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Head-Quarters Dep't & Army of the Tennessee,

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11/10/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-160 Head-Quarters Dep't &

Army of the Tennessee Smyrna Camp Ground,

Ga.

Head-Quarters Dep't & Army of the Tennessee, [Letterhead] Smyrna Camp Ground, Nov 10,1864.

My dear Mother

I have written to Rowland tonight & it is pretty late but this is the last chance I will have to send a letter north before we cut loose. Otis is here talking with his officers about business.

Lt. Col. Strong whom Otis likes, as do we all, & who is very gentlemanly now tents with Otis. I was already with Capt Beebe when we reduced from tents to "flies" & so we remain together & Otis took in Col. Strong instead of me.

The Paymasters go north tomorrow. The Army is in fine spirits having all rec'd their pay. And tonight we heard by telegraph that Pres. Lincoln was reelected, carrying all the states except Kentucky. I wrote Dellie & Rowland a few days since & you two letters before.

I sent Mr Libbey \$500 already in bonds. this need not be known as perhaps it is best to keep such things private & Mr. Libbey may prefer it. I think he will do well by me always and can be trusted. And Dellie will not wish to be troubled by my business.

We keep perfectly comfortable under our flies. Last night it rained by we have rubber blankets or ponchoes and I was warm and slept well.

I meant to have mentioned in Rowland's latter that the day I received his letter & Willie Dennett's Chaplain Porter called to see me and said he saw Rowland at the Missionary meeting at Worcester. He is said to be a very fine man & we expect to have him preach for us sometimes at Head quarters. He is with the Artillery of the 15th Corps. Rowland will remember him as wearing spectacles.

I was at Marietta today, 4 miles distant, dined with Gen. Giles a <> and then attended Kilpatrick's Cavalry Review. The Squadrons of Mounted men with drawn sabre as they moved over the hills & down into the villages presented a grand sight, while the Bands were playing.

Will not Lizzie come and live with you this Winter [See note] & you get some trusty man to do chores. It is getting late and I will close. Please remember me to Oscar & wife & all our neighbors, to Roland & Cynthia, to Uncle Ensign & Laura. Where is Isabella now? I wish she were with you, to help & be company. Otis had a good letter from Col. Warren Lothrop & answered it <& one> to Lt. Louis. Our Dept. has been curtailed & this relieves Otis of much responsibility and care of that which he could not well attend to if absent on the approaching Campaign so detached as he will necessarily be. As soon as you hear of our being upon the coast either the Gulf or Atlantic your letters should be directed via Washington D.C. With constant love and daily prayers for you dear Mother.

I remain Your Affectionate Son C. H. Howard

P.S. Love to Dellie

[Note: Charles step-father, John Gilmore, died on Sept 13, 1864]

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Head-Quarters Dep't and Army of the Tennessee,

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12/27/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

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and Army of the Tennessee Savannah Ga

Head-Quarters Dep't and Army of the Tennessee, [Letterhead] Savannah Ga, Dec 27, 1864

My dear Mother

I am surprised that so long a time has elapsed since I wrote you, but the bustle and business consequent upon the occupation of Savannah furnish the excuse. In fact I did not reach here till three days after the evacuation by the enemy. I had been sent to Hilton Head for siege guns and some boats to be used in the attack upon the city. I left Hd. Qrs. (then at the Anderson place) week ago yesterday, the next day after the refusal of Gen. Hardee to surrender. On arriving at Hilton Head I learned from Gen. Foster that the guns we wanted were at Morris Island (off Charleston S. C.). So I took a steamer for Morris Island. A heavy wind had sprung up and we must needs go "outside" as they say, that is, on the open sea beyond the bays and harbors. So we had a rough time.

Mr. Lawrence of Boston (Christian Commission) (whom I may have mentioned to you as with us during the campaign) accompanied me. I was somewhat sick but not very badly off. Did not wish myself dead nor overboard as some say they do under similar circumstances. But we could not get over the Bar into Charleston harbor in the storm so lay at anchor the first night. Finally I went ashore in a small boat with considerable danger of being "swamped" but in safety and finding an old general of the 11th Corps (Schimmelfenig) he assisted me in getting a schooner and loading six siege guns (30 pounder, rifled) and the schooner sailed out over the bar without difficulty being of light draft. Gen. Schimmelfenig gave me a good dinner & took us up to Fort Strong from which we got a good view of Charleston, its harbor & all the celebrated Rebel Forts.

Sumpter seemed very near. They fire no heavy guns from the latter now, but the Rebel Sharp shooters still annoy our men on Morris Is. Firing from Ft. Sumpter.

I will not attempt to describe my entire voyage. When I got back to Ft. McAllister in the Ogeeche River. I found that my guns were not needed nor my Rubber boats which I had obtained from the navy in Charleston harbor. It seems that Hardee got starved out. Gen. Sherman had left open one way of escape. We are sorry he did so, but still it is all for the best. Probably it saved life in as much as he could not wait to lay regular siege but would have assaulted the city in a day or two. About 150 guns were taken and some prisoners.

Most of the people remained at home and find the Yankees much more endurable than they had anticipated. The town is perfectly orderly and has been ever since our troops arrived.

What is singular, the Rebel troops and poor Irish made a riot just before we arrived and broke open almost all the stores stealing the corn and other eatables. Poor people, I suppose they were nearly starved. We do not care much that the rich had to disgorge a little for the benefit of their own poor.

We found here many people born in the North, wealthy and probably rebel enough hitherto but now trying to play the part of Union citizens. Two young men by name of Marshall from Hallowell - one of them a school mate of Otis'. Their wives also from the North. Theodore had been in this state for 15 years. Their sister is also here. They owned several plantations in the state.

There is some prospect of my coming home as Otis wishes to send despatches to Washington. The campaign will undoubtedly continue soon.

Since I began this letter an officer brought in the astonishing intelligence Jeff Davis (Pres't of the so called Confederacy) is dead [See Note 1]. If so, this may hasten the close of the War.

We have received no mail yet. I returned here last Saturday. We had a review by Gen. Sherman of one of our Corps that day.

On Sunday we had the novel privilege of attending Church in civil and civilized style. At the Episcopal in the morning and the Presbyterian in the afternoon. The Marshalls attend the Episcopal.

It is strange we get no mail! Our old mail is undoubtedly in the West with our Head quarters. But there has been time to hear from home since you all heard from us as at Savannah. Capt. Gilbreth has received a letter from home written after they had heard from us. In fact his father wrote that Mrs. Howard (Lizzie) had rec'd a letter from Otis and that she was at Leeds. I am glad she is with you, very glad. How happy I would be to be home now & so be with her and you and the dear children.

I may not get farther than Washington. Otis has recommended me for Inspector General of the Army and as soon as I receive that appointment I will feel bound to stay & attend to its duties. It only gives me my old rank of Lieutenant Colonel. But he has also recommended me with some others for brevet rank for "gallant and meritorious conduct. If I get this I will be full Colonel & entitled to wear the eagle but get not extra pay for it.

Otis just came in. We are in a sumptuous house, belonging to Mr. Molyneux, British Consul formerly but now in Europe. Otis wishes me to write some business letters for him and so I will close - with great deal of love to Lizzie, Guy, Grace, Jamie, Chancey & yourself.

Your Affectionate Son C. H. Howard

[Note 1: The rumor of Jefferson Davis' death was not true. He died December 6, 1889.]