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 who was wounded & is at Gettysburg - His
 wife is with him by this time - My love
 to father - to Roland Haythorn - to Maria & Susan & Henry
 I saw the other day the young Mrs. Thomas who came to see us
 at Leeds & visited in 16th Mar. He was well - I wish

This is a copy of the original letter
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Mr. Wilbur's father has just just because the fact of
 Capt. Keen - He was a rather fine young man. I wish
 our country had more such - I trust you never see
 yourself. I get over curious, then mother, the Lord is
 passing time on
 in his hands, then
 we live or die -
 I don't it be glad
 of anything at end
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 at Gettysburg
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Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
 Army of the Potomac.
 July 9th 1863.

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 lieved - old Hagerstown
 & how this side of the line
 where we had been beaten very well
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 over the mountain at night & to
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7/9/1863

From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother

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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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 battle of Gettysburg. Hope you will read them
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 for my mother
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Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
 Loudon Co. Va. Army of the Potomac.

July 20th 1863
 (Gettysburg)

I had hoped to have time
 to write you a good long letter today ^{we}
 were not to move. We arrived at
 this beautiful place in Loudon Valley
 yesterday P.M. Some strong Rebel
 cavalry had been here in the morning
 and two officers of the 1st Corps Staff
 were captured while ahead of their
 command selecting camping ground.
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 last evening were that we remain at
 rest today. This is very refreshing.
 We are in a pleasant house Mr.
 Mount's. 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
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So you see we are getting into
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of interest & afford matter of talk.
Another peculiarity of yesterday & today is
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wonted vigor to rob, steal, kill and
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From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother

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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.

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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, Adj. 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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I hope your health is very
good - What are the priv-
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School this summer?

Any one from the Centre
neighbourhood drafted? Hope
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an officer in one of the
3 Veteran Regiments. Will
both of Egbert Potts' boys
go or will they pay over.

I would advise all
to go who have not found
it, responsibilities to pursue.

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.

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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 Conscripts are put into it as is expected. In fact officers have gone for them from every Regiment.

We rubbed hard against the flank and rear of Lee's army as they were just finishing their march past Manassas Gap. Grant now starts for Mobile I suppose and Rosecrans for Chattanooga & Atlanta where he breaks the Great Western Thoroughfare - I mean the R.R.

If the Lord continues to bless all will be well. Sorry we failed so signally at Ft. Wagner near Charleston S.C. Now is a time for prayers as always also a time for renewed and earnest efforts - of course I would like to see home & mother but I am content to stay if any thing is to be done to finish the war in the right way.

Your Affectionate Son,
C. H. Howard

P.S. I sent a letter yesterday to Dellie.

Hager. 11th Corps
Winton Junction Va.
July. 29 1863

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Wm. W. Carpenter
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July 20 1863

My dear Mother
I of our earlier love business
that the money would be used
so long as we might have been
gone by this time - yet we
may want before another year
long or even another two days
require. I got letters from father
& Randolph each talking about
the Draft. Hope you will find it
inconvenient to go up and visit
Randolph. He can tell you a
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their march past Worcester
stop -

Recent war starts for while
I suppose our Government for
Chattanooga + Atlanta under the
hand of the great Western
the struggle - known the D.K.
of the first resistance to them
all will be well - long and
fair to at 75 years
Chattanooga D.C. was a time

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for prayer as always also a time
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your affectionate Son
C. H. Howard

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 for revision and earnest effort -
 of course I would like to see
 them out with but I can
 consent to stay if anything
 is to be done to finish the
 work in the right way.
 Your affectionate son
 C. W. Townsend

7/29/1863

From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother

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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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P.S. I sent a letter yesterday to Dellie.

Killpatrick 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 Sumner.

We find one of the two remaining Div^s of our Corps - Smith, well scattered - guarding the Rail Road and also a conscript camp at Alexandria. Did you get my letter containing the money? How 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. As 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. It is not to Lizzie writing to Ledy Vincloring & Draft. Please tell Grace that Lottie Cattlett has named her new doll (which she named the day after we started for home) "Grace Howard" - I heard her tell some time after we were there every day - Paper for Mr. Delle? Do you see your affectionate son ~~Mr. Howard~~ ^{Headquarters Eleventh Corps,}

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

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 them 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 us usual and then gave those 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

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I was writing from early in the
morning until late in the evening -
but finished it all up in one
day 3¹/₂ pages on paper like
this. I am writing in my
tent which is shared by Capt.
Johnson who is now sitting upon
my cot. Our tent is just in rear
of the house - north - under the
shade of Locust trees. Little Sottie
Cottett is just in here - a little
girl of 5 or 6 - prattling and playing.
She is quite a roquish little piece.
There is no prospect of imma-
diate activity in this Army though

9/2/1863

From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother

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Headquarters Eleventh
Corps
Army of the Potomac
Catlett's Station, Va

Headquarters Eleventh Corps, [Letterhead]
Army of the Potomac. [Letterhead]
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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.

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Your Affectionate Son,
C. H. Howard

Certain speeches made at
a German meeting in N.Y.
and translated into English.
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9/4/1863 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus
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CHH-113

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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".]