrown his old
"Lope" away, and now has found
a brand new one. That he never
knew anything about before!

He too prays in his family, and
looks & acts, like a "new man",
as he is - his wife is beginning
with him - & it may now be
called a Christian family, tho'
they have so long lived "without
God & without Lope in the world".
A good work is beginning here,
which I trust will not soon
stop - I have often thought, &
we have several times spoken
of it - how you would enjoy these
evening Inquiry meetings, and
afternoon prayer meetings -

Adm Howard
 1414 Ave Feb 27
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Dearst I will just
 send you some money
 I have in my pocket
 I have not heard from
 you for so long
 I hope you are all
 well. Much love
 to all.

Adm Guy, Grace & Annie
 papa has prayed for them
 separately that God will
 make them his own
 children.

Affectionately
 Oth

P.S. We are getting ready.
 not likely to move immediately.

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Enclaves

Yc Carl Engstrom

Spencer