Hd. qrs. 11th Corps —

C. H. Howard

Lt & A.D.C.

Hd Qrs 2nd Div
2nd Corps - Near Falmouth Va
Jan. 7 1863

It is a cold clear morning light-snowing. Gen. Howard reviewed the 2nd Brigade this afternoon accompanied by Gen. Sedgwick and Staff - We rode without our over-coats but tried to make our horses move pretty lively in order to keep warm.

This forenoon I was "mustered in" as 1st Lt. by the Division Mustering Officer an officer of Kirby's Battery. I rode to the battery twice about 1/2 mile away and once to the 61st N.Y. to visit Declany. After returning read "Oliver Twist." Capt Bullock C.S. came over today with his tent to be henceforth one of the family as he has belonged to the Staff for several days -

I am glad of such an addition - a kind, genial and Christian man - a diligent

soul, hard-working & efficient officer.

Dr. Millett of Mass. a native of Leeds Me. whom his brothers were live Called upon us today & dined. He remembers distinctly when my father & mother were married. Tho he has hardly a gray hair upon his head still they are pretty freely sprinkled upon the head of my brother. Dr. M. was visiting Mess. & Gaines Regts.

Today's paper substantiates our yesterdays indications that the hard fighting at Murfreesboro - the 5 days - battle has resulted in a victory to the union arms.

And tonight at Supper we were surprised to see a Richmond Newspaper of this morning - in which there was a dispatch from Bragg confessing that he could not drive the enemy from their intrenchments. He confessed the relinquishment of Mo. which the Rebels held until the morning of the 4th day after the fighting began - the 3d of January.

Since supper I have been in the General's tent listening to the reading of Jeff Davis Mess. on occasion of a serenade after his return from the South West. Toward the Yankee enemy

The abusive language is so gross as to detract from the dignity of the Mess. - Its tendency is to inflame the passions of his auditors against the North.

We could not help comparing it with the lovely tones of my own! the Loftey sentiment, Cool & reasoning broad patriotic views of Maj. Gen. Banks in his recent proclamation to the people of New Orleans.

Dr. Higgin Surg. 17th Me. came just as night to make us a visit & Gen. will share his tent with him.

I wrote a letter to mother

last evening - This is the week of prayer - It occurs to me at least twice a day when we have our "family worship". O that the prayers this week may be so many, so fervent, from hearts so pure & devoted to Christ, so in faith, so in unison, being inspired by the One Spirit, so mighty, that they shall bring "answers of peace" Literally answers of peace -

This the more because it is my conviction that there can be no peace until she shall be established by Providence in righteousness - a peace which shall be permanent because upon the right basis. No putting of new cloth into old garments. But a thorough renovation of the whole.

I believe when the answers of peace come we shall be a purer & better people - One outcrying National sin will have received its public condemnation & its death-blow - Slavery only as dying. Other kindred-

ing sins, such as drinking & over much pride on account of national privileges, self-seeking among public men and Government officials, Avarice with its kindred dissipation dependent vices - these will have received a check at least.

And have not the personal sacrifices called for and undertaken - endured - served both directly and by example to purify our people? Have not the higher motives of patriotism & devotion to principle operated to exalt their character?

Let us hope soon that the Wisdom of Heaven has gained by this terrible struggle - Afflicted mourning hearts must in great numbers have sought comfort in Gospel truth & promises. I pray that the dawn may soon turn of those subjected to bodily suffering. O it is a time for earnest importunate prayer.

Camp near Falmouth Va
Jan. 11 1863

Gen. Howard had made an appointment for Rev. Mr. Adams 5th Me. to preach to Owen's Brigade at 11 A.M. today. It was cloudy & threatened rain this morning & Chaplain Adams did not come but Rev. J. W. Alvord was here & so the Gen. invited him to go over & preach.

There were many in attending or became they have been so little in habit of attending services. There was a small gathering; but we sang & went on with the services & were gathered. The subject presented was The Prodigal Son and some who seemed indifferent at first were shedding tears before the close.

We all enjoyed it & found the meeting profitable.

After we returned I was at Corps Hd Qrs with Gen. Howard a little while. He has been in command of the Corps while Gen. Sumner has been absent in Washington 3 or 4 days. Gen. S. has returned & Gen. Sedgwick came back to the Corps today & we found him there. He has word that Burnside is soon to make a move. This I believe he would do if he remained in Command.

After my return to the Hd Qrs - a remark of Col. Brooke who Commands the 3d Brigade was mentioned to me & I think it worthy to record. He said some religious books & papers in Gen. H's tent and turned the direction the conversation took. Speaking of matters of Religion. He said - "Men think more of these things in their time"

Strolled over to the 64th N.C. & saw old Brigade Pet before Tea to call upon Chaplain Hibbard – He is one of the few faithful Chaplains. He had had service today with Pretty much all of the Regt. present. Says Preston Pendleton has deserted and he believes would be "cut off" by the men did not the Officers keep up the bad Example.

He stated one important fact – That

"The Queen of his Regt. was never so accessible for religious Conversation & impressions as since the battle of Fredericksburg."

At that battle they were pretty badly Expended.

Soon after Tea we all Met & assembled in the Generals tent for a prayer meeting – We have had fasts & so we had some singing while waiting for the Crowds to get their Supper.

Rev Wm. Caldwell then conducted the meeting by invitation – He is a Surgeon sent from the West & Father of Capt. C. the Commissary for 2nd Brigade who also was present. Rev. Mr. C. read 4 Ps. (91st) & then I gave us a good Sermon talk having first called upon Rev. him Adams to open the meeting with prayer. We had singing quite often & first tables from the Gen. & Capt. Whittling & two other songs when we closed the services by the benediction. Many remained to sing and among others I enjoyed the Hymn "Near er, my God to thee" (Expanding). Rev. Mr. C. remained & was quite entertaining in Conversation.

He is thoroughly anti-Slavery

is earnest & loud-spoken in manner.

One remark in response to something the Gen. had been narrating is worthy of record. The Gen. was relating some facts mentioned by a citizen who lives not far from here who called on him today. He was saying that years ago there used to be selling many negroes upon the block in Fredericksburg - that he knew of a man who sold his child - But it was not a very uncommon occurrence - Rev. Gen. Gobin remarked, that

"He had a better right to sell his own than somebody's else child"

This created much laughter - It had never struck me [illegible] in that light - How shocking are the evils of slavery when viewed at the calm & cool distance from which we now look.

The Gen. & I had had a chat this afternoon but the meeting has had the effect to cause us. Not to walk with Capt. H. who has gone to bed with a headache still.

Our thoughts this evening was directed to the Special Providences for the Christian and his safety at all times - also the feeling that nothing can do him harm and finding to this the sublime sentiment which should reign in every human heart and will when Christ's kingdom has come in its fullness & glory upon Earth as in Heaven - "Thy Will be done".

The General narrated the story of the conversion of a West Point cadet as narrated to him by the Cadet of the class of [illegible]

Camp near Falmouth Ky
Jan. 15 1863

This forenoon rode with Gen H. to Gen. Hascall's Hd Qrs. with the hope of getting some trace of the murderer of our colored boy Andrew - The Dr. found a buck shot in the shoulder thus proving that he was shot by a musket carrying buck & ball.

I will not give you a detailed account of the shooting and subsequent suffering of the poor boy. It is too painful for me and I have written a detailed record of it to Brother Dell. He was a boy of prayer & told the Gen. the evening preceding that one which he died that he loved his Saviour but that he was a very great sinner.

How merciful of the Lord to call one who was so well prepared to go. Many of the boys left here to be present as was Andrew. He was buried here yesterday P. M. Capt. Whittlesey had a passage of Offered prayer - Our servants were there & a few soldiers who assisted at the burial. He was wrapped in his blanket & put by the side of the remains of soldiers who have died in defence of their country. Few soldiers are laid in coffins - It seems almost burdensome to our people at home. It seems to me that the simple respect ought to be shown to the dead - to procure some enclosure of wood. But in reality it matters little. The lifeless clay that remains when the soul has departed is of little value. Friends cling to it tenderly to the empty casket - They thus permit themselves to be bound down to earth when they might rise

nearer to Heaven than ever before - We shall all ever be thankful for every occurrence of life which weaned us from the world & attached us to Heaven & its eternal realities.

This afternoon rode with Capt. W. to Robinson's Brigade - He has a nephew a Sergeant in 68th N.Y. We saw them on drill - The wind blew furiously from the S.W. & continues. It must I think bring a storm - We passed the 3d Mass. Brass Capt Rome It will be almost a miracle if he continues long an officer in that Regt. and with such associates, unbecoming his moral character and as gentleman in personal habits as he has been from the beginning of the war.

The rumors of a movement

are rife - It is asserted that Meat this Corps is going to the vicinity of Washington. Gen. Couch declares that he is only bothered for the field & if this Corps goes to Gt. he shall go somewhere else.

Rev. Dr. Shields one of the Secretaries of the American Tract Society of Boston - a Baptist - came to visit Rev. Mr. Abbot this morning and stays here tonight in Mr. A's tent. He seems to be a very fine Christian Gentleman.

He was present at our evening prayers & at invitation from the Colonel led us in prayer with great acceptance.

Receives a letter from Bro. R.H.S. tonight. His School closed last Friday & he expects to return to College next week.

I have read Alex Hamilton's new book - Comte's Positivism - & am interested - Comte is rather trying & the book is too heavy for comfort in Gen. Couch again assumes command.

Camp near Falmouth
Jan 18 1863

Enjoyed a good prayer-meeting in the Generals' tent this evening - Mr. Bland conducted & remarks by the Gen. Capt. W. & Rev. Dr. Childs - The last named has been here several days & preached to three of our Brigades with great acceptance today - He leaves us early tomorrow morning & we have had a good Bye with regret -

We have had a delightful evening since the prayer-meeting. All seemed happy & I trust it has not been a profitless evening.

We somewhat expect to move tomorrow - The Lord is our trust & he will fit us for every duty.

It is quite cold - Have little "Bony" (Commissary boy) staying a big man very sensible with some one else - "I going home"

Camp near Falmouth
Jan. 26. 1863

Gen. Burnside relieved from Command of this Army today - Summer Franklin ditto - Gen. Hooker just in Command - I have felt a depression of spirits since the announcement came For Gen. H. is not a pure hearted man - Not so upright in his heart life as Gen. B. said to have immoral habits - I fear for our Country & for this Army; but she knows the ways of the Most High. My exclamation at first on hearing the news was - Let me & our Corps go West - But if God wills that we stay we will try to do our whole duty here - Then I shall not be answerable even tho' a failure be the issue.

I have not written of Burnside's unsuccessful movement undertaken last

Tuesday (26th inst) Hooker's & Franklin's Grand Divs. reached us near to Banks ford some 6 miles above Fredericksburg when they were to cross Wed morning upon two pontoon Bridges. It began to rain hard this eve & poured down on Wed & especially Wed. night. Not only did the Pontoons fail to get up in time to be laid down, night but not all were up by the next night & the mud had become so deep & the morning of Wednesday so difficult that taking that into consideration that it could no longer be a surprise to the Rebels, Gen. B. relinquished the idea of the movement altogether & by Friday night the troops were all back. Except some left to guard artillery &c. Pontoons stuck in the mud.

We all supposed a battle would have come off on this — I tried to prepare my mind & heart for the ordeal — Our Div. had orders to be ready to march early on Sat. then again Wed.

Providence interfered with this undertaking. Let us pray as always — that it will not prove be done O Lord.

Perhaps the army was too half-hearted — was not enthusiastic enough for Burnside & the cause — & that this State of things would have required a defeat; and the King of Kings has interfered to prevent such a disaster.

Lord, have our nation in thine own way, but save us for thy mercy's sake!

Rev. Mr. Means of Roxbury Mass. is here. He was in at the Prayer-meeting last night which was very interesting & solemn. Present also — Mrs Ledin, Mrs. Harris & Brick were there. (in the General's tent)

Gen. French came in just before it Closed. Capt. O. or Lt. Mc. was there, may be later in its print & carry with it him till he confess Christ as his own Lord & Savior.

Today I have ridden along the river in front of Ft. with Rev. Mr. Means & pointed out the places where the battles were fought &c. We heard the Rebel Band in Ft. playing in a jubilant strain — but with rather sweet music. O when shall this people be united again? I fear not in this generation. It is late into night —

(near)
Middletown Md. Sept 15. (1862)
Monday morning – 6 o'clock.

Witnessed the latter part of the battle fought in the mountains here last night. Did not find our Brigade till this morning. Slept in a barn with Gen. Richardson & Staff.

Went back yesterday morning to bring up the 20th Maine Regt. Our Div. was not in battle. Our Brigade was marching from 12 midnight till 3½ this morning.

Roast corn and hoe-cake for Breakfast. The General (Howard) had an hour's sleep this morning. Read the 1st Chap. of Romans after reaching this spot. [A cornfield one mile beyond Middletown Md.]

Sept. 16th – Morning – at 9
Got into camp and ready to lie down last evening near Keedysville Md. Artillery fighting just beyond here. (in the afternoon). [We were marching towards it and anticipating a battle.] Herald report that Gen. Miles had surrendered 11,000 men – (from a rebel Officer captured). We took some prisoners at Boonsboro & this side, yesterday.

Our wagons got here this morning so we hope to get some Breakfast before starting. I read a chapter in Romans while we sat upon our blankets - (Capt Whittlesey with us) and the General offered a prayer.

We felt terribly discouraged last night at the news from Harper's Ferry - Were we in a good way to capture the whole Rebel force had 60 odd miles held out. How long will the Lord shorten our afflicted nation? He knoweth what is best for his own - O that there might prove virtue enough in our nation to save it - i.e. that the Lord might spare us yet a little while longer.

Near Keedysville Md.
Sept 17th 1862

Reveille at 2 A. M. - with orders to be prepared to march at 3 but it is now near 6 and although we hear firing both upon right and left yet we are not ordered to march. We expect to be in battle today. Yesterday forenoon some shells struck about us. Some were killed in our Div. - more in Richardson's.

The 20th Maine passed by in Morrell's Div. and we saw Lieuts. Ames (Chamberlain) &c. They were pretty tired. (this being the first long march they ever made).

It is cloudy and it rained (somewhat) in the night but we had shelter from some rails with hay upon them.

I should like much to have an opportunity of seclusion for devotion and prayer; but I can inwardly commune with God - if he will but dwell with me. Lord Jesus take up thy constant abode in my heart!

I hope our friends are not over-anxious for us while exposed to the dangers of War. Lord help them to wait in cheerfulness and patience!

Battlefield of Sept. 17 - (1862) -
Vicinity of Shepherdstown (Md.) -
Morning, Sept. 18. 1862 -

Thank God that we of Gen. Howard's Staff are

all safe! Perhaps the contest will reopen this morning; but for past protection and kind dealing of our Heavenly Father we have only to be thankful and rejoice.

We were long exposed to severe cannonading and with shot and shells entered into the hottest fire of musketry and came out sound in life and limb, although many, many officers and crowds of men (soldiers) were their loss.

Gen. Howard took Command of Sedgwick's Div. (2nd) at about 12 M. Gen. S. being wounded - (in two places) - reorganized and reestablished the lines and here we have remained. The Rebels are nearly, if not quite surrounded and today must, we think, decide the fate of the (Southern) Confederacy!

Gen. McClellan was here yesterday P.M. and said to Gen. Howard that this was the battle of the War! How much more cheerfully I can fight with this hope inspiriting me!

We hear that large Reinforcements arrived last night. Porter's entire Corps is fresh and Franklin's was scarcely engaged. Perhaps Harper's Ferry was surrendered, in Providence, in order that the Rebel army might stay here and this become the finishing contest in this terrible war.

Gen. Howard, Capt. Whittlesey & I (were by ourselves) last evening. (We) kindled a fire and Capt. W. read a Chapter in my Testament by the light it afforded and the General offered a brief and fervent prayer to which my heart responded. What a stay and support to our souls are our Religious faith and the hopes of the Gospel!

Yesterday morning the General knelt with us in the midst of our troops - it being in vain to seek a place of retirement - and he remarked that it was a source of comfort to him all day that he did so - that he did not omit it - because he could not be alone.

Near Falmouth (Va.) Opposite
Fredericksburg - Dec. 11th 1862 -
12 M.

The sun is out warm and bright and is fast dispelling the fog.

One of the Brigades of our Div. (2nd Div. 2nd Corps) is down by the river (Rappahannock) where a pontoon-bridge is building. The Rebel sharp-shooters lay low almost all that attempt to work upon the bridge.

The other two Brigades are under cover of a hill. (in order to be protected from the Artillery projectiles of the enemy which soon come over with uncomfortable precision and rapidity but are replied to by our batteries with as good as they send)

We rose at about 4½ A.M. and it was hoped would be able to undertake the crossing as soon as day-light.

(The Pontoon-bridge was to be put across under cover of the darkness - but it was not done.)

We hear that Franklin's Grand (about 4 miles) Division, below, are completed.

We expect a severe encounter, especially in crossing and afterwards in taking

"the works" (situated) about 1/2 mile from the river.

Gen. Howard has (since we have been waiting) visited each regiment and spoken encouragingly to the men.

I heard him reading this morning and went into his tent in time to kneel and join in his prayer.

We would be most helpless without the Divine support in such times as this— Some valuable officers and brave men have already (this morning) received their death-wounds. Lt. Col. Bull of our old Division was among the first.

I write amid the roar and crash of shell and shot (from the enemy, as well as the deepening and continuous discharge of our own cannon).

Generals Meade and Couch have been lying down upon the ground near here apparently asleep— Gen. Couch is standing mostly— sometimes talking with Gen. Howard.

We wait patiently for our time to come. I pray God to give me all the Grace I need for the trying occasion; and to keep our friends from too great anxiety and from suffering on our account. Lord grant us thy Spirit!

Major Walker just came and sat by me. He is A. A. G. to Gen. Couch, (who now commands our Corps) (2nd).

A smoke arises from Fredricksburg. The city must have been set on fire by our shells.

Dec. 12th— Fredericksburg— (1862)

After trying in vain all day to complete the bridges (i.e. the engineers with detail to assist) at length the 7th Michigan of Gen. Howard's Div^n. (followed by 19th & 20th Mass) crossed in boats, drove away the Rebel Sharp-shooters, and defended the further building of the bridges. Then Gen. Howard's Div^n crossed under a severe fire of the enemy's shell (while the advance Brigade under Col. Hall engaged the enemy in the streets at the edge of the town). We were exposed all the while and when we got upon this side— the bullets whistled past us till darkness put an end to the fighting— The 19th & 20th Mass. and 7th Michigan suffered severely— also the 59th

42nd N. Y. Gen. Howard and Staff got a room in a house much shattered by our shells &c. We had a good fire - very comfortable. Slept upon the floor after a little scraping. Much disturbed (in the night by the bringing in of Prisoners &c. (The hospital was in the next house from which they were removing such of the wounded as could hire and carrying them across the river.) The General seemed to be awake all the time and once got up and going out went the entire round of the Pickets. Many of the men occupied themselves in sacking & plundering and some of them (unluckily) found liquor which made them noisy and a few unruly so as to necessitate their arrest.

Among the prisoners brought in under guard were some terrified citizens. From the Rebel soldiers, prisoners, we ascertained that there were six (6) Regts. at least in the town.

Before sleeping I went into the Hospital and saw the wounded in their pain and anguish. One poor a Florida Regt. was crying "Lord have mercy on me"! Both legs was off - (He was beyond surgical aid).

The General offered a prayer before lying down - in the presence of one of his Brigade Commanders and his Staff.

We pushed beyond the limits of the town this morning with our skirmishers. Can see the Rebels upon the heights upon and beyond which they are fortified. A Rebel mail captured here contained much interesting matter and latest Richmond papers.

The Enemy begin to shell. We expect to be in battle again today. The Lord give me the Grace & Strength needed and the Love to my brothers, mother and other dear friends!

Kelly's Ford
On the Rappahannock
April 28 1863

Our Corps (11th) arrived today at this place. We expect to cross tonight. How well I remember the last time we crossed over to the South side of this same river. (at Fredericksburg).
. Lord grant that there may not be so great a loss of life this time and that the results may be more commensurate with the expense!

Kellysville — 12 midnight —

Crossed without loss of life. How thankful ought we to be! Rebel pickets all evacuated as soon as our first boat-loads came over. Are in the parlor of Mr. Kelly with Gen. H. Osboff — (Our Hd. qrs. for tonight).

Near "Germanna Bridge" (Ford) on the Rapidan River — April 30 1863 —
At the house (it is said) once occupied by Governor Spotswood. (Gov. of Va.)

Our Corps (11th) crossed (the Rapidan) in the night. Some opposition to the head of the Column, just before it reached the river and in crossing. A few killed and wounded. We took 75 prisoners. Will probably meet the enemy in some force today.

Our men need more rest but we surprised them here and saved life by rapid movement.

Gen. Howard just borrowed my Testament and is reading. He and I slept side by side and although awakened often - slept very soundly much of the time and feel truly refreshed.

For this I thank my Heavenly Father but feel that we should be grateful above all, for the success that seems to attend us now! Let us hope the Lord will hear the united prayers of the Christians of our country which goes up before him today, the day of Fasting & prayer appointed by the President of the United States!

Three (3) miles from U. S. Ford (Rappahannock) Behind Rifle-pits &c. (or near Chancellorville Va.)

May 4th 1863

There is this morning considerable firing along our front and since I began this writing bullets have whistled past. There is some expectation of an attack.

The violent onset upon us on Saturday (May 2nd) caused our Corps to give way and fall back.

In the severe battle of yesterday we held our own at some points - at others drove the enemy but finally retired to our original position - while at our point the 12th and 3d Corps were forced to give way and hence our front was changed.

We believe we can hold our present position.

Yesterday P.M. firing was heard towards Fredericksburg and it is believed Sedgwick was met by a portion of the enemy which had been

fighting us in the morning.
Now (today) it remains to be seen whether they will fight us or him.

Gen. Howard has been very active in making his dispositions and is as nearly ready as he could well be. —

In spirit I think we are ready for any emergency. I feel grieved at the loss of (some dear friends — but they were worthy fellow-soldiers and have only gone on before — while nobly doing service for their suffering country.

Col. Meiler formerly fellow-Aide (with me) yesterday mortally (severely & from which he died next morning) wounded.

Captain Dissener of our staff and my tent-mate was killed Saturday.

For them (and those of like fate) there is little reason for regret.

For their friends there is need of the deepest sympathy.

Let us remember and realize that we are immortal beings. We can afford to give up this present life in order to make the beneficent government and institutions of our country lasting and reassert the true principles for which our forefathers were willing to bleed and die.

May the Lord be with us today and so turn the tide of battle, if we fight, that these great ends may be secured! The grand truths are Eternal and in His own time they shall be vindicated! I pray that he may will this as the day and hour. Yet now as ever "Not my will but Thine, O Lord, be done". And Thou, great Spirit, wilt give grace to thy children not only to say this — but to feel it and do their whole duty. So help me great Spirit, Almighty Father, Holy Saviour; and grant to bless all whom I love with peace of mind and true faith!

Hdqrs. 11th Corps
Bridgeport Ala.
Oct. 14 1863

Pleasonton rode out with the Gen. to view the fortifications in the process of Construction - For the first time crossed to the town side of the Tennessee River.

Met one of our Cavalry Pickets near the town who reported that a party of 150 of our troops who had gone to Trenton the day before were not yet back - had captured a Rebel Captain - Various dispatches from Wheeler's Cavalry - Bragg - Wheeler has succeeded in crossing the River, & is probably now back in Rebeldom.

As we were riding back met Gen. Garfield Chief of Staff of Gen. Rosecrans he was visiting with his Headsmen who commanded

a Div. in this Army to
Come up in season to be of
great service to the great credit
at the Battle of Chickamauga.
Other Staff officers were
along & they had just come
from the front.

They dined with us &
finding that no train would
go out immediately they
decided to ride Horseback
to Stevenson and to
have Howard escort
them up. Then and I
accompanied. It is about
10 miles. Gen. G. & Gen. H.
were conversing Critically all
the way. The former is
elected to Congress from
Ohio & will probably
not return to the field
again. He is said to
write very pretty minded
by Gen. Rosecrans. Gen.
Garfield is a fine looking
gentleman & very affable
manners. He has a large
head - even in proportion
to his body and that
is rather above the medium.
He has light hair and whiskers
the latter pretty heavy. He
has a pleasant blue eye -
his looks evidence remarkable
intelligence and ability.

We dined with Gen.
Boynton at Stevenson and
finding back our horses
by orders - Gen. H. D. Hapgood
Powers rode down upon an
engine - Being a Scientific man
accustomed to this kind of
transportation in the dark -
It was both novel and
exciting - The General remarked
that he put little in time rails &
often sleepers &c - was very
implicit - to trust ourselves
when hurled along thus.

Finding the Rebel Genl.
at the Provost Marshall's the
Gen. stopped in to see him
when we reached them

and found that he had been at West Point - in fact was at the Academy with him self. So the Gen. took him up to Hd. Qrs. & has been conversing with him for some time since. As he seems pretty free to talk I have no doubt the Gen. will derive much valuable information from him. His name is Kennedy - of Louisiana.

We marched from Washington yesterday - in fact we marched all since I have been here - now nearly awake. It is very windy tonight & snowed and hailed in the afternoon and if our tent should blow down.

Gen. Hooker & staff and the politicians & Gentlemen as usual. Butterfield was at the front gone today.

The same kind Providence as heretofore has today kept us from all harm. Am I truly grateful? C. M. C.

Headqrs. 11th Corps

Bridgeport Ala. Oct. 22 1863

Today rode with Gen. Howard accompanying Maj. Gen. Grant to Jasper on his way to Chattanooga. He spent last night here the guest of Gen. Howard.

Gen. Rousseau came from the front yesterday - was here and called upon Gen. Howard and with Maj. Bond his aid took dinner - Then Gen. Howard accompanied him on the cars to Stevenson and rode me along.

I had once seen Gen. Rousseau before - was introduced to him in the General's tent - First saw him when he rode up and knew him by the resemblance to his Photographs. He wears a pleasant expression. Smiles easily - He is thanks as rather florid - His eyes is [illegible] large but rather quick - His hair and whiskers are light

He wore a light blue over-coat like a Soldiers Overcoat. I noticed he spoke quite familiarly to his Orderlies, saying "Well, boys! you may come up with me" when he sent his Staff to some duty & even in person to our Hd. qrs. I was with him at his dinner. He conversed quite continuously. Gen. Howard called and the conversation turned upon D'Utassy & whose worthlessness the Gen. seemed fully to appreciate & of whom he told some anecdotes.

The soldiers crowded about to see him when he went to the depot - There was a great press - We took a passenger car which had the appearance of being One (united) with the engine. Maj. Bond A.A.G. gave me a full account of the Battle of Chickamauga & the previous campaigning to some extent. Gen. Rosecrans conversing quite constantly with Gen. Howard.

He has a large thyte forehead - hair a little excitable - keen eye, I ought to say excited at this time, having been suddenly & entirely relieved from Command of an Army with which he has won great reputation as a General.

When we coming at Stevenson we unexpectedly found Gen. Grant there, in the car just from Nashville and about to start for Bridgeport - Gens. Rosecrans & Howard met Gen. Hooker's Hd. qrs. before they were aware that Gen. Grant was there. I went to the station to ascertain when the next train connected for B. & found that Gen. Grant & Gen. Mc. Gen. Meigs were in the train then - I sent the word to Gen. Howard & he with Gens. Rosecrans & Hooker came down & saw Gen.

Grant in the Car. His staff were also there. Gen Butterfield had been there before & now one had five Majr Generals & two Brigadiers — certainly some of the most distinguished in the times.

I found Gen Grant a very different looking man from what I had conceived from his pictures — I had thought him large, with big bushy black whiskers & a fierce & rather commanding look.

He is on the contrary small in stature — has a mild blue eye and rather amiable cast of countenance — He has quite a broad forehead — Eyes rather deep set — His voice is melodious but low — spoken — His enunciation good. I was introduced in the Car after our arrival at Bridgeport. Gen. Rawlins his Chief of staff was along & Lieut Dana Asst. Secy of War. We did not stop long at Stevenson. Gen. Grant greeted Gen. Howard quite warmly saying he had telegraphed him that he was coming to spend the night with him. Gen Grant did not seem forward to talk with Reporters as Hooker — seemed to be "keeping his own counsel". He is quite lame still from a fall from his horse — walks with a crutch & cane. Rode up in an ambulance — Two of his staff Lt Col. Wilson & Lt Powers occupied my tent & I slept in a neighboring one. Gen. G. had that of Gen. Howard who in turn had the one next on the right — Gen Meigs & Dana came up to take supper with us but returned to sleep in the Dr. Martin's quarters.

Gen. Grant talked without apparent reservation on most topics — giving his opinion of men quite freely — About the R.R. management here

he seemed to counsel with Gen. Howard - When Gen. H. said he had no spirituous liquor to offer but had some good cigars which he kept for guests - Gen G. said that suited him precisely. Neither he nor his staff seemed to wear any lighter about - Gen. Howard was more the appearance of one who indulges in ardent spirits.

We rode about 12 miles to Jasper, where we got such dinner as could be afforded there - Rye-bread & boiled beef with — tea - (a kind of herb-drink I had never before tasted & did not admire) Gen G. smokes almost incessantly - Often cigars then pipe. His mouth shows a capability of will more than you would expect from the pitch of his voice - the mild expression of his eye or the general cast of countenance. That his eye sometimes kindles & seems a hidden fire. I mention the opinion that his complexion is more ruddy, the appearance of the skin of the face indicates at some time a dissipation - It may however have come over him. Gen - There is some evidence of heavy care - some wrinkles of the forehead &c. He sits erect upon his horse and seems to be a good one. He had a noble flaxen of dun color with mane & tail almost white - Had a saddle cloth - which has been rather showy but seedy much service - He wore large shoulder straps - seem a very likely a present, as he has every indication of a man who would avoid them. His staff seemed to be a robust, practical, working company. Gen. Rolling meeting citizens & over coat what seemed almost to affect indifference to military features & reactions of bearing. But it is probably

owing to the preponderance of the Common-sense Quality which casts into the shade some of the customary soldierly habits, or perhaps I may say requisites. They are all there but not so manifest as in some persons less given to strictly business-like ways.

Gen. Gr.

He has an Indian on his staff — Capt. Parker — they say the Chief of the Six Nations & the third in descent from Red Jacket of historic renown. He is A.D.C. — has not been very long with Gen. G. I conversed with him & find him a well educated gentleman. Good sense — Has travelled, in our own country at least, before the War — He was educated at a N.Y. College I am told. Was an Engineer in Govt. Employ before the war.

He is a full-blooded Indian — is not talkative — Has a slight mustache — black as the Raven's also, is his straight hair.

The roads from here to Jasper are very bad — mud deep often — some holes almost impassable for teams. We took much of the way upon a Rail Road which is graded to Jasper from here & which we have begun to put in order for the rails — and expect to have in running condition before many weeks to help supply the Army at Chattanooga.

We started from here Gen. Grant & staff at Jasper — They will go on some 8 or 10 miles & camp, for the night completing the journey tomorrow.

An escort of our Tennessee Cavalry Keep accompanied.

I have never seen any one of our Generals, whose kind courteous manners & looks, all impressed me so favorably as that of Gen. Grant.

One of Longstreet's staff whom I saw today said he thought Gen. R. was the greatest swearing!

Rest although he has made very successful campaigns and fought honorable successful battles and is very popular throughout the nation and in the army - yet from certain indications I fear he lacks some practical business talent as has been said of him by some high officials.

It is a mild moonlit night - the sun has been warm today & the mud is drying rapidly - No letters today - Once yesterday from Syracuse N.Y. - the first from that northern since my arrival out here.

We came back pretty tired tonight & our horses seem to after this tramp through mud more ordinary.

I am more than ever convinced that it is not by man alone that we obtain success & gain victories - but by such a man as God sees fit to bless.

Dec. 21 1864

Sailed from Ft. Mc Allister to Hilton Head - arriving about 11 a.m. Gens. Sherman & Foster were dining together - Mrs. F. was present. Admiral Dahlgren & several of the staff of Gen. S. I was invited ~~to~~ partook of dinner with them. Dec 21 Left Hilton Head at 6 P.M. having left with Lt. Arnold Ord. Offr. - Lt & Mrs. Lawrence accompany me - Somewhat sea-sick as there was a rough sea.

Dec. 21st 1864 - Sunset -
Off Charleston S. C. on
Steamer "Cosmopolitan"

Attempted to enter Lighthouse Inlet about 1 P.M. but found it too rough sea to cross the bar. Went down to "Stono" & struck bottom several times in trying to cross the bar. Had we grounded fast we would have broken to pieces in so heavy a sea. Finally returned and anchored off Morris Island.

Dec. 22 1864

On Cosmopolitan Off Morris Island. Went ashore in small boat in the morning. Very heavy sea - difficult to ride the waves - Slow progress but finally got upon the Beach in safety. Saw Gen. Schimmelpenig and got a Schooner upon which to load the guns. Got her to the dock by hoisting sail tho' the Captain had declared he must have a tug. Tried for a steamboat from "Stono Inlet" & a tug from the Navy but could not get them.

to tow the schooner out to the "Cosmopolitan". Therefore ordered her to hoist sail & try it. She went out handsomely.

Gen. Schimmelpfenig remembered me well and was very cordial. He took us in an ambulance to Ft. Strong (Wagner) near upper end of the island proper. We had a good view of Charleston and the harbor with all the Rebel defences. viz. Fts. Beauregard, Moultrie & Sumpter Battery Bee - Castle Pinkney - Batteries Johnson, Simpkins & one other on James Island. Ft Strong is the Rebel Fort Wagner remodeled where reversed - two I think unsuccessful assaults were made before it was taken.

Returning we dined with Gen. Schimmelpfenig - then came to the "Cosmo" in a small boat. Coming alongside of the "John Adams" flag ship of the fleet here - I went on board & saw Capt Scott about the Rubber Pontoon-boats he was to furnish us to assist in the attack upon Savannah. He had ordered them ready & while I was there had them transfered to my boat & to the schooner. I found Capt. Scott very hospitable & courteous. He gave me the latest papers. One announced today & brot glorious news of Hood's defeat by Thomas near Nashville on 15th Inst.

Something more to be grateful for! The God of our fathers seems of late to favor our Arms. Let us hope for a speedy end of the war with the least possible shedding of blood. Today on the sandy barren of Morris Is. I could not help thinking of the hardships our soldiers there have had to endure for a year's time or more. I was overjoyed tonight to meet unexpectedly & accidentally on board the "John Adams" (flag of War) my class-mate Howard Randlett. It seems he is a surgeon there. We had a hearty exchange of the old U. V. grip. I wished for a longer interview - only a passing word as I met him just after leaving the Captain's room. Capt. Johnson formerly of the 3d main also came up & took me by the hand inquiring for Maj. Lee.

I returned to the "Cosmo" by sunset & before they had completed the transfer

of the pontoon-boats. This was done in a few moments & we were off for Ossabaw Sound with a much smoother sea than we went up from Hilton Head. We will keep well & not be sick as several were & slightly on our voyage up. All the news from the North is encouraging - May the Lord bless our Arms before Savannah - that we may not be long delayed there. C.H.W.

Next Morning - Dec. 23d - on nearing Ft. McAllister we learned for the first time that Savannah was in possession of our troops. So my Siege-guns were not needed, and I sent them right back to Hilton Head on the "Cosmopolite". That afternoon - Mr. Sherman & I went with Gen. Hazen in his row boat across the Ogeechee - going through cross Creeks - We missed the way once or twice & at last the tide being against us worked our way up Vernon River very slowly. We were fortunate to find a gunboat "the Sonora" keep South and found near the Fort. She gave us a good supper for which Sound hard tack & our appetites were good after the long row - I boiled the pudden - It was quite chilly after dark. We started at 2 P.M. but it was late into the evening when we reached the "Sonora". Gen. Hazen's canoe was waiting and shortly we were soon nothing done for Savannah. We reached that city before midnight after a ten miles drive - Our first entrance into the city. Found some of Gen. Sherman's staff who guided us to our Head Quarters. C.H.W.

Savannah Ga.
Dec. 31st 1864

Preparing to leave for the North. Saw Mr. Brown Treas. Agent & agreed to go on his boat at 12 m. The "Nemaha". She did not get off & I returned to Hd. qrs. to go next morning. Rec. Mr. Alvord at our Hd. qrs. Arrives yesterday from N. Y. with Religious reading &c. for soldiers. Rev. Mr. King of this city complained of soldiers injuring a church about 6 ms. from the city. Gen. H. sent to have preparation made and protect the church. Spent this evening with Otis. Talked over some personal matters about home & family. Sat up late talking. Rec'd my pay vouchers for two months. Gen. H. rec'd his orders & sends first home by me. Put my ponies (one for Gen. present from the Staff & one Capt Buell's boy in N. C.) on board the boat today.

Savannah Ga.
January 1st 1865

Slept in the General's room last night. Wished him "Happy New Year and Good Bye about 5 A.M. Got a cup of Coffee & started for the boat - Off at 7 A.M. Morning cold. Handed home written that I called with Gen. H. on Gen. Sherman last evening and took despatches & mail from him. One despatch to Pres. Lincoln An officer had just reached Gen. Sherman from Admiral Porter saying that Butler had failed in his mission talked of expedition to Wilmington N.C. and gone back to James River. He had little fighting.

Cold enough to form ice on deck this morning in Savannah River. Very narrow passage (Hill in the obstructions) Navy failed to remove them. Fort Jackson looks strong - The new (Rebel) Fort is an Elaborate & neat work.

Met Gen. Foster's Steamboat & saw Mr. Lawrence on the deck. On arriving at Hilton Head found the "Fulton" waiting for Gen. Sherman's mail & not expecting to sail until tomorrow. As I had his mail Maj. Thomas (Jr. Mr.) decided to have the "Fulton" leave tonight - Got my ponies transferred, forage put on board - transportation papers for them, myself & two colored servants.

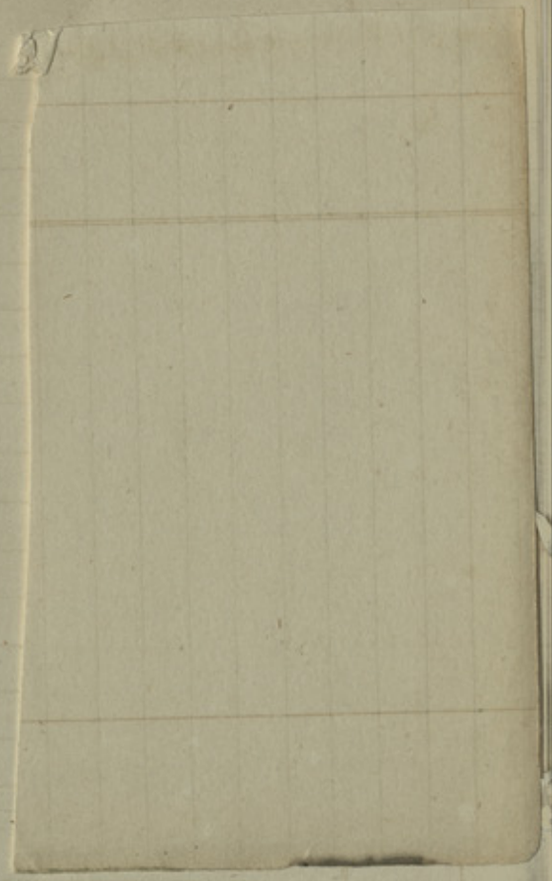
My baggage & one servant accidentally carried off to Beaufort S.C. but the boat returned with them in season. A Col. Allen (Julian) formerly of the "Polish Legion" came down with me and is going North on the humane errand of exchanging $30.000 worth of provisions for rice for the benefit of the poor and others destitute of food in & around Savannah. He advances the money & takes the rice on his return.

Found my old teacher, Prof Frank Robinson with Mr. Brown doing Treasury business. He called & took tea with us (the Genl.) yesterday evening. Says Dr. Tracy (Lt. D.) is also in the same business (for his health) at Beaufort S.C.

At Hilton Head dined with Lt. Col. O'Donovan Officer of the Dept. Capt Bedford A.d.C. home on Hd.

grs. also goes North with me. Today seems little like the Sabbath. Left port at about dark - Great crowd of officers & Soldiers on board. Met Mrs. Madley of Georgia - formerly of Portsmouth N.H. at the supper table. Had met her on the Campaign. Col. Murray 4th Cavalry being the ranking officer took Command and assigned the rooms - in accordance with a W. D. Order. He told me he would give me any room I desired & so I have fared well in this regard.

Monday Jany 2nd 1865
On board Steamer Fulton.



One day's allowance -

—— Small rations ——
Sugar —
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Tobacco
Salt —

Polonaise — Guinea 27

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James Bailey
Co. F.

Cy Tel July 12. 12 M.

Intelligence having been received which satisfies the Comd Gen'l that the enemy are taking position behind Marsh Run extending from Downsville to the vicinity of Hagerstown he directs the Corps Commanders will move their Commands with the utmost celerity into the positions hereafter designated & be prepared to meet any attack from the enemy.

Requisition shall be made immediately upon Gen. Taylor for any additional artillery that they may require. Gen Taylor will be prompt in the Crossing of Beaver Creek by the Boonsboro & Hagerstown pike.

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