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7/9/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-108 Headquarters Eleventh

Corps

Army of the Potomac

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [letterhead] Army of the Potomac [letterhead] July 9th, 1863.

My dear Mother,

One of our Divn. reached Middletown - back again night before last. And we returned to our old Hd. qrs. at a house <[torn]> this side of the town where we <[torn]> were treated very well when on our <[torn]> up. We came over the mountain at High Knob. The 5th Corps also under Otis' command for the time came the same way. The Divn. which got to town that night had marched about 30 miles in one day. Some of our artillery got stuck in attempting to get up the mountain & as our troops could not get past, the rest remained there. At half past 3 next morning I went back to get up the artillery & trains & clear the way for the 5th Corps. Had to work very hard & finally found another road for the 5th - at same time got the artillery & all the trains in motion. This took me till 12 ½ m. I tell you this to show something of my occupation. I got not a <morsel> break till that time. Yesterday P.M. we marched to Boonesboro Gap where we now are on the west side of the mountain in sight of the Antietam battlefield. One Divn. at Boonsboro which went forward to support Buford's Cavalry which had been fighting all day. After us the 1st Corps came up on our right and this morning the 6th which saw less fighting of lately strong has passed on to Boonsboro.

The enemy are all on this side of the Potomac and before this reaches you we shall have seen another terrific battle. But we have been gaining such decided successes of late I feel in hopes the time of the Lord has assured when he is to deliver the enemy into our hands and bring this great war to an end. I pray this may be <soon> and that your sons may not flinch from any duty which may tend to bring this about.

Nearly half of the Corps were rather barefooted or suffering from poor shoes yesterday but in the night one of the staff went to Frederick & procured the needed shoes - also food for these days - tho' many had fasted one day.

We are now making war in right good earnest I assure you & I trust this <hour> that the Lord will bless. Otis seems remarkably well. Rowland will soon be on his way home and you must go right up to Farmington & seem him if he cannot stop as I suppose he cannot well do, he has been absent so long. Hope father will see him too, he can tell for all <[torn]> about us, about the army and how we live & march & fight & all about our daily matters. We are now in a brick house right in the mountains near the broad national road which runs from Frederic to Indianapolis in the far West & is called a Pike. We miss poor Griffiths who was wounded & is at Gettysburg. His wife is with him by this time. My love to father, to Roland & Cynthia, Warren & Louise & family. I saw the other day the young Mr. <Thorver> who came to see me at Leeds & enlisted in 16th Me. He was well.

I suppose Mr. Gilberts' folks have but just learned the fate of Capt. Keene. He was a noble brave young man. I wish our country had more such. I trust you never allow yourself to get over anxious, dear Mother. The Lord is gracious & we are in his hands whether we live or die. Won't it be glorious if we bring our God to the wicked rebellious <[torn]> battle. <[torn]> baptism <[torn]> is over.

Forever yr. loving Son, C. H. Howard

P.S. Otis said give Mother my love and tell her I am very well - little tired. He is lying upon his cot near me taking rest. Cavalry is passing & has been for an hour. Love to Dellie. I have had a letter from Maj. Whittlesey. He would like to come back. It is reported that Joseph <Locust> was killed - he is at least missing. I saw the Adjutant of 16th Maine.

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Army of the Potomac.

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7/20/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-109 Headquarters Eleventh

Corps

Army of the Potomac. Mountville, Loudon Co.

Va

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [Letterhead] Army of the Potomac. [Letterhead] Mountville, Loudon Co. Va. July 20th 1863. (Gettysburg) [Written in another hand]

My dear Mother,

I had hoped to have time to write you a good long letter today as we were not to march. We arrived at this beautiful place in Loudon Valley yesterday P.M. Some roving Rebel Cavalry had been here in the morning and two officers of the 11st Corps staff were captured while ahead of their Command selecting camping ground. Hd. qrs. are at Union. Our orders last evening were that we remain at rest today. This is very refreshing.

We are at a pleasant house Mr Mounts'. They are all Rebels in sentiment but treat us kindly enough. The young lady, who is quite pretty, is as decided and outspoken a Rebel as I have ever seen. They claim Gettysburg as a Rebel victory! We don't see it in that light. A few more such Rebel victories is all that we need to end the war.

Otis rode to Hd. qrs. this forenoon leaving me at home to write letters. But I had to visit the Picket-line on duty only it has consumed the whole day. Gen. Schurz was charged upon by three Rebel Cavalry this morning but as he had five orderlies with him it was rather risk business as father would say and one of them (the Rebels) got caught by the orderlies and was sent a prisoner to Hd. Qrs. The other two escaped as it were "by the skin of their teeth". Next time they will know better than to attempt to capture nearly twice their number. Two of our Cavalry were taken last evening, having been sent out to a house to borrow some augurs & other tools for bridge-building. They learned that twenty five Rebel Cavalry lay close by the road in some woods when Otis & staff passed by yesterday, but they were not strong enough and so did not dare to expose themselves by firing or attempting a capture.

So you see we are getting into the enemy's country again. These things do not distrust but are matters of interest & offered matter of talk. Another peculiarity of yesterday & today is that our soldiers have begun with unwanted vigor to rob, steal, kill and devour everything convertible into food - worse, they are taking horses by the half dozen. This troubles Otis a good deal and he is taking severe measures to prevent it - more for the preservation of proper discipline in his own command than for any other reason.

We rec'd a letter from Rowland at Philada. & presumed he has reached home before this. Today we rec'd a letter from Capt. Griffeth's brother in which he enclosed an excellent likeness of Rowland taken at Philada. I send Dellie three papers containing accts of the battle of Gettysburg. Hope you will read the one in the Cincinnati paper as it tells a good deal about Otis & our Corps. We have received a large reinforcement - in fact an entire divn with its excellent commander Gen. Gordon of Massachusetts. One Mass. & 5 N.Y. Regts & two Penna. The Col of one of the latter was formerly, Adjt. Of the 61st N.Y. (my Regt.)

Some think we will not have any more battles till after the drafted men reach us. We shall then be a powerful army.

How seldom I get a letter from you. But Dellie is good about writing & I have a letter of his to answer now I think. Hope he will not let a week pass without writing. Much love to father & Dellie, also to Roland & family. Do you attend any prayer meetings this Summer? Hope you will see Rowland who will tell you more than I can communicate in many letters.

With great love & daily prayers for you mother. I remain affectionately your son.

C. H. Howard

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7/29/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-110 Hd. qrs. 11th Corps Warrenton Junction, Va

Hd. qrs. 11th Corps Warrenton Junction, Va. July 29 1863.

My dear Mother,

If we could have known that the Army would lie still so long we might have been home by this time. Yet we may move before another four days or even another two days expire. I got letters from Dellie & Rowland each telling about the Draft. Hope you will find it convenient to go up and visit Rowland. He can tell you a great deal about our daily life which was striking to him and he would remember but which does not come to my mind in writing. It has continued very warm but last night we had a shower which cooled off the air a little.

I am going to ride to Hd. qrs. with Otis this morning to Warrenton 9 miles or more.

In answer to a letter he had written, Otis received one from the President in which he expressed great regret that Lee was allowed to escape but on the whole said he had determined to be grateful for what had been done & not complain about what had not been accomplished.

He spoke in high terms of Genl. Meade - Otis had written of his own accord in commendations of Gen. Meade for fear he (Meade) might be removed or his resignation accepted as he (Meade) requested after Lee's escape. (Halleck had sent some complaining messages.) Otis thinks no better man for the place can be found at present.

I hope your health is very good. What are the privileges of Church and Sabbath School this summer?

Anyone from the Center neighborhood drafted? Hope Oscar will come out as an officer in one of the 3 veteran Regiments. Will both of Ezekiel Bates' boys go or will they pay over.

I would advise all to go who have not family responsibilities to prevent. The Rebellion is getting rather shaky about the foundations. It grows smaller and weaker. This Army is powerful and will soon be tremendous if the Conscrips are put into it as is expected. In fact officers have gone for them from every Regiment.

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CHH-110c Hd. qrs. 11th Corps

Warrenton Junction, Va.

[This is a handwritten copy, but apparently written by a different person. It is almost the same, although a few words are different. Where there is a difference the original text is noted in {}.]

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9/2/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-111 Headquarters Eleventh

Corps

Army of the Potomac Catlett's Station, Va

Headquarters Eleventh Corps, [Letterhead] Army of the Potomac. [Letterhead] September 2nd 1863

My dear Mother,

The day I wrote you from Washington (last Saturday) at half past seven in the evening we reached Cattlett's Station. Found Hd. qrs. here at Mr. Cattlett's about a mile from the station where we left then when we went away. We had a warm reception from the staff, all of whom met us at the cars. The "Body-Guard" or Cavalry escort saluted as usual and then gave three hearty cheers" for Gen. Howard". The house here was illuminated from top to bottom. The weather is comfortably cool now. We escaped much of the hottest weather of the season by being at home when we were. You will be thankful for this for us.

Today we rode to Hd. qrs. Found General Meade specially cordial and pleasant. He only did not like it in the Sec'y of War that he extended Otis' leave without consulting him, his immediate Commander. And he was right. But he finds no fault with Otis.

I found my horses all looking well after their long rest. Yesterday Otis reviewed one of the Brigades and today another. He has just returned from the Review. I have been at home as my presence was not required, and have been listening to music both from Piano and Melodeon by a Capt. of General Schurz' staff. Monday Otis with much assistance from me and an occasional help of memory or other suggestion, made out his report of the battle of Gettysburg. I was writing from early in the morning until late in the evening, but finished it all up in one day - 37 pages on paper like this. I am writing in my tent which is shared by Capt. Stinson who is now sitting upon my cot. Our tent is just in rear of the house - north - under the shade of Locust trees. Little Lottie Cattlett is just in here - a little girl of 5 or 6 - prattling and playing. She is quite a roguish little piece.

There is no prospect of immediate activity in this Army though Kilpatrick has been sent down below Falmouth to capture some Rebel Infantry & Cavalry who have had the hardihood to cross to this side of the Rappahannock. He is to act in conjunction with Gun boats.

We find one of the two remaining Divn's of our Corps - partly well scattered - guarding the Rail Road and also a Conscript Camp at Alexandria.

Did you get my letter containing the money? Has Lizzie made you her visit yet? If she is with you & the children, please give them a great deal of love. They contributed much to my happiness while at home. Is father's hand all well? How is Roland? I have felt better even than when at home, since my return - in excellent health. How much I have to be thankful for. Otis wrote to Lizzie directing to Leeds & inclosing a draft. Please tell Gracie that Lottie Catlett has named her new Doll (which she received the day after we started for home) "Gracie Howard". I heard her tell some one the name this evening. Paper full. Good Bye. Do you hear from Dellie?

Your Affectionate Son, C. H. Howard

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9/4/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

CHH-112

Headquarters Eleventh Corps

Headquarters Eleventh Corps, [Letterhead] September 4th, 1863

My dear brother, [Rodelphus Gilmore]

I hardly know where a letter will reach you now, but lest you should be able to say the same of me I will write.

We arrived at Washington Saturday morning Aug 29th. Got our pay for Aug there and sent home the portion so set apart. Bought some little conveniences for Camp life. And Capt. Stinson and I sat for some photographs. We have rec'd them and think mine the best I have ever had tho' nothing extra.

The General saw the Sec'y of War who said he need not have come back. He did not like Gen. William's Dispatch. Wanted the Gen'l to remain in Me. Till after election. Otis did not wish to go back and the President whom he also called to see agreed with him that it was better to return to the Field. Gen. Halleck was particularly cordial as he has been of late. Ditto Gen. Meade when we came to go to Hd. Qrs. A day or two after our return.

The Gen'l has made out the report of the Battle of Gettysburg since we came back. I was his Amanuensis.

A pamphlet has been published on the battle of Chancellorsville - meant to be in justification of the 11th Corps. At the expense of its Commanding Officer. It consists chiefly of certain speeches made of a German Meeting in N.Y. and translated into English. It contains many downright falsehoods and is full of misrepresentations of facts. There has also an article appeared in [George] Wilkes' Spirit of the Times (No. for Aug. 29th I think) in which both Otis and his staff are shamelessly slandered. Very bitter against the A. A. G. and Asst. Inspector Genl.

I think of writing an acct. of the battle of Chancellorsville and sending it to J. L. C. Abbott so that he may have some reliable material for writing the history (if he has not already passed that point in his History of the Rebellion.)

I believe I will direct this to No. Easton tho' I hardly think you are there. You must write me minute accounts of every day of your visit in Massachusetts. Tell me how you were rec'd at Uncle Ames' [Oakes Ames was the husband of John Gilmore's sister, Eveline Gilmore] &c.

I have thought some of the place of Paymaster's Clerk for you. If you knew any Paymaster whom you would like & who would be willing to take a new hand it would furnish you with employment with about \$75 per month pay. Maj. Robie has Frank Gilmore & you know Frank was an old accountant and handsome neat penman.

We are going to Bristoe Station to review some of our troops there.

Good Bye, Your Affec. Brother, C.H. Howard Maj. & <>

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9/16/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-113 Hd. qrs. 11th Corps

Hd. qrs. 11th Corps Sept. 16 1863

My dear Mother,

I have just written a business letter to father and will fill a sheet for you to accompany it. The whole Army except this Corps moved today. This is contraband news but I can tell you with perfect impunity not only to myself and friends but also the interests of our Government and Country, which are scarcely less dear to me. Well, then, I will inform you (not to be put in print) that the Army is all over the Rappahannock except the remnant of this Corps, which is remaining & which is employed in guarding the "line of Communication" or in other words, the Orange & Alexa R.R. all the way to the Rappahannock. Of course the Command is very much distributed. One Brigade is down or up (as they say here) on the Rappahannock and Capt. Stinson is with it for the present. Hd. qrs. have not been moved as this is about as Central as any place. We feel somewhat insecure on acct of the long line subjected to the dangers of Raids. Of course we are spread out rather thin.

We have heard some firing today but do not know whether Gen. Meade intends to push on to attack or only hold a front upon the Rapidan River. He is hardly strong enough now to try Richmond in real earnest, unless he thinks he can get there before Lee could recall his absent forces. And in that case could he hold what he had acquired? Is the great question. So I think, notwithstanding this bold and threatening advance into the enemy's country and the skirmishing which has already occurred, that a great battle or a general attack by our Army is hardly probable.

You will feel a little more quietude about us in knowing that we have the somewhat inglorious but no less necessary duty of guarding the "line of communication."

I enclose a bit from yesterday's Washington Chronicle which you may have seen elsewhere. It is a beautiful evening just before Sunset. We have had a charming golden light which has imparted a rich glow to the whole landscape tonight and is occasioned partly by the clouds which are more numerous of late and have once or twice afforded us refreshing showers which have guelled th dust.

Hd. Qrs. Are pleasantly situated. It was very warm in the middle of the day but a cooling breeze sprung up this P.M.

Otis and I rode over this afternoon to see an officer [Note 1] a Lieutenant who was wounded by a ball thro' the fleshy part of the upper arm, day before yesterday just at night. He was fired upon by a guerrilla while doing his duty as Picket Officer. Otis had every male inhabitant (and one female) brought in for two miles around but though he got some suspicious parties among whom was the female I am sorry to say, a young lady who has several brothers in the Rebel service – yet we are unable to identify the man who evidently had murder in his heart. And all except three have been released. The young lady is retained and quartered in Mr. Catlett's house which is now about fifty yards from our Hd. Qrs. Encampment. Her father a very gentlemanly old Virginian of some 70 years is also retained. This & other daughters of his are accused of feeding these Rebel guerillas who lurk about in the woods.

The wounded man is so as to walk about and is doing well. I suppose Dellie is at home by this time. We got news in today's paper that Maine had gone for the Union by 15,000 majority. This is as good or better than I hoped. I think Oliver must have voted all right. (You may tell him for me). Is Roland quite well? I rec'd a good letter from Rowland today. If my financial affairs are too much of a trouble to father I will try and relieve him and write directly to Mr. Libbey or some one else – but of course I would prefer father should attend to them if he likes to and is not inconvenienced too much thereby.

Hope you will tell Dexter Howard's mother about my seeing him so well and seemingly happy. Got his hands full of Conscripts. I spoke to Col. Lakeman about Dexter's promotion. He seemed favorable to it & said he (Dexter) would come next to the orderly Sergt. Whom Dexter himself is unwilling to supercede as he told me. The Col. Objected to putting Dexter in any other Company as it would interfere with the promotions of others who are deserving of it. Otis also spoke to the Governor for Dexter, asking him to

promote him if possible.

Mrs Catlett and a young lady cousin just came down & sat in my tent a little while. They had never visited me here before. I went with them to see the Telegraphic Instrument which is a curiosity to them. My paper is consumed.

With great love Yr. Affectionate Son C. H. Howard

- P.S. Love to dear little Gracie. If her father knew I were writing he would send love to both you and her.
- P.S. 2nd Can you find a plan of the Battlefield of Chancellorsville which I think was lost out of my valise while I was at home?

[Note 1: The following part of the letter came from an undated fragment: "found between 4-24-63 & 4-26-63 ca April 26, 1863".]