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9/16/1863

From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother

CHH-113

Hd. qrs. 11th Corps

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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 quelled 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.

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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".]

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Sound Believers

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Pt. no. 2 - Ill Wash - "that Jim" is here & thinks he has to work very hard - Albeit Col. Beebe's name is also an acquaintance of Wash.

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Rev. Mr. Fuller you will have learned cannot come as my Chaplain - I somewhat expect Rev. Mr. Noble, also of my Seminary Class, and lately preaching at Walthrop. He is now at City Point Va. Agent of C. C. I don't know now how you will be able to forward the Shirts & Sheets - It is not very important for me to have them. I fancied I would try & be a little civilized, after going without these badges of civilization for four (4) years. With love to my brothers & their precious families (Shoh. Drellie is with you) Yours affectionate Son
C. H. Howard

5/23/1865

From: C. H. Howard

To: Mother

CHH-177

Hd. qrs. Camp Stanton
Beaufort S.C.

Hd. qrs. "Camp Stanton"
Beaufort S.C.
May 23 1865

My dear Mother

Imagine my satisfaction last Sabbath evening at the receipt of nine (9) good fat letters. One from yourself, one from Rowland. One from Bangor, one from Mr. Fuller of Hallowell, 3 from Otis & the rest more indifferent. Yours was as late as May 7th inst.

I had done down to "the Grove" a plantation below just before Sun-set to attend a Sabbath-School for Colored Children. They are the ones whom Otis interested so much. I wrote some message to little Grace about them but never got an answer. It is Miss Botume's school assisted by a niece of hers Miss Fannie Langdon & by some gentlemen usually from Beaufort. It is a delightful grove of Live Oaks draped with the long moss peculiar to this section of our Country or rather to this latitude. I stayed at Tea - taking pleasant strolls along the river bank under the shade of the oaks, magnolias, & other beautiful trees. The oleanders are in full bloom. I remarked to the company that it would do mother good to see these luxuriant oleanders. They are as large as the group of lilacs in our front garden at home and, if anything, taller - more tree-like even than the lilacs. The Pomegranates are now in bloom, very plenty in this region, such a beautiful scarlet. They are not fragrant like the oleanders however.

The feast of letters when I returned was a magnificent finale to the pleasant evening at "the Grove". I think I sent you a photograph of a tree or the chapel of this plantation. It is sometimes called the "Old Fort" from an old Spanish ruin of a shell fort still visible there.

Your letter gave me a picture of home very grateful I assure you. If I reflected too much upon such, however, it would I fear make me discontented here. I am very glad "Wash" is so good & efficient. Tell him I say he could not have a better place. He is doing good by helping my mother while I am spending all my time teaching colored men. I have to teach them how to be men, teach them manners, morals, how to think and talk, read, write, teach them how to stand erect and call no man master and at the same time how to obey wholesome rules and laws, and regulate all their habits. Most of them have learned how to keep their persons & clothes neat and clean and present quite a manly appearance as they come out just before Sun-set for dress-parade and evening prayer.

It is almost time for my afternoon drill - "battalion drill" from 3 till 5 p.m. We have a good breeze today from the Ocean. But yesterday there was no air stirring - the Sun was hot and though I was mounted and therefore was somewhat above the dust and heated ground yet the heat was rather oppressive. It is rare that we have no afternoon breeze.

I think "Wash" will not labor in vain in getting in early potatoes &c for Otis will undoubtedly be at home to enjoy them. I have had no potatoes yet but have had some green peas & expect to have potatoes in a few days.

Otis wrote from Washington or rather got Maj. Stinson to write for him. I got one letter by his own hand (Otis') from Petersburg. It seems he has been put in charge of the Freedman's bureau. He has not had much experience in such matters but good common sense and the power of attention & application to business which he possesses will soon make him master of the situation.

I wish he would make a tour of inspection to find out the need of the Freedmen & would come down here soon. I trust he will do so eventually. How rejoiced I should be to have him or any of the dear friends I prize most highly come here and see my splendid Regiment. I feel very proud of it but see work for a life-time, in relation to it, still before me - to make these men all good soldiers and the regiment a model one in all military matters and at the same time to prepare these men for good citizens. The moral and religious education must come chiefly from example. How much then I & the officers associated with me need grace from Above and to this end need the prayers of all Christians.

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With love to my brothers & their precious families. (I hope Dellie is with you).

Your affectionate Son
C. H. Howard

P.S. I believe I have not enjoyed so good health as now for 8 or 10 years or perhaps never! My kind Heavenly Father be thanked for this and all his bounteous blessings! C. H. H.

P.S. No 2. Tell "Wash" that "Jim" is here & thinks he has to work very hard. Albert, Col. Beebe's man, is also an acquaintance of "Wash".

P.S. No. 3. I hope you will write me often this Summer, dear Mother.

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We had a good prayer-meeting last night. Otis spoke briefly and offered one prayer. I had some tracts which I distributed as the soldiers went out. They are very glad to get anything good to read. After meeting I called with Mr. Miles (who was very desirous of going fast ~~at~~ night) upon Mrs. Richards - the near neighbor to us and upon a Shore land is our encampment. She is a perfect lady. I had met her once before. I took a very excellent tract written by Bishop McNamee of Ohio - a sensible clergyman and friend of Otis - I carried it sealed in an envelope & gave it to Mrs. R. I find I must close - I know you are one of the Praying Army at home. May Heaven's choicest blessings be upon you and my brother's father tonight in the prayer of your affectionate son E. K. Howards

Sound between

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2-26-62

last 2 pages of
a letter to
mother

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He means our Colored man the cook - He has a log house for a kitchen - not so good as a tent for the rain. We have a little colored boy who is a great curiosity about here now. Yesterday morning one of the Soldiers of the 64th brought him up - Inquired for "Brig. Gen. Howard" and said he had brought up a boy who had been about their camp for several days - That the boy had vermine upon him and none of the soldiers would allow him in their ~~the~~ tents. He had taken pity upon the poor little fellow & did for him the only thing he could think of - brought him to the General. Otis took him and had him stuffed and washed thoroughly in an outer-tent - The boy was reluctant about putting his head under water as Otis took him up and plunged him in. He got him some clothes, & expounded about him - The boy was very bright - a mulatto - Today he got him a good suit of clothes in Alex. The boy declares that he came from New York but has given unmitigable proof that he was born & raised in these parts. He is about 8 years old I should judge. I have

3/4/1862

From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother (Eliza Gilmore)

CHH-057

Head Quarters 1st
Brigade
Camp California Va

Head Quarters 1st Brigade
Camp California
Mar. 4, 1862

My dear Mother,

It is raining hard and just at this moment the wind begins to blow harder still. It is I judge about 8 o'clock in the evening. Since supper Mr Bullock (commissary) Mr Miles and I with occasionally some help from Otis have been singing in front of the open fire in Capt. Sewall's tent, the latter person being in Washington tonight, gone for his pay. Otis left us nearly half an hour ago to come up to his tent to sign some Muster Rolls and now I am at the other table in the same tent. Otis has had to sign his name about 180 times besides other writing upon the Rolls. I prepared them by examination and writing down every thing except the name. It has been a rainy day and I have not been out much. Yesterday it snowed about 1 inch.

Mrs. Sampson, her sister and Mrs. Capt. Watson of Bath Me. came over to see us. It began to snow while they were here so we got a Hospital wagon and Otis rode back with John taking his horse over to the Third Maine for him (Otis) to ride back upon. The ladies were here at dinner. We all attended religious services standing upon the ground about 20 minutes. These friends of Mrs. S. have been over here nearly two months but have not visited us before. Mrs. S. sent back by Otis a letter from Mrs. Merrill and Mary, the mother and sister of the young man of the Third Me. who died a few weeks ago. You will remember that he was a particular friend of mine and perhaps I wrote you that I sent his folks a letter almost every day during his sickness. But by this letter I find that they received none of my letters till after the Telegraphic dispatch came announcing his death. It was a terrible blow to them.

These ladies visiting the Third Maine are going home soon. Ozias Millett was over again last Saturday and got a letter of introduction from Otis. We are all expecting to move soon, as Banks has already done. General Sumner was ordered to Washington today on a Council of War as we surmise. All of the Artillery of the Army of the Potomac has been exchanged within two days. We don't know precisely why. Perhaps to get all of the new & improved rifled guns. Perhaps to get lighter guns. Everything bears toward a movement speedily. I think I have written you since the order for reduction of baggage but "the General" and I had anticipated it by sending away all except our valises before.

My appointment as Lieut. by the Governor of New York came today! I am very glad not only on my own but on Otis' account that this arrived before the advance. He has been quite anxious about it and troubled because it did not come.

Now all is right and I am in the place marked out by Providence I believe for me. Although I love my mother and other dear ones in Maine yet I would not be away from here now on any account.

This is the situation for which I am fitted by natural taste, capacity and education if there is any such situation and I have the contentment which arises from trying to do my duty.

I fear Mrs. Merrill was too inconsolable. I trust my mother with the help of the Lord is better prepared to meet affliction. I heard Otis conversing the other day upon the great gain of those who exchange this world for Heaven. But for his family's sake he would cling to earth more closely. I have no tie of this kind precisely. I have the tie of nearest kindred but no kindred that will seem to be robbed of necessary support if I be taken away.

Just this very two minutes a note came from Gen. Sumner for Otis to come over and see him - he having returned from Washington. It is very dark and rainy but it is not more than a quarter of a mile walk and Otis put on his rubber boots. I took the cape from my overcoat that he might wear that and his rubber coat over it - it being more convenient for that purpose than his own. Dr. Palmer went over to Head Quarters not long since so he will have company back and I did not need to go. The messenger

was with him going over. We don't often allow Brig. Generals to go alone (unless they go into too dangerous places (?)) my sheet is full and I have [inserted undated fragment] hardly begun my letter – so it seems to me. John comes in and says “George is “drowned out”. He means our colored man the cook. He has a log house for a kitchen – not as good as a tent for the rain. We have a little colored boy who is a great curiosity about here now. Yesterday morning one of the Soldiers of the 64th brought him up – inquired for “Brig Gen. Howard” and said he had brought up a boy who had been about their camp for several days. That the boy had vermin upon him and none of the soldiers would allow him in their tents. He had take pity upon the poor little fellow & did for him the only thing he could think of – brought him to the General. Otis took him and had him stripped and washed thoroughly in an outer-tent. The boy was reluctant about putting his head under water so Otis took him up and plunged him in. He got him some clothes, extemporized about here. The boy was very <bright> – a mulotto. Today he got him a good suit of clothes in Alex'a. The boy declares that he came from New York but has given unmistakable proof that he was born & raised in these parts. He is about 8 years old I should judge. I have often thought of “Edward” since I saw this boy. I have not mentioned it to Otis. And today he told us his name was Johnson tho' his father's name was Sykes or something like that. He is a funny fellow and it is very doubtful whether we will be able to make any thing of him. At any rate Otis will have the satisfaction of knowing that he saved one poor suffering little boy from probably death and made him comfortable at least for a time.

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I find I must close. I know you are one of the Praying Army at home. May Heaven's choicest blessings be upon you and my brothers & father tonight is the prayer of

Your Affectionate Son
C. H. Howard

P.S. “The General” has returned and says we move tomorrow! We leave at 8 o'clock. Are going out to support some Bridge-builders upon the R. R. and expect to return to camp again before we go “for good”. We take three days rations. You may not hear so often now but you know in whose hands we are. Otis sends his love and says you must not be anxious about us. I have written an order at his dictation since he came back.

Good Night.
Charles.

Rowland & Dellie would be glad to know about our prospect of moving I suppose.

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Capt. Howe ^(aid) went home with General Ledgwick
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& Steele (aid & ordnance officer) are here.

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Whittington upon some straw on the ground. I
have no cot bedstead - but shall sleep soundly.
His ready love to you, to Ella & to Lizzy Patten
Saturday, Sept. 30th '62 -

In glancing over my letter I wish to correct some
impressions which might be made - (1st) I walk considerably
& better than ^{when} you saw me using my sabre for a
Cane. (2^d) We had Porter's Corps, ^{of a division of new troops} entirely fresh &
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9/19/1862

From: C. H. Howard

To: [Rowland B Howard]

CHH-289

[undated fragment: "found between 12-16-62 & 'winter' '62".]

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Of course we have had hard duty & hard fare for the past week but the Lord is with us & gives us a good measure of health & keeps us from all harm. Others of our staff lost their horses but as I could not well walk & could not possibly run my horse in Providence was spared. Capt Whittlesey was cool & active in duty while exposed to the greatest possible dangers. Otis was all that you could ask. Of myself I fear I have already written with terms of higher commendation than was justified or than others would speak of me. I am unconscious, however, of having shrunk from any danger when duty called.

Good night - much love to all – I go to sleep in tent with Capt Whittlesey upon some straw on the ground. We have no cot bedstead – but shall sleep soundly. Otis sends love to you, to Ella & to Lizzie Patten.

Saturday, Sept. 20th '62.

In glancing over my letter I wish to correct some impressions which might be made (1st) I walk considerable & better than when you saw me using my saber for a cane. (2d) We had Porter's Corps & a Div. or more of raw troops entirely fresh and ready for battle, except that they had endured very severe marches – 20th Maine is in Butterfield's Brigade [See Note] Third Div. Porter's Corps. We have seen Col [Adelbert] Ames & [Joshua Lawrence] Chamberlain lately. Col. C. mentioned that they had nothing to eat. He will find that hard crackers is often our only diet. Yet I have never suffered from hunger. (3d) Our reason of our being outflanked was that Richardson did not move at the appointed time. French obliqued to the left on this acct. while Sedgwick whom Gen Sumner accompanied in person went straight forward in the place assigned. This left a little gap. Otis thinks that Gen. S had no business in going in with a single Div. but should have taken some prominent place from which he could have seen his entire command. Other criticisms are made upon Gen Sumner – but his bravery was distinguished. We are well this morning (see margin of 1st page)

[Notes:

On the second page (page 6) Charles has written the date Sept 20th '62. So this letter was probably started the day before, Sept 19th. The battle of Antietam occurred on Sept 17th, 1862. The letter was probably written to Rowland Bailey Howard, due to the reference to Rowland's wife Ella and her sister Lizzie Patten.

Charles had been severely wounded (as had Otis) at the Battle of Fair Oaks, VA on June 1, 1862, having been wounded in the leg. He recuperated at home in Maine and had returned to the Army just before the battle, which was on Sept 17, 1862. He apparently had not fully recovered.

During the Battle of Antietam, the 20th Maine Regiment was commanded by Col Ames and included Lcol Chamberlain. They were in the Third Brigade commanded by Col. Thomas B. W. Stockton (not Butterfield) in the First Division which was commanded by Maj. Gen. George W. Morrell. The First Division was in the Fifth Corps commanded by Maj. Gen. Fitz-John Porter.]

min. I hear as I must
be brief.

Saw a letter from the ^{the} Lizzy
last night.

He hopes I will get a com-
mission & he will immediately
appoint me Aide. I will
then join him which ought
to be done immediately.

It is somewhat doubtful if
I get one as the vacancy was
your main Aide remains
& cannot I fear be filled.
I shall join him in some
capacity as before if not as
aide.

I go to Leeds tomorrow &
to Brunswicke Let. & I must
see Mr. Wiggins Let. - If I
can go right down to Betts
& come back Let. perhaps
I will do so but guess I
will have to spend the

hour at Betts & then go
to Betts for the Sabbath in
order to see Mr. Wiggins &
do my business - Will
settle that Let. Hope to
see you at the Cars & you
may mention to Nettie if
convenient that I am coming.
Jamie & Grace are not well.
Fear throat, - Lizzy & Gray
about recovered.

This Brigade at
Bladenburg -

Affectionately
W. Howard

Early
65 Feb

Jan 7, 1863

2/1/1862

From: C. H. Howard

To:

CHH-293

[Undated fragment: "Early Feb 65" was written at the end of the letter in a different hand than Charles'. Probably written around Feb, 1862]

min. I hear so I must be brief.

Saw a letter from Otis to Lizzie last night.

He hopes I will get a commission & he will immediately appoint me Aide & I will then join him which ought to be done immediately.

It is somewhat doubtful if I get one as the vacancy when I am made Aide remains & cannot I fear be filled. I shall join him in same capacity as before if not as Aide.

I go to Leeds tomorrow & to Brunswick Sat. & I must see Mr. Wiggin Sat. If I can go right down to Bath & come back Sat. perhaps I will do so but guess I will have to spend the hour at Br'k & then go to Bath for the Sabbath in order to see Mr. Wiggin & do my business. We'll settle that Sat.

Hope to see you at the cars & you may mention to Nettie if convenient that I am coming.

Jamie & Grace are not well. Soar [sic] throats. Lizzie & Guy about recovered.

Otis' Brigade at Bladensburg.

Affectionately,
C. H. Howard

[Notes on date of letter: Charles in a letter on 3/7/1862 to his mother writes that he has his commission, so this letter must have been written before that date. James was born 1 Dec 1860. Otis' fourth child, Chancey, was born in 3 May 1863. This letter was probably written in between these dates. Otis received a promotion to Brig. Gen on Sept 3, 1861, and his first command was in Bladensburg some weeks later, possibly February, 1862.]

Give my love to Mrs. Frost & family - What do the men think of the rebellion or don't they speculate upon such worldly matters?

I was pleased at what you wrote from Nettie. I very much desire that she shall be a true woman - one of purity I mean, forgiving & above all narrow views & little jealousies - There is no one out of my immediate family whose welfare & prosperity & happiness I would more gladly hear than hers.

Packard was not very well & has gone to N. Y. to his brother to remain until he gets entirely well.

Rowland's ^{father's} ~~father's~~ ^{brother's} ~~brother's~~ told of the death of Sarah's babe & Maria Anne - and mentioned that both Oscar & Wm. G. Sumner had gone to the war for 9 months.

Ask all the questions that come to mind about the battle & I will try & answer in my next.

brother who are deprived of such blessing - C. H. Howard - Your affectionate brother

found between
2-16-62 & 2-22-62

To Brother 15 S+6

March 1862

I am writing upon a ⁶ ~~Postcard~~
which John picked up upon
the battle field. We had 3
of Gen. ~~Bassett~~'s aides with us
but no one was hurt tho' two
had their horses shot.
Gen. Sumner was in the
thickest of the fight but
safe. Hancock was
beside Richardson's Division
& Gen. R. wounded by a
grope shot probably will not
live - Miles & Scott are safe.
The former now Lt. Col. 61st
N. Y. took 300 rebel prisoners
in the battle. Two Rebel Gen-
erals were killed & one at
South Mountain Sunday evening
week ago - We did not
quite get into that battle.
We cannot repair the loss
of Gen. Devol who commanded
McDowell's Corps - two Divisions.
Sedgwick has been appointed to
Corps so will never return to this
Div. He is a noble man.
You have the privilege of

prescribe words but
will inform I to you own
bats. I hope you appoint the Gen
penfit - will remember you

found between
2-16-62 + 2-22-62

To Brother pg 5+6

(Page 6)

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the old 4th Corps - the Adjutant General -
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and always gentlemanly in his deport-
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that can not be said of many of the staff
we have had since coming to this Army.
I think Henry Stinson - now Major - will
go along -; though not able to do duty still,
he may be able to accompany the Army &
his company & constancy of affection for
Otis would be a comfort and his judg-
ment is always good where he deems
himself competent to judge & he will not
pronounce an opinion unless he does
think himself qualified to do so.

Tomorrow is the Sabbath. We are to have dinner
here - This is not a very pleasant house but is
very fair - Our staff occupy four beds -
Maj. Whittesey will probably not go along this
campaign - He may possibly take a Regt. &
Fullerton arrives - Otis will have staff enough - other-
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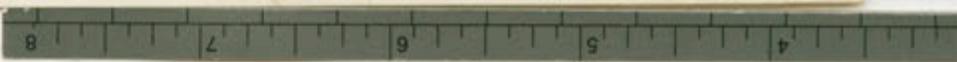
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(See margin Page 6)

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4/1/1865

From: C. H. Howard

To: Mother

CHH-172

Head-Quarters Dep't
and Army of the
Tennessee
Goldsboro N. C.

Head-Quarters Dep't and Army of the Tennessee [Letterhead]
Goldsboro N. C. April 1st 1865

My dear Mother

It is Saturday evening and we have just arisen from the supper table. I do not expect to be here much longer and I will pen you a letter - one more before leaving the army of the Tennessee.

What a variety of scenes and circumstances has been mine since my letters first began to date from these Hd. Qrs. Before Atlanta, Georgia. Sometimes I cannot help regretting my absence from the Army during the Carolina campaign. It makes me feel a little like a stranger and interloper when I hear them talking over the adventures and experiences of the march as I do at almost every meal and did at supper tonight. They were talking of the night at Columbia - the burning & sacking of the city. It seems there was a brigade located in town and the men got possession of some liquor. Many of them became drunk and unmanageable before the responsible officers were aware of the fact. Some cotton had been set on fire in the town and some buildings might have caught fire from the burning cotton but soon the infuriated soldiers were spreading the flames. Two thirds of the entire city was consumed. Otis & his staff were up all night. Thousands of people were thrown into the streets in wild despair. The house where Otis was once got on fire & the ladies were dreadfully terrified. But I will not attempt to picture what I did not see. The suffering must have been appalling. Otis is writing his report in a room opposite to this. Just this moment opened the door to ask about the name of a certain Colonel.

So now here, having just read a new order of Gen. Sherman's which makes some transfers of Generals from this Army to that of Gen. Slocum. Otis dislikes to lose his good officers. But we have to acknowledge that we have <nobody sick> and Gen. Sherman evidently thinks it for the good of his whole army to subtract a little from the Army of the Tennessee to add to the Army of Georgia on the Left Wing. We all regret to lose Major Gen. Mower and Brig. Gen. Walcott. The latter was wounded at the Griswoldville battle on the Savannah campaign. We have good Generals to take the places of those who leave. But you cannot be interested so much as I in these purely military matters.

Maj. Whittlesey started yesterday to meet Lizzie. We have not heard a word from her though Otis has telegraphed three times & asked for answer. I hope she is on the way & not far off for this Army will move by week from next Monday - about the time you get this letter. I desire to remain & see Lizzie & Otis says she may go with me down to visit Beaufort if she will or would like to. I wish she would & Mrs. Saxton would be delighted to have her, but I have little hopes she would consent to be so long absent from the little ones except for the sake of being with Otis. We expect she will bring Guy & Grace along or at least one of them. Guy has become so much of a man he might I should judge be of assistance to his mother in traveling.

It is a beautiful moonlight night - all our doors & windows open - sitting out on the verandah a good deal. Shrubbery in the front garden all in leaf, bright & thrifty. The trees rapidly clothing themselves in their Spring attire. Peach trees all decked in luxuriant pink blossoms. They remind of the first part of April 1862 when we first landed upon the Virginia peninsula. I used to notice the Peach trees there because they were the first I had seen in bloom. We landed at Ship Point April 4th 1862. War has had a good deal more of romance lately or is it a change in my feelings! It may be a calousing of my heart towards the disagreeable. But kind Providence has given me many changes for the better since then. What a blessing to be transferred to the West to see so much of our great country and share in the brilliant successes which have not only cheered us but filled the hearts of our people at home with joy.

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Tomorrow is the Sabbath. We are to have service here. This is not a very elegant house but is very fair. Our staff occupy four besides Maj. Whittlesey will probably not go along this campaign. He may possibly take a negro Regt. Fullerton arrives – Otis will have staff enough, otherwise I think Maj. Whittlesey will probably go.

I hear from Beebe that six companies of my Regt. Have been organized – so it goes on Lt. Sampson of the Signal Corps & who has been with us for two or three campaigns, is writing for Otis this evening. He was along <thro> South & North Carolina & so can help remember as I could not. I am studying Tactics a little – not much as there is so much else to do. I sell my fine bay mare - "Mary Falkner" to Otis for \$200 & another horse which he had left at Beaufort in a disabled condition.

I hope to find a letter or letters from you at B. and one from Gracie & possibly from Guy. Tell Gracie I wish her to write me whether she remembers to pray for those poor little colored children who are just learning fro the first time what it means to pray & who is their Saviour & learning to sing his praises. They promised to pray for "Gracie Howard", "Gen. Howard's little girl" as they say they do every night for Gen. Howard who was in at their Sabbath school & talked to them while he was at Beaufort.

I hope Isabella is with you, especially if Lizzie has left to visit us. Isabella is as good as a daughter it seems to me. If she is with you please give her my kindest remembrances & wishes for her happiness. I regretted not seeing her last winter. Lizzie writes that "Wash" is doing well. Tell him I am pleased at this. Sam sends his regards to "Wash".

Your loving son
C. H. Howard

P.S. I am glad Roland will assist to carry on the farm. I should think he would do better than any one else. Do not arrange so that you will have to work hard, dear mother. Why should you? C.H.H

United States Military Telegraph.

By Telegraph from

Dated

1863.

To

of our lives - I am
pretty weary and will soon
try to get some rest an-
ticipating considerable inter-
ruption during the night.
Col. Le Duc is to load
his train with baggage &c.
tonight. The battery begins
to load tomorrow 6 A.M. at
6 - I send you a
manuscript for you to
read & make any suggestions
for additions or changes before
it goes to Mrs. Abbott.
I wish you I could write

Sound between
5-8-43
+
5-17-43

And a account of one -
In one place I wish you
to correct when I
think I wrote 7 or 8
Thousand at most) please
change it so as to read
8 or 9 thousand at most

as the strength of the
11th Corps ^{at the beginning of the battle} before the battle.

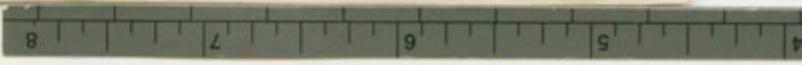
I find there were were about
10,600 or 11,000 all told
including Officers, men and
about 2000 in Borlow's
Bridges leaving 8,500 or 9000
aggregate - I don't know

as you will be able to read
this record - I will also
write a short note and send
a draft to you.

Your friend - Dred 11th
Corps - Nashville Tenn, 18th Decr.

P.S. Mr. Pope to get before business ends.

I have not seen the original of this letter.



5/10/1863

From: C. H. Howard

To: [Rowland B Howard]

CHH-296

11th Corps
Nashville, Tenn

[Undated fragment: "found between 5-8-63 & 5-17-63"]
[5/10/1963 estimated]

[Letterhead]

United States Military Telegraph

By Telegraph from _____

Dated _____ 1863

To _____

of our lines. I am pretty weary and will soon try to get some rest anticipating considerable interruption during the night. Col. Le Duc is to load his train with baggage etc. tonight. The artillery begins to load tomorrow A.M. at 6. I send you a manuscript for you to read & make any suggestions for additions or changes before it goes to Mr. Abbott.

I wrote him I would write such an account at once.

In one place I wish you to correct where I think I wrote 7 or (8 thousand at most) please change it so as to read 8 or 9 thousand at most as the strength of the 11th Corps at the beginning of the battle.

I find there were about 10,500 or 11,000 all told artillery & Infantry officers & men and about 2,000 in Barlow's Brigade leaving 8,500 or 9,000 aggregate. I don't know as you will be able to read this scrawl. I will also write a short note and enclose a draft to Mother.

Love to Ella. Direct 11th Corps, Nashville Tenn for the present.

Your affectionate brother
C. H. Howard

P.S. We hope to start before tomorrow night.

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Rev. Mr. Almond Secretary of the
District Soc. has written for
Gen. Howard to procure him a
pass from Gen. Bennett to
distribute books & labor as her-
etofore - This has also asked
permission for a lady, Mrs. Hor-
ris to come & attend to the
wounded - She has been much
with the army & we know
her well.

This tonight rec'd a letter from
Lizzie - all well. The autotype
of my is a good one. Capt. W.
has just got a good Photograph of
his wife. Have you ever called
& got the 3 Photographs at Socks
which I paid for? We hope
to see Sam. Hicks before many
days - He will be a source
of much satisfaction if he
comes & manages our mess.

I wonder whether any of the

found between

3-27-43

+

3-31-43

March 1943 - Open

6 Seeds boys in the 16th Regt.
were lost or wounded in
the battle - How does such
Charles Knapp seem to take
the death of Capt. Hutchins?
Dr. Wiggins who stayed with
us several days is not well
but has returned to his Regt.

Melville Merrill & Coleman
two schoolmates at Ypsomath
& much esteemed friends are
both in the 1st Regt. ^{employed} in the
Hospital. Tell Dr. Dillin that
Mottocks is considered one
of the best if not the best
officer in the Regt.
He is now Captain.

Thos. Rubin whom I saw a
day or two since has got returning
well - Did you see Mrs.
Ann Pomeroy? I do hope
you will be able to write a
few lines if no more - I thought
you would not let a Sabbath pass
without writing when at home.
(See 1st page)

1/1/1863

From: C. H. Howard

To: [Mother]

CHH-290

[Undated Fragment found between 6/21/64 and 7/2/64]

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Rev. Mr. Alvord Secretary of the Tract Soc. has written for Gen. Howard to <prepare> him a pass from Gen. Burnside to distribute books & labor as heretofore. Otis has also asked permission for a lady, Mrs. Harris to come & attend to the wounded. She has been much with the army & we know her well.

Otis tonight rec'd a letter from Lizzie – all well. The ambrotype of Guy is a good one. Capt. W. has just got a good photograph of his wife. Have you ever called & got the 3 photographs at Lockes which I paid for? We hope to see Sam. Hicks before many days. He will be a source of much satisfaction if he comes & serves our mess.

I wonder whether any of the Leeds boys in the 16th Me. were lost or wounded in the battle. How does Uncle Charles Knapp seem to take the death of Capt. Hutchins? [Charles Hutchins died Dec, 1862]

Dr. Wiggin who stayed with us several days is not well but has returned to his Regt. Melville Merrill & Coleman two schoolmates at Yarmouth & much esteemed friends are both in the 17th employed in the Hospital. Tell Dellie that Mattacks is considered one of the best if not the best officer of the lines in the Regt. He is now Captain.

Thos. Rubin whom I saw a day or two since has got entirely well. Did you see Mrs. Wm Turner? I do hope you will be able to write a few lines if no more. I tho't you would not let a Sabbath pass without writing when at home.

Capt. Owen is to be our Qr. Mr. & Capt Balloch commissary.

(see 1st page)

his tent.
Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Sturges, Mrs.
Lynn, Stearns, & many other
ladies are visiting their
husbands. The firing
last night frightened some
of them so much that
they decided to start for
home today. We had
a pleasant evening. The
ladies I mentioned are quite
interesting but you know
almost any lady-like ladies
are interesting to officers,
who have been so long
beyond the pale of civilized
society. Mrs. Perry Lee
is still at H.M. Co., 3 Co. of
Pikes is absent on leave
& Perry is still serving on
the staff. His resignation
was refused unless he could
get higher rank in the
navy & this he is now trying
for. I was glad to hear from
Mr. Chapin - Poor Adm. He
has had a strange lot in this
life - I am glad Kolander
going to build new house.
I am very love to Miss Gledhill &
the little ones to father - How
is his hand & I saw Thomas
the other day over near the

6/6/1863

From: C.H. Howard

To: Mother

CHH-104

Headquarters Eleventh
Corps
Near Brook's Station,
Va

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [Letterhead]
Near Brooke's Station, Va.,
June 6th, 1863

My dear Mother,

Otis & I both received letters from you yesterday. It seemed good to see a long letter in your familiar hand - writing again. We were also gratified at your peaceful and cheerful frame of mind. It was particularly cheering as we or particularly Otis has had a great deal of vexation and anxiety of late. I think it has mostly passed away now. It is about the Germans and Gen. Schurz. The Germans in New York had a meeting in which they passed resolutions reflecting somewhat upon the present commander of the 11th Corps and intimated that it would have done better under Siegel.

I have no doubt it will all result rightly.

It is a beautiful day & we have moved our Hd qrs. <moved> June 4th. Last evening had the Band here & two ladies Mrs Barlow (wife of Gen. B.) And Mrs. Parker (wife of Lt. Parker of the Regular army). It was the wedding anniversary for Mrs. Parker. We have now a charming spot for Hd. qrs. Our tents are arranged in a semi-circle and are all pitched in the shade of trees which we have an opening in front grassy & level. It was the site of a house formerly but is now in the midst of the woods.

Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock we began to hear rapid artillery firing near Fredericksburg. Otis had been to Gen. Hooker's in the forenoon and knew that it was the First Corps attempting on making a show of crossing about 2 miles below F. We hear of no casualties & probably Gen. Hooker made all the demonstration that he intends at that point. It is I suppose to learn the whereabouts of the enemy and preventing them from sending any troops West.

There is another expedition on foot up river which is a secret here. We sent the 55th Mass. today up more than half way to the Orange & Alexa. R.R. to Spotted Tavern where it is to report to Gen. Ames who is one of our Brigadiers as I think I have written but was sent for at Hooker's Hd. qrs. this morning & is put in charge of some important movement on a comparatively small scale.

Otis has had Diarrhea, but was better yesterday & is quite smart today. I am well. Sorry you got an impression that I was not well from the long interval in writing. I think you will have rec'd some letters before this.

Capt Stinson goes with the Regt this P.M. to Spotted Tavern. I have an easy life now in Camp. Have been studying French somewhat. Have enough to do to keep my horses & myself in sufficient exercise. We have been a little on the alert of late & are now under marching orders - i.e. to be ready to move upon short notice. One Corps (5th) is already up river - part at Kelly's Ford where we crossed first in the last campaign.

We have such a lovely camp here now I fear we will move very soon. I say fear & yet I am ready at any time. Captain Griffiths A.D.C. [Aide de Camp] of the staff has been intending to bring his wife down but this order will prevent for the present. He has a log house with canvass roof attached to his tent.

Mrs Gen'l Schurz, Mrs. Gen. Steinweher & many other ladies are visiting their husbands. The firing last night frightened some of them so much that they decided to start for home today. We had a pleasant evening. The ladies I mentioned are quite interesting and you know almost any lady-like ladies are interesting to officers who have been so long beyond the pale of civilized society. Mrs. Perry Lee is still at Hd. Qrs. 3d Corps. Sickles is absent on Leave & Perry is still serving on the staff. His resignation was refused unless he could get higher rank in the Navy & this he is now trying for. I was glad to hear

from Mr Chapin. Poor Adna. He has had a strange lot in this life. I am glad Roland is going to build a new house.

Give my love to him & Cynthia & their little ones. Is father – How is his hand?

I saw Thomas <Bures> the other day over near the 2nd Corps Hospital sitting upon the ground with his brother in law, Tho's Rose. They knew me & I had quite a talk with them. Had not seen Thomas before since his return. He is now Company Cook & had come over to see Tho's Rose who is sick in Hospital or rather convalescent. His back is not strong & he (Rose) expects a discharge.

With great affection Yr. aff. son.
C. H. Howard

The Complaint well founded

Kitty's side is almost well
& her cough ditto. & we are
bravely thankful - Little
Nina rode over to Maria &
Jacob's new house on my
shoulder about an hour ago
& Kitty & Burt walked. I
believe you saw the site - all
would like to send kisses to
Grandma with very much
love. Kitty said she thought
today she would try & write you -
but she has so many things
to do now as you can appre-
ciate - Mrs. Foster & Mac have
been pin up coming till Oct
1st It was so much work for
Mrs. Foster to get the house ready
to leave - she has got very tired,
with love to Dr. Foster Helen
& Rowland & all the boys
affectionately yours in C.H.B.

Your generous gift was
totally a surprise and
I most heartily thank you
for being so thoughtful and
so kind - We got a good
letter from Dix - Did Row
and how - he writes very
cheerfully. I am a good
deal puzzled to know about
some future plans, tell
Rowland - Dr. Potter wants
a decision whether I will
visit him - Mr. Gray
of H. Union would come
Nov 1st Dr. Whiting is
on his way from a town
in New England & would
now come on the paper
& could preach at Winst-
on or elsewhere & perhaps
get Reviving. I prefer Prof.

Bortlett's style of news-
paper work and I think
he would help me about
1/2 of what Dr. Patton has
done for about \$500 a year.
We are three hard pressed
for money & will be till
nearly Nov. I suppose. If
I could I would borrow
\$300 till that date for my
personal conveniences. There
is a small clerk a man
who owes me will pay
that much soon - about 3/5
due for 1st he come in
a week or two ago to say he
would pay about Sept
1st but he has not done
so. I need it to pay coal
bill \$100 and life insurance
& some other family bills.

I also desire to expand about
\$40 in buying my furnace
smoke pipe up through dining
room & some other improve-
ments, which I think will
save fuel & make us all
more comfortable. But I
guess some way will be
provided - If however
you have \$100, \$200 or even \$300
to loan till Jan 1st I would
be glad to have it on a note
running to that date -

It is not pressing enough
for you to change any plans
or in any way put yourself
to any care or inconvenience.
Many subscribers have stopped
Advance because they un-
derstand we were unjust to
Mr. Beecher. I do not think

9/10/1874 *From:* C. H. Howard

To: [Eliza Gilmore]

CHH-295

Glencoe, Illinois

[Undated fragment: after November, 1863]

[This is written to Charles' mother, Eliza Gilmore sometime between 1874 and 1881 because of the reference to the Advance. She is staying with her son Rowland, his second wife Helen, and his children. Charles' daughter, Nina, was born in 1873 and the next child was born Sept 30, 1874. Since there was no mention of a baby and the lack of payment of the debt Sept 1, I estimate the date of the letter to be 9/10/1874.]

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Your generous gift was totally a surprise and I most heartily thank you for being so thoughtful and so kind. We got a good letter from Otis. Did Rowland hear? He writes very cheerfully. I am a good deal puzzled to know about your future plans, tell Rowland. Dr. Patten wants a decision whether I will want him. Mr. Gray of Interior would come Nov 1st. Dr Whiting is on his return from a tour in New England & would now come on the paper & could preach at Winnetka or elsewhere & part get <a living>. I prefer Prof. Bartlett's style of newspaper work and I think he would help me about ½ of what Dr. Patton has done for about \$500 a year. We are still hard pressed for money & will be till nearly Nov I suppose. If I could I would borrow \$300 till that date for my personal conveniences. There is a small chance a man who owes me will pay that much soon – about \$375 <due> Jan 1st he came in a week or two ago to say he would pay about Sept 1st but he has not done so. I need it to [pay] my coal bill \$100 and life insurance & some other family bills.

I also desire to expend about \$40 in bringing my furnace smoke pipe up through dining room & some other improvements which I think will save fuel & make us all more comfortable. But I guess some way will be provided. If however you have \$100, \$200 or even \$300 to loan till Jan 1st I would be glad to have it on a note running to that date.

It is not pressing enough for you to change any plans or in any way put yourself to any care or inconvenience.

Many subscribers have stopped Advance because they imagined we were unjust to Mr. Beecher. I do not think the complaint well founded.

Kitty's side is almost well & her cough ditto & we are truly thankful. Little Nina rode over to Maria and Jacob's new house on my shoulder about one hour ago & Kitty & Burt walked. I believe you saw the site. All would like to send kisses to Grandma with very much love. Kitty said she thought today she would try to write you – but she has so many things to do now as you can appreciate. Mrs. Foster & Mac have nearly given up coming till Oct 1st. It was so much work for Mrs. Foster to get the house ready to leave. She has got very tired.

With love to dear sister Helen & Rowland & all the boys.

Affectionately your son
C. H. H.