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note may be covered by mort-
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for not recording the mortgage be-
fore - the existence of one to
Mr. Foss does not now
hold good. If you need the
\$100 cash - and I do not
invest at Richmond (as seems
probable now as there will be scarce
time to get the \$200 before the 1st of
May) I will send it to you -

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the 5-20's are mine and what
there is for me to show for them.

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keep all my bonds for me
giving some Certificate to this
effect? - I am glad the
Lewiston Falls Bank is to change
to a National one. I have
written frankly just as I feel and
I shall be gratified if my wishes can
be complied with. We are all well.

Frank Libbey is doing Otis' writing - Otis' son can.
Probably the \$2000 in papers will be
consolidated and Otis
have the crew Corps.
Hester will go home -
where Elm - probably home
4 to 10/11 your affection
Wm. H. Howard

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Rocky Valley, Apr. 2nd 1864

Dear father

Your letter reached
me yesterday P.M. and I hasten to
reply. I had not been informed
of the premium on the stock
of the Richmond National Bank.
Uncle Henry had the privilege
of doubling his stock and
said he would give me \$1000
(i.e. his) of that, so perhaps in this
way I would get it without
paying a premium. I

have written him this morning
and shall write you as soon
as I hear. I told him if
I must pay a premium I
thought I would not invest
there at present. I did this
hastily because you seem
so backward and reluctant
to furnish the \$200 -

I am sorry that you are
thinking of selling that land.
Why sell land at this time?
And I do not think it is
right for you to sell it before
recording that mortgage. I feel

as though you have not done
just right in this matter when
I had written so plainly.

The Spring Campaign now
opens and I wished my
business matters satisfactorily
settled. I do not wish to
transfer any debt of yours
to Roland G. I do not think
it best. I prefer that you
should properly legalize the
transaction by which I may
be secured for your debt and
which was fairly understood,
I cannot see you to make

4/2/1864

From: C. H. Howard

To: Father (John Gilmore)

CHH-149

Headquarters Eleventh
Corps
Lookout Valley, Tenn

Leeds, Maine

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [Letterhead]
Lookout Valley, Apr 2nd 1864.

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Had not Mr. Libbey better keep all my bonds for me giving some certificate to this effect? I am glad the Lewiston Falls Bank is to change to a National one. I have written frankly just as I feel and I shall be gratified if my wishes can be complied with.

We are all well. Frank Gilman is doing Otis' writing. Otis saw Gen. Sherman yesterday. Probably the 12th & 11th Corps will be consolidated and Otis have the new Corps. Hooker will go some where else - probably have 4th Corps.

Your Affectionate Son
C. H. Howard

too much to do anything else - Said
his son at the beginning of the
war used to get that book and
point out and read passages to
the neighbors - to show them the wrong
of "Secession" - but that son was
now in the Rebel Army - forced
to fight against his Country and
his Conventions of right. - The
General has started a Sabbath School
in connection with the Christian Com-
mission - He is also constructing a
Church - to be used during the week
for a school and on Sunday for
Divine Service - He will detail a
soldier to teach the school until
some ^{teacher} can be procured by the C. C.
to remain after we move which
must be in the course of a month
I think - I intend to furnish you with
those official reports - as soon as I can pro-
cure the copies, show the time to attend
to it - With warmest wishes for your
wellfare from the General & myself
I remain with respect
C. H. Howard

Headquarters Eleventh Corps.

Lookout Valley, ^{Tennessee} Apr. 4th 1864.

Prof. Packard:

My dear Sir

Your letter of
March 12th was duly received.
You were right, I find, in your
surmise as to the authenticity of
the old life of Washington. One
day after I had sent the copy
to you I was riding along our
Packet line with the General
and called at a house just over
the State boundary - in Georgia.

It was a log-cabin as most
of the houses in this vicinity are
but had an appearance of
neatness rarely seen in this
Valley. Knocking at the open

door we were ushered in by a young woman of eighteen or twenty years and found an old man sitting near the only window there was - reading his Bible. He looked up and spoke civilly as we entered and the General began a conversation with him - It was refreshing to find him not only capable of reading - but actually ready to confess that he spent a great part of his time reading the Bible - (out of 8 ^{of the inhabitants} who drew rations from one Commissary only three could write their names) The old man said in the course of the conversation that there were only four books that he was accustomed to read and those he had read over, a great many times - The Bible he read most.

Then there was "The life of Washington" - "The life of Marion" and a book of Dialogues - He brought me "The life of Washington" and I found that it was the same I had sent you though complete and apparently a later edition. I saw that it was by Womersley and had a title-page as pretentious as the style of the book - I suppose the copy you have contains the quotation of an opinion of "H. Lee Major General Army U.S." upon the title-page. The old man talked like a Christian - He had lived here for many years - came about the time the Cherokees moved away - was born in South Carolina. Said he was a Union man - that he had read that life of Washington

Since writing my letter
I have taken a ride in company
with my brother and I thought
I would mention an incident or
two of our calls upon the families.
At the first little log, but the
General went in and I remained
outside and talked with two little
boys about coming to Sabbath School.
I learned from them that there were
two families crowded into that little
7 by 9 apartment. The General told
me that he found one child
lying dead in the house and
another very sick. The mother
said she had lost five (5) chil-
dren within a short time and her
husband. The number of these

of these habitations and the
fittiness of person of all
the people, whether man, woman,
or child - is beyond everything
I have ever seen. At another
house we found a man, a
miller - but as the people all
draw rations now and have no
grinding he is without occupation
and seems ~~to~~ utterly hopeless and
aimless - A woman with a child
two years old lives in the same
one-apartment house throughout
his wife - He said the soldiers
took all her corn and wheat before
the end of two hours - though
she had enough to last ^{a year & a half} ~~two years~~.
This was when the half furnished
men ^{from Chattanooga} first landed in this valley,

cooperating with Hooker's forces
which come up from Bridgeport
at the same time - Those men
had stored on quarter rations
for one or two weeks. Our occu-
pation of this valley opened the
Tennessee for Steamboats, and relieved
the pressure for food - But most
of these poor people lost their all
in the few days - before the boats
got to running. We now feed
(this Corps alone) 1000 of these in-
habitants. This woman said they
tore down her house ^{& took all her household stuff} - Probably she
left it during the fight and they
appropriated the timber and contents
to protect themselves from the weather
as they had no tents at first - Another
young woman also lived in this
one room - who attends the Sabbath
School - I found a boy of 12 years
^{who also lives} there ^{& who} thinks he will come next
Sunday. Respectfully & truly yours
C. M. Howard

4/4/1864

From: C. H. Howard

To: Prof. A. S. Packard

CHH-150

Headquarters Eleventh
Corps,
Lookout Valley,
Tennessee

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Lookout Valley, Tennessee, Apr. 4th 1864.

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My dear Sir

Your letter of March 12th was duly received. You were right, I find, in your surmise as to the authorship of the old Life of Washington.

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The General has started a Sabbath School in connection with the Christian Commission. He is also constructing a Church, to be used during the week for a school and on Sunday for Divine Service. He will detail a soldier to teach the school until some teacher can be procured by the C.C. to remain after we move which must be in the course of a month I think.

I intend to furnish you with those official reports, as soon as I can procure the copies & have the time to attend to it.

With warmest wishes for your welfare from the General & myself.

I remain with respect
C. H. Howard

P.S. Since writing my letter I have taken a ride in company with my brother and I thought I would mention an incident or two of our calls upon the families.

At the first little log-hut the General went in and I remained outside and talked with two little boys about coming to Sabbath School. I learned from them that there were two families crowded into that little 7 by 9 apartment. The General told me that he found one child lying dead in the house and another very sick. The mother said she had lost five (5) children within a short time and her husband. The squalor of

these habitations and the filthiness of person of all the people, whether man, woman, or child, is beyond everything I have ever seen.

At another house we found a man, a miller, but as the people all draw rations now and have no grinding he is without occupation, and seems utterly hopeless and aimless. A woman with a child two years old lives in the same one-apartment house though not his wife. She said the soldiers took all her corn and wheat before the end of two hours, though she had enough to last a year & a half.

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This woman said they tore down her house & took all her household stuff. Probably she left it during the fight and they appropriated the timber and contents to protect themselves from the weather as they had no tents at first. Another young woman also lived in this one room, who attends the Sabbath School. I found a boy of 12 years who also lives there & who thinks he will come next Sunday.

Respectfully & truly yours
C. H. Howard

You can hardly conceive of the amount
of labor of the planning and administra-
tive kind which devolves upon us in
these changes - I am writing in the field's
but where much talking is going on.

Maj. Gen. Buttsfield will have a Divⁿ in
the new Corps - which, by the way, will be called
the 20th instead of 1st as first indicated - Geary
will have another & perhaps Stearns another
through the latter is doubtful - Rousseau has

a Divⁿ in the 12th & may continue in the 20th.
(in the 4th)
We will have, Maj. Gen. Stanley - Gen. Wood -
and probably Newton to take Sheridan's place
who has gone East - so we will have regular
Army Officers to command the Div^s & several of
the brigades with ^{E. P.} Hazen & Hecker - Give much
love to mother. Cleveland will be a pleasant place
for Ha. gen. Direct our letters via Nashville & Hdqrs.
Tell me about the good work at Leeds - Love to
father. Otis says he will lend me the money if
father cannot send the \$200 in time. - I got

Your note with Powerings and had previously written
a recommendation for Blundell and get the
inclusion it, He says to an ill report of ours 16th July
of our old report.
Writely with but careful
You affected brother
L. H. Howard

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Lookout Valley, Tenn. April 6th 1864.

My dear Brother

I am just about starting
for an excursion upon Lookout Mountain with
Frank Hulman. The consolidation of the 11th and
12th Corps will be known to you before you
get this. Otis has gone to consult with Gen.
Hooker this morning about staff officers &c. &c.
There is good deal of a fluttering among the
disturbed brood at these head quarters. We
feel somewhat sad at thoughts of leaving old
associations here and attached friends. Some
must be left behind. Otis will try for his
2^d Mr. Lt. Col. Hayes and he would like
to hone on old stand-by Col. Paddock.

4/6/1864

From: C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus
Gilmore]

CHH-151

Headquarters Eleventh
Corps
Department of the
Cumberland
Lookout Valley, Tenn.

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [Letterhead]
Department of the Cumberland [Letterhead]

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Thursday - April 7 1864 - Did not get time to finish my letter yesterday. Did not return till dark. It was a clear day and the view magnificent. Frank was enraptured - looking into 7 states with all the picturesque beauty and grandeur of extent over a country varied with mountains, valleys, meandering streams from a curling creek & the majestic sweep of the Tennessee, the effect heightened by the works of man - a city - the encampment of a great army - earthworks, Rail Roads, bridges and the like - and then the historic associations of three great battle-fields - more than historic to us, having all the interest of real tragedy and of actual grand conflict. But there would be no end of enumerating if I should undertake to recount all the points of interest in the magnificent panorama spread out before you standing upon Lookout Mountain. We rode around much, examined a new fort building on the summit, went to a cave, in which is a beautiful cascade - a calybeate spring and other pleasing features. We worked about two hours in digging up a Laurel root from which Capt. Stinson & I propose to have some keepsakes carved.

It is another pleasant morning. Still the excitement about the breaking up of the Corps & the transfer of Gen. Howard to the 4th continues and increases. Some of the staff are pretty blue - e.g. Balloch, Asmussen and many others subordinate. There is a handsome tribute to the General in this morning's Chatanooga Gazette. Says it is an honor to the 4th Corps.

You can hardly conceive of the amount of labor - of the planning and administrative kind - which devolves upon us in these changes. I am writing in the Gen's tent where much talking is going on. Maj. Gen. Butterfield will have a Div'n in the new Corps - which, by the way, will be called the 20th instead of 1st as first indicated. Geary will have another & perhaps Steinweher another though the latter is doubtful. Rousseau has a Div'n in the 12th & may continue in the 20th. We will have (in the 4th) Maj. Gen. Stanley, Gen. Wood, and probably Newton to take Sheridan's place who has gone East. So we will have regular army officers to command the Div'ns & several of the brigades ditto - e.g. Hazen & Harker.

Give much love to Mother.

Cleveland will be a pleasant place for Hd. Qrs. Direct your letters via Nashville Hd. Qrs. Tell me about the good work at Leeds. Love to father. Otis says he will lend me the money if father cannot send the \$200 on time. I got your note with Rowland's and had previously written a recommendation for Blanchard and got Otis to endorse it. He goes to an old regiment of ours 157th N.Y. of our old 1st Div'n.

Hastily written but cordially
Your Affectionate brother

Our losses in our brigade were
 considerable. Three of the staff
 horses were wounded. One
 shell burst right amongst us
 but no one was much hurt.
 Your horse was killed. My Jack
 (horse) was wounded at Resacca.
 There we had a battle. The 2nd
 day Hooker attacked the left &
 though he failed to carry the works
 yet he captured 4 pieces of artillery
 & the Rebel loss was great. His
 loss was terrible also. We cooperated
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 day before we attacked & drove
 the enemy 1 mile or more but in
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 was moved to our left - Scofield
 cooperated with 4 Corps 1st day but
 was on Hooker's left supporting 2nd
 day - next on our right there was
 14th Corps (Palmer) and then
 came McPherson's Army, being
 15th Corps (Logan) and part of 16th.
 The night after Hooker's fight
 the Rebels retreated and we marched
 to Colquhoun skirmishing on the way.
 This was 16th inst. Fighting at Resacca
 (14th & 15th) - Our Corps also fought
 there at Buzzard's Roost near
 Dalton for several days - We took
 Tunnel Hill Saturday May 7th -
 Afterwards the whole army (ex-
 cept our Corps with Stoneman's
 & McCook's Cavalry ^{ships} held the
 front) moved down through Snake
 Creek Gap upon the flank of Resacca.
 The Rebels from their look out station
 on the mountains discovered the
 movement however & were ready to
 meet them - All the Rebels wanted
 was found Thursday 12th & we marched
 to Dalton, skirmishing a little, Friday morning.

The 11th Corps did not finish in the morning.

5/18/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rowland B.
Howard]

CHH-152

Headquarters Fourth
Army Corps
Department of the
Cumberland
Adairsville Ga.
On Dalton & Atlanta
R.R.

Headquarters Fourth Army Corps, [Letterhead]
Department of the Cumberland [Letterhead]

Adairsville Ga. May 18, 1864, 11 A.M.
On Dalton & Atlanta R.R.

Dear brother [Rowland B. Howard]

All well and happy this morning. Had a pretty severe engagement near here last Evening. 4th Corps was moving from Calhoun to this place. We were skirmishing with enemy's rear guard all the way. I was near the head of Col. Turner. There was much woods and it was blind and disagreeable work. The Rebels availed themselves of every suitable position to make a stand. Then they could use some artillery and dispute our passage till driven out. Near here they took up position with two Divn's Infantry & 4 brigades of Cavalry & we could not start them much before dark.

Our losses in our brigade were considerable. Three of the staff horses were wounded. One shell burst right amongst us but no one was much hurt. One horse was killed. My "Jack" (horse) was wounded at Resacca. There we had a Battle.

The 2nd day Hooker attacked the left & though he failed to carry the works yet he captured 4 pieces of artillery & the Rebel loss was great. His loss was terrible also. We cooperated on his right & lost considerably. The day before we attacked & drove the enemy 1 mile or more but in turn had our left badly used just at night. I was there (on the left) and it made me think of Chancellorville. Our battery (9th Indiana) however did nobly and Hooker's troops, a brigade of the old 11th Corps, came up just in time to save the position and the battery. The Brigade Commander said there was no person in the world he would like better to help than Gen. Howard and the old troops he so long Commanded in. The 11th Corps did not flinch nor flag but sent the Rebels back with a zeal.

Otis had asked for some troops on his left knowing it was threatened. So as Hooker's troops were no longer needed on the right he was moved to our left. Scofield cooperated with 4th Corps 1st day but was on Hooker's left, supporting 2nd day - next on our right there was 14th Corps (Palmer) and then came McPherson's Army, being 15th Corps (Layman) and part of 16th. The night after Hooker's fight the Rebels retreated and we marched to Calhoun skirmishing on the way. This was 16th inst. Fighting at Resacca (14th & 15th). Our Corps also fought them at Buzzard's Roost near Dalton for several days. We took Tunnel Hill Saturday May 7th. Afterwards the whole army (except our Corps with Stoneman's & McCook's Cavalry which held the front) moved down through Snake Creek Gap upon the flank of Resacca.

The Rebels from their lookout stations on the mountains discerned the movement however & were ready to meet them. All the Rebels evacuated our front Thursday 12th & we marched into Dalton, skirmishing a little. Friday morning a final-day we marched on pressing the rear guard & that night formed junction with the rest of Sherman's Army.

I have given you a mere outline. We had considerable hard fighting in the face of Buzzard Roost and on Rocky Ridge.

I have never neglected writing so much & I fear mother will become very anxious. We leave our trains behind and have very little chance to write. Sherman & Thomas are sitting upon the Verandah of the

house here. I am under a tree in the luxuriant garden. The green sward is covered with lolling staff officers. Otis & two of his Div'n Gen'ls are sitting near. Otis has been up talking with Sherman & Thomas. The Bands are playing all about - very gayly. We anticipate fighting today or yesterday and at Kingston. Deserters say Johnson will make a stand with his entire army & try to defeat us. He has been reinforced by every thing that could be collected from below but we go strong. Hooker & Scofield left, McPherson right, 4th Corps Center, 14th Reserve.

Send this to mother. I don't know as I should have written this to you, fearing her anxiety but I had only one envelope & that directed to you. If the Lord continues to bless, the Rebellion will soon begin totter.

Your loving brother
C. H. Howard
(Lt. Col. & A. A. G.)

from it upon a portion of
our line - So at four P.M.
when our artillery had opened
all along the line. Whitaker's
British charged the hill
driving the Rebels, and
capturing ~~some~~ 20 men and
our officers - Very soon re-
inforcements were pushed up
and they had the hill fort-
tified in almost less than
an hour so that when the
enemy had formed and made
a counter-charge with three
lines they were repulsed with
terrible slaughter by our well
directed and tremendous
storm of rifle balls - I
never heard a louder cheer
than the Rebels set up and
they never went tumbling
back in greater confusion.
The hill we took was found
to be close upon another equally

Direct - please
St. Louis not be

It is raining every day

Ad. gen. 4th Corps
Near Kenesaw Mt. June 21 1864

My dear brother

My days are
so filled up with fighting and
the occupations incident to
an active campaign in which
we are pressing the enemy as
hard as we can every day,
that I hardly knew whether I
have written since your last was
received. I was glad to hear
you had made on the successful
Great Brook expedition bringing
home the spoil, in the shape
of cash and useful expenses.

I wrote Mother yesterday morn-
ing but you will see by the
telegraph probably that the
4th Corps had rather more
than a skirmish yesterday and

This night occasion some anxiety unless I write today.

In the forenoon we were ^{picket} skirmishing - i.e. the lines in front of the works of both armies were trying to get any advantage they could and shouting at one another as briskly as they were covered - every man trying to keep out of sight himself ~~but~~ see one of the enemy if possible - and then aim and bang! Sometimes they get so interested in this engaging work that they think far less about covering themselves than they do about discovering the enemy and for this reason more probably one shot than would otherwise be the case - I think when we merely skirmish in the manner mentioned,

not attempting to advance and gain any important point, our losses average about ten (10) per day to a Brigade.

But yesterday, at 4 P.M. Skifford on the extreme right of the Army was ordered to cross Cross Noses Creek in his front. The right of the 4th Corps ~~was~~ ^{as also} Hooker's corps had already got across - The rest of the Army was ordered to demonstrate with Artillery and Skirmish lines to attract the enemy's attention - ^{and} It took advantage of this, ordered Gen. Stanley to take a hill in his front held by the enemy. It was important because liable to be occupied by the Rebel Artillery, and ^{F-1-55} a commanding position. Besides the Rebels brought a destructive musketry fire

high end upon which was
the main line of the
enemy's works. They tried
several times to retake the
hill but were each repulsed.

Another hill at the right of
this of less importance was
taken by the Missouri line
of Kirby's Brigade (Crawfs) and
as Kirby's had very little to
support it with and did not
send what he had in season
this hill was regained by the
enemy. We will probably re-
take it this morning - as an
artillery command it -

We were a little anxious
last night as many of our
troops had moved to the right -
to where Hooker who moves
still further to the right or
elsewhere. But we are all

right now - having suffi-
cient reserves to hold what
we have - 8 officers were
wounded in the leading
Regiment of that Corps of
Volunteers (21st Kentucky).

The enemy opened upon a
point where I was yesterday P.M.
at very close range - It was
rather demoralizing but other-
wise I took no harm - Our
entire loss yesterday will not
much exceed 200 - We

had some magnificent artillery
fighting - When a Rebel battery
was opened upon from the hill adjoin-
ing Kennesaw some 24 guns
would belch out upon it
at such a style as to dry it
up after firing two or three
shots - We are about three
or four miles from Brownsville -

The Lord bless that gun
always in the right path - Send
this home & see a - ^{ref. office. brother} L. H. Howard

6/21/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rowland B. Howard]

CHH-153

Hd. qrs. 4th Corps
Near Kennesaw Mt.
Georgia

Hd. qrs. 4th Corps
Near Kennesaw Mt. June 21 1864

My dear brother [Rowland B. Howard]

My days are so filled up with fighting and the occupations incident to an active campaign in which we are pressing the enemy as hard as we can every day, that I hardly know whether I have written since your last was received. I was glad to hear you had made another successful Book expedition bringing home the spoils in the shape of cash and useful experience.

I wrote mother yesterday morning but you will see by the telegraph probably that the 4th Corps had rather more than a skirmish yesterday and this might occasion some anxiety unless I wrote today.

In the forenoon we were only skirmishing - i.e. the picket lines in front of the works of both armies were trying to get any advantage they could and shooting at one another as briskly as they well could, every man trying to keep out of sight himself but see one of the enemy if possible and then aim and bang! Sometimes they get so interested in this engaging work that they think far less about covering themselves than they do about discovering the enemy and for this reason more probably are shot than would otherwise be the case. I think when we merely skirmish in the manner mentioned not attempting to advance and gain any important point, our losses average about ten (10) per day to a Brigade.

But yesterday at 4 P.M. Scofield in the extreme right of the Army was ordered to cross Noses Creek in his front. The right of the 4th Corps as also Hooker's Corps had already got across. The rest of the Army was ordered to demonstrate with artillery and skirmish lines to attract the enemy's attention. Otis took advantage of this and ordered Gen. Stanley to take a hill in his front held by the enemy. It was important because liable to be occupied by the Rebel artillery, and it was a commanding position. Besides the Rebels brought a destructive musketry fire from it upon a portion of our line. So at Four P.M. when our artillery had opened all along the line. Whittaker's Brigade charged the hill driving the Rebels and capturing 20 men and an officer. Very soon reenforcements were pushed up and they had the hill fortified in almost less than no time so that when the enemy had formed and made a counter charge with three lines they were repulsed with terrible slaughter by our well directed and tremendous storm of rifle balls. I never heard a louder cheer than the Rebels set up and they never went trembling back in greater confusion. The hill we took was found to be close upon another equally high and upon which was the main line of the enemy's work. They tried several times to retake the hill but were easily repulsed.

Another hill at the right of this of less importance was taken by the skirmish line of Kirby's Brigade ("Crufts") and as Kirby's had very little to support it with and did not send what he had in season this hill was regained by the enemy. We will probably retake it this morning, as our artillery commands it.

We were a little anxious last night as many of our troops had moved to the right to relieve Hooker who moved still further to the right or elsewhere. But we are all right now having sufficient reserves to hold what we have. 8 officers were wounded in the leading Regiment of that Charge of Whittakers (21st Kentucky). The enemy opened with artillery upon a point where I was yesterday P.M. at very close range. It was rather demoralizing but otherwise I took no harm. Our entire loss yesterday will not much exceed 200.

We had some magnificent artillery fighting, when a Rebel battery would open from the hill adjoining Kennesaw some 24 guns would belch out upon it at such a style as to dry it up after firing two or three shots. We are about three or four miles from Marietta.

The Lord bless & keep you always in the right path. Send this home if you can.

Your affec. Brother
C. H. Howard

It is raining, raining, raining! Every day.

Direct, please, Lt. Col. Not Col.