
1274 6/3/1861

From: Mother Eliza
Gilmore
Hallowell

To: Mrs Lizzie Howard

OOH-1214

Source: Bowdoin

Hallowell, June 3'd 1861

My dear daughter,

I have come from my home to see Otis, arrived here yesterday, after learning that he would not be able to come out there. I determined to come here, and shall remain here until after the regiment move. I saw Otis at the time of service yesterday P.M. and at nine last evening he rode down here to Mr. W's to see us and stopt through the night. Last night he made out a list to you, of what he wished you to do and I enclose the list to you. Charles is to come to you at the time the regiment move on to Washington. You have received my last letter to Otis ere this. I came to Hallowel with a full determination not to give way to any of a mother's weakness but to ask for strength where there is perfect strength. I hope you

I intended to have written messages to the Children but the time is nearly expired for the letter to go. Kiss them for me. If nothing in Providence prevents not many weeks will pass ere we shall see you at our house.

With much respect and love I subscribe myself your affectionate

Mother Eliza Gilmore

Mrs Lizzie Howard

1275 6/3/1861

From: O.O. Howard

To: My dearest Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1215

Augusta, Me

Source: Bowdoin

Augusta, Me

June 3d 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I send this by Mr. E. K. Osgood Esq of Gardiner. Please ask him to stay over night with you & come down Wednesday in the boat & stop at the Astor House with Susan & the children - this things I have named in mother's letter. We leave 5 a.m. Wednesday morning. Will arrive in N.Y. Thursday by Fall river. Charles will accompany me. Think if you would like to have Capt Popes cottage now entirely - near the Arsenal gate Murphy wants to do all he can - bringing mails &c. They seem to love their Colonel. It is hard work. The last camp came in Friday. Gross without smile - but fine looking men. I have a fine staff.

Affectionately your husband
O.O. Howard

1278 6/7/1861

From: Daniel F. Potter

To: Col. [O.O.] Howard

OOH-1216

Topsham (Me)

3d Maine Regt

Source: Bowdoin

Topsham (Me) June 7, '61

Dear Sir,

Excuse the liberty I take in troubling you with this note. In your regiment is a friend of mine - a brother of my wife, who recently enlisted in the Augusta Co. Capt. <Backedate> Benjamin Crane of Readfield. We feel much solicitude on his account - knowing the temptations of a soldier's life; & knowing too, his disposition to yield to the circumstances about him. He has been tenderly cared for at home, & has been till a very recent period a clerk in Boston, where being exposed to the influence of intemperate associates, he contracted a fondness for drink - which unless checked, may prove his ruin. It is with very great pleasure we hear of your determination to discourage the use of intoxicating liquors in your regiment & we know in this you will be sustained by every man whose desire is to give efficiency to the army. So far, Sir, as your duties allow, any word, or watchfulness exercised by you in behalf of Mr Crane, will be gratefully appreciated. If you shld have occasion to address me, please direct, Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham. That you may be honored of God in doing much for our country at this crisis is my sincere prayer.

Daniel F. Potter

(Col. Howard, 3d Maine Regt)

1279 6/7/1861

From: G.P. Putnam

To: Col. Oliver O. Howard

OOH-1217

Source: Bowdoin

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Irving's Works; and
Commission Agency
532 Broadway
New York

[Letterhead]

G.P. Putnam

Publication Office of Irving's Works; and Commission Agency

532 Broadway, (Opposite the Prescott House)

New York, [end of letterhead] June 7, 1861

Col. Oliver O. Howard

My dear Sir

To contribute a little to your state of news & relieve the monotony of the Camp, I have directed the publisher of the World to send you 10 copies of that paper daily to your address for the use of yourself and officers, and the men also, as far as they are available. I also send copies of the Rebellion Record (which I am publishing) for yourself, Lt. Col. And major Staples, with whom I had a pleasant word at the Astor yesterday. I send also the Commercial & have other papers, noticing transit of your Double regt through our city yesterday.

The rain yesterday was a great drawback on the comfort of your men and on our satisfaction, but it was an occasion of peculiar interest, nevertheless, and we Maine boys felt proud to see our native state so ably represented.

It will give me great pleasure if I can in any way promote event to the least extent the pleasure & comfort of your officers & men. If Major Staples or yourself shd find a leisure moment to drop me a line at any time suggesting any little matter that would be acceptable, I shd be really glad to do all that is possible to counteract the dullness & discomfort which must attend a great part of your life at the seat of war. It is inspiring to us to know that our soldiers are commanded by men who fear God and who take an interest in the welfare & health of their men.

Very truly yours

G. P. Putnam

1280 6/7/1861

From: Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1218

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

West Point June 7, 1861

Sunday Evening, alone with the children, up stairs

My dearest Otis

Prof. Church has just been in to see if I had anything to send you by him. I wish I had something useful for you. We are all very well. I had a visit from Mr French after evening prayers. He came to inquire how you were. He found me at tea with Guy, Grace and Jamie (for a wonder) at the table. Guy in your place, and Jamie in his high chair. I invited him right out to see my little family, he sat down by Jamie, said grace, and took a cup of tea and talked a while, then left, wishing to be remembered very affectionately to you.

Mrs Smith is here. I shall go to see her tomorrow if possible.

I sent a bundle to you by Mr Kinsley, which I presume you have by this time. I don't think you can put on the thick colored flannels at present. I wish you would get you some thin drawers (woolen merino) like the white shirts. I have plenty of money. I am going to send you what gold I have. I payed Susan, Catherine, and John yesterday. I handed Mr Denton \$50.00 the day I walked to the Falls with John and Guy (met Mr Blaine on the way down). Mr Blaine did not come here on his return. My expenses are not very great now.

I assure I was very happy to get your last letter Saturday morning. Thursday's World had you in the immediate vicinity of Fairfax Court House. I know you must move soon. I shall not how, or where to direct letters hereafter. I am glad to send this by Prof Church. I want Charlie to write me oftener. Did you find the stamps in the trunk I took to you? They were in the top, in the little pocket. I don't know what other name to give it.

I think now I shall go to Farmington some time in August. May stop on our way there at Leeds, Portland or somewhere but would like to be with Ella there in August if I could. Mr Bacon sent me two hundred dollars. I can have more when I wish, and I have some on deposit. More will be due in August or Oct. I have forgotten I can look at the papers.

I will enclose mothers letter to me. I don't think it will be much trouble to move. Travel to N.Y. by the Orange ounty (because less than by sloop) then by steamboat to Portland then Cars to Farmington. Everybody is ready to me a favor. I don't feel alone here or that I had no friends. I am thankful to be as well off as I am.

Guy was in bed before I began to write, but was not sleepy, and has been up. Seemed much interested in this letter to Papa. Returned to bed before I asked for a message.

Prof Church will tell you what Col Bowman said about going from here. Take my own time & God will be with you wherever you may go.

Much love
Lizzie

Guy and I are to take this to meet Prof Church on his way to the Boat in the morning. "and Grace too" if she gets up early enough" as Guy said, when I proposed it to him. He said I could wake him if he was not awake in time.
Lizzie

Don't say I am a goose for sending money. I would not like to hear that.

1281 6/10/1861

From: John A Vaughan

To: Col. O. O. Howard

OOH-1219

1433 Filbert St.
Philadelphia

3d Reg. Maine

Source: Bowdoin

Col. O. O. Howard
3d Reg. Maine

My dear Christian friend-

Be assured of a prayerful interest in you and your command felt by many friends. We have deeply sympathized with yourself and Regt & had we supposed you would have remained till morning I should have seen you at the Depot in this city.

Are you provided with the Hovelock caps for the Regt. If not I think the ladies here would help you. Please write at once and if wishing them state the kind of caps the soldiers have.

We are preparing a Soldiers Prayerbook from the Epis. prayerbook with additions. It has a short service very simple chiefly collects in unusual order then several collect suited any one of which may be introduced in place then instead of the Psalter & selections from the Psalms suitable each about 25 verses - then 40 Hymns all familiar half from the prayerbook half from other Sources. The whole being the size of McDuff's Soldiers text book or Dulles' Soldiers friend (half the thickness of the latter) or 4 ½ x 3 inches & less than 1/4 in thick. All that perplexes or is local to the Episcopal Ch. is left out and the hymns make a beautiful collection. I think our Maine friends here will send you for your Regt 1000 copies if acceptable. The advantage over all other little manuals for this occasion is that while others are for private use this may also be used for a Regimental Service by minister of lay reader.

Please advise they can be sent week after next, say on Monday.

I enclose a good letter from a father in this city to his son private but now printed. If you need any tracts please advise.

Pray tender to your brave Regiment the kind wishes and a "God bless you" from their friends in Philadelphia and assure them of remembrance in prayer by a Maine man.

Affectionately yours
John A Vaughan
June 10 1861
1433 Filbert St. Philadelphia

1282 6/10/1861 *From:* O. W. Hazard

To: Dear Cousin [O.O.
Howard]

OOH-1220

31 State St.
Boston.

Source: Bowdoin

Boston June 10th 1861

Dear Cousin,

I hope you will excuse me if I intrude on your time which I am well aware requires all of your attention, but I have received some information since I last saw you which leads me to address you at the present time.

I have been out of business now about two months and naturally enough have used every effort to secure a situation of some kind but as yet have not met with much success. Having been connected with a military company I gave a good deal of attention to that, and was very successful in obtaining a situation on the staff of a volunteer regiment of this city recently quartered at Long Island under command of Col Rice formerly engaged in the manufacture of Oil cloth carpets at Hallowell Me but more recently was Consul at Japan.

A day or two after you left here three of our companies were drafted into another regiment in order to fill it up to the required number of a thousand, and ten men, according to the last order from Headquarters, and on Friday last two more companies were taken from us, and the balance of the regiment notified that they would not be wanted, and we received an honorable discharge.

This morning I met a friend who is going out in the Navy as Paymasters Clerk. He told me in the course of our conversation that if I could obtain some influence through some military officer or friend he had no doubt but that I could obtain a similar situation. I told him of the position I had held here, and all, that I had plenty of friends in the Volunteer Militia of this state, but that I knew of no one but you in the regular service.

He assured me that if I could get you to apply for the situation forms, or use some influence in my behalf, he did not doubt but that I would get it. I have therefore addressed this to you to ask if you would be willing to aid me in getting a situation similar to the above either in the Army or Navy. I have consulted mother with regard to this, and it is with her approval that I written you.

She was very much set against my going as a private in my company and to please her I left although I was almost the only one to leave. Mother has never objected to my going as an officer, and therefore I shall endeavour to get a commission as an officer of some kind if possible. I am not acquainted with any politicians of any note with the exception of the Hon Anson Burlingame [U.S. Congressman from Massachusetts and in 1861, Minister to China] and as he is not here now I can not bring any political influence to bear in my behalf. I have permission from Col Davis Quartermaster of the first division Mass Volunteer Militia (whom you may remember was imprisoned at Baltimore at the breaking out of these troubles soon after the Sixth regiment was assaulted) so refer to him in case you wish an reference, and if necessary he will use any influence which may required here. Do not feel that in asking this favor of you that I shall be offended if you do not see fit to do anything with regard to it, as I know that your time is very valuable, and must be devoted, the greater part , to your command.

As I have no one else connected with the Army whom I could address in regard to the situation, and being ambitious to secure employment, I resolved to try, and see if there were a prospect of a situation's being had; you will readily see that I could not obtain any influence or information without addressing you.

If cousin and the children go to Maine this summer Mother would be very much pleased to have them spend a few days here, and make us a visit. We are all well. Mother desires to be remembered to you. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Your Cousin

O. W. Hazard [Oliver Woodman Howard (1841-1929), son of Samuel Lester and Olive B (Woodman) Hazard]

P.S. Please direct your letter to care of Saml L Hazard, 31 State St. Boston.

We expect to see Cousin Sarah Sargent about the eighteenth of this month. She leaves Nassau the tenth (today).

Yours in haste
O.W.H.

[Written in another hand on the back] Olly Hazard. Needs no answer.

1283 6/11/1861 *From:* Otis [O. O. Howard]

To: My dearest Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1221

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

Washington D.C. June 11 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

Mrs Carroll & daughter found their way only to our Camp this evening & after evening parade invited me to accompany them home. As I had set apart a portion of the evening to go there, I concluded to accept the kind invitation. Mrs Carroll wants you & the children to come & make her a visit & stay just as long as you can. I told her it was almost too tempting an offer. Poor John Greble's death struck me like a thunder bolt this afternoon. It seems to have been a disastrous fight under incompetent leaders. His parents, his wife & the Frenches - what sorrow for all. I remember now the relation I have assumed of godfather to little Clara. I recall the walks & talks, that Johnny & I have had together & sorrow fills my heart. "Be ye also ready" sounds plainly for you & me - darling. God must comfort them. I shall write Mrs Greble as soon as I can have heart to do it.

I hear also that Warren is slain. I hope it is a mistake.

To night my band came to my tent & played a piece in honor of Lieut Greble & the Soldiers crowded around & heard what I said of him in great sorrow. The Regiment is encamped just north of the 1st Maine Regt on Meridian Hill about a mile & a half from Washington.

I served on a Genl Court Martial today for the trial of Lt. Col. Brady of 3d Conn. Regt. & will have to go again tomorrow.

I can see Guy's little serious face while listening to papa's letter & Gracie, how papa would like to kiss her cheek & Jamie boy. My eyes sometimes fill with tears when I think of them & yourself. I hope you are very happy.

Our mess is just organized. The Chaplain, surgeon, adjutant, Qr-Master, Charlie & myself mess together. We have a colored man for cook. My <knee> is almost well. I have a slight cold, but not one that will do harm.

Give my love to my respected professor, to Mr & Mrs Carroll & Katy. I <cannot> write you my heart at all, but want you to pray for me. I have one graduate Lt. McQuesten & will have another tomorrow, to help me drill the companies.

Affectionately yr husband
Otis

1284 6/12/1861 *From:* Lizzie H. [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis

OOH-1222

West Point, N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point, N.Y. June 12, 1861

My dearest Otis

I mean to keep a sort of journal for you, of what we do, "little things at home", which are almost always forgotten in letter writing. Jamie was my companion at the table when I finished my first and only scrawl to you. (I hope it is destroyed.) I shall be so very glad to receive your first letter, or Charlie's if you don't get time. He can write all about you. I have treasured everything in the papers with regard to you and the regiment.

Saturday morning Mr Henry Weir came to drill with you more. I had a very pleasant visit and conversation with him. His is a big, noble heart like his father's. Mr Prangell moves on the plain, Mrs Casey taken his house. Lieut C. left the day after you for Wash. Everybody days stay to me, plenty of houses. I might want to stay till Sept. when I would than Jamie if I could go to you for a little time. You must not think I am gloomy. I am not. You are just where you ought to be, I've no doubt, but I am not prepared to say. I will sacrifice my beloved, freely. I regret I have been too long in finding out, that I have so noble a husband. I thank God he is prepared for life or death.

Guy remembers (and I wish to impress upon him) that you said as you went, your wanted him to "grow up a good boy." Dr P. came in the same (Saturday) morning, enquired about baby's head (merely an excuse). I was apparently cheerful, but I could see his heart was full. I believe he was much attached to you. He now full surgeon, will be away soon. A very young man newly admitted is here to fill his place. Blanch came to see me also says tell Mr Howard we miss him every where and at S. School. The Misses Warner are coming over to the school. I saw Cadet Smith the first Sunday, told him you were away, got him to take charge. He did, and some Cadet will every Sunday. He hanged the prayer-meeting to Sunday evening. Miss Wheaton sent you a little book written by 'H Grattan Guinness', advice to a christian brother, or duty of &c. will send it to you when I get it rom Mr Smith.

Sunday went to Church, sat with Mrs Bretts. Cheerful, best sermon, text Luke 11, 34, 35. single eye to duty. Likened the graduates to a vessel - man of war - ready for duty and service. The candidates as the shipyard with all the drawing, models, timber-ready. Remembered those who have been here now gone laden "good scholars, good soldiers, and good Christians. God bless them" but how sad the family now the death of Mr Greble and the regret it might not have been. This is but the beginning. I want to go to Washington can I? May I? I am like Guy, I want to kiss papa good bye again."

Mrs Church was in after prayers. Alone the rest of the day, reading to the children teaching Guy.

Monday, busy sewing. Want to go to Washington. Mr Carroll wants me to keep the children clean, is anxious to have me keep up the respectability of the family in your absence.

Tuesday, all well. Jamie as sweet as possible. Grace wishes papa was at West Point with his graduate (meaning regiment) instead of at Ratie's Washington then we could see him. Guy to me Neddie Greble's papa was shot, with his little hand moving up and down his elastic. I told him it might not be true, but if it was it saved somebody else. Tried to explain it to his little mind. I did not know then it was by accident. God grant I may live for my dear children and not for myself and do all my duty faithfully towards them.

Saw your arrival in Sat. morning paper. Received your short but precious letter. You were a naughty boy to ride that way. I hope your foot is better. I wish it was well. I greatly fear it will trouble you some time. I am so glad Mrs Sampson is along as I see female nurses are to be employed. Grace comes running up stairs for something out of the plaything drawer. Says tell papa I am happy (she cried yesterday and I tried to shame her out of it and she remembers) and sends a kiss.

How is Charlie. He ought to have uniform (!)

Guy has gone to Newburgh with Susan. She wished to take him and he is to make Jonny and <Dottie>

Williams a visit. Mr Banks was here a week ago Saturday. Guess he had a pleasant day.

I can't write fast enough. I think of so many things to say all at the same time, and I write "between times" as Susan is away today.

Mrs Blunt was in again yesterday, sat and talked a long time together. We came to the conclusion that we had a great deal to be thankful for yet. She and Mrs Church both stopped a moment this morning as they were drawing the baby past. Mrs Rothery is sewing in my room. She wants some things. I would give them to her but she rather sew for them. So I will give her some and let her pay little.

I had not seen Mr Blaine till this evening. He thinks you will stay in Washington till the fall. People tell such big lies to comfort you. I rather look at things in every light. I have become so much attached to your Regiment. My kind remembrances to all I saw. I think some that I may visit when the companies were formed before I am settled at housekeeping. I would like to do any I can for them or theirs.

I do not think you are suitably clothed you should be covered with flannel. I presume you have received the note I mailed last Friday. What can I send you or make for you?

Mr Carroll said Mr Osgood would make a good commissary, or quarter master sergeant. He lacked a little bustle and show.

I must finish my letter before I have my late dinner. God bless you one and all. I may have little Jamie baptized next Sunday if I can see John Weir before love to Charlie, Mrs Sampson. Mrs Gray & Jeannie called while you were at Augusta. Shall return the books, no objection I found a list of them. I shall need some of the accounts may be that you have but I don't want to trouble you at all. If you don't need the book mail it, or express it to me. I don't want money.

I could write all day but affectionately
Good Bye, your own
Lizzie H.

[written in another hand on the back]
Lizzie

1285 6/12/1861 *From:* John R Bacon

To: My dear Madam [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1223

New York

Source: Bowdoin

New York
June 12 /61

My dear Madam

I have been dilatory about sending you the money, but I have been so worried with other matters that I trust you will excuse me.

I hardly know how best to send as you have no bank and my check would not I suppose be of much use to you. I send by express (\$200.-) two hundred dollars which I hope you will receive in safety. If, you don't want any more to use at the Point it is best it should remain with me until your are ready to go and I then will furnish you with a check on Boston, or if you prefer I send the money please let me know.

I hope you have good accounts from the Col. He has a good regiment, and with such a leader they must do well. I pray for his save return.

With Mrs Bacon's love I am

Very Sincerely yrs
John R Bacon

1286 6/13/1861 *From:* [Israel] Washburn Jr. *To:* Col. [O.O.] Howard

OOH-1224

Augusta

3d Reg. M. V.

Source: Bowdoin

Augusta June 13, 1861

Col. Howard,
3d Reg. M. V.

My dear Sir,

I hear complaints of the knapsacks furnished your Reg. & the 2d and I will thank you to write me in respect to them, & particularly whether those of either or both, are defective beyond alteration & improvement. I wold like to know what kind of knapsack you would recommend me to buy in future.

I am glad to hear good accounts of your, & the other Maine Regiments. The Secy of War commends them highly, including their outfits.

An early answer will oblige

Yours truly
[Israel] Washburn Jr.

How do you like the tents?

[written in another hand on the back]
Letter from I. Washburn
Needs no answer

1287 6/15/1861 *From:* A. Full [Americus
Fuller, Bowdoin
Class of 1859]
Bangor

To: My dear Chum [C.H.
Howard]

OOH-1225

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor, June 15, 1861

My dear Chum

I need not tell you yt we are all very much surprised to hear from you from Washington & in army too but for one I am glad you have done as you have for I cannot but think you may have a chance of doins a great deal of good & I shall pray for you often yt you may be kept & guided by yt some unseen Hand wh I have no doubt has led you thus far to some good work. Certainly ys war is terrible enough w. all christian influences yt can be thrown into or around it.

O how I do wish our officers could more of you feel yt yre is a God of battles, & yt he is not such a God as to overlook sins of men & yt we have no right to look for victory from him while we are in rebellion against his lawful government & provoking his wrath by open blasphemy & vice.

I am sure your brother deserves grateful thanks & fervent prayers of all christian patriots for noble stand he has taken in 'discipline of his regiment'. Thanks for men he will save from ruin & service he will yt do his country & prayers yt he may be sustained & kept & divinely guided to know clearly what is right. I am glad yt you are w. him to help him. I hear your chaplain well spoken of - hope you will find him right man for place. I was glad to hear yt word from young Hormon. He wrote his brother yt he felt very lonesome sometimes & only wished christian company or even a chance to attend service. I am afraid Col. Jameson does not encourage religious services much in his camp. I hope you may have a chance to encourage Harmon once in a while. I have just been reading World's account of yt Great Bethel affair & I feel thoroughly indignant yt lives of our troops should be through away in such a basteless affair - of course it is hard to say just who is at fault but you must certainly have been gross blundering somewhere.

We just begin to feel sure yt Harpers Ferry is really evacuated & are looking anxiously to Alexandria & Washington - but I need not write ys to you. I have not had chance to attend to all matters of wh you wrote me but will do so immediately.

Monday morning - Your class are in great tribulation over their loss & charge me to remember you to your <[torn piece missing]> yt they will not give you <> & yt you must come back so Misses Ella & Kittie were especially troubled at 'state of' case very <pained> & still very sorry. I wish you could have been by & seen 'group as they came crowding around me to learn "news". Yesterday was very rainy so yt our school at Beecroft was <rained> thru. I shall try & get Douglass <to be> superintendent yt school. Your <thoughts> shall be very well welcome to <their> old quarters indeed yre are <many> of you yt I cannot well do without.

Your white vests are in a drawer all right as you suggest & I have been doubting whether to send them to you or no but perhaps you will have other things to order so I will wait further directions. Your class at sem all send their regards as indeed every body else whom I have heard speak of you wh is almost everybody of our old friends I have seen <> result of logrolling packing & yt it will gain little support among people but I am inclined to believe yt Dona's note yt fall will be larger yt Jameson's. I was surprised to find how many people in our part of state were talking of <this> war as an abolition movement &c &c - however such men evidently feel very mean when you speak of it. Yy were busy enlisting men for eighth regt while I was at ome. One company goes from Wilton & Jay & a good company it will be too & one from Livermore.

I don't know but I ought to have enlisted w. you. I have thought all along yt I was willing to go if duty called. Am I waiting too long. Is it my place now to enlist. 3 years a a common soldier? I don't know tell me wh you think & pray yt G. will guide me.

Prof. Chamberlain came on w. me in cars. He is really talking of going, says he thinks he could do service yt might be valuable. By 'way you are perhaps aware yt he has been transferred to 'chair of modern languages. He is to go to Europe when he chooses, have his expenses paid & his salary continued & 500 bonus. Not a

bad offer yt. Says he intends to go as soon as war is over.

I have just begun to write a sermon on invitations of gospel. My text is Rev 22:17. It is an interesting subject. Would could write as I ought. Wilson is here now. Has accepted a call from ch at Winterport. He is at present suffering <under> quite a severe attack of paralysis affecting whole left side of his face.

Dr Pond say Waal Hope he'll do a great deal of good & be abundantly bless. Miss Anna Shepard is at home. Sam wishes to be specially remembered we shall remember you in our little prayer meeting, & hope you will think of us once in a while - had a nice time down river tho' it was very rainy.

Please write me as often as you can make it convenient.

Very Truly yours in Christ

A. Full [Americus Fuller, Bowdoin Class of 1859]

I will give you an account of your affairs soon.

Sam is at Norridgewock or about - gone is going to Boston sometime ys fall to have his eye operated upon.

Please write me soon & I will not neglect writing so long next time - please tell how matters of yt Brigadier Generalship stand. I am very truly your friend & <brother>.

A. Fuller

1288 6/17/1861

From: I. Washburn <Jr>

To: Col. [O.O.] Howard

OOH-1227

State of Maine
Executive Department,
Augusta

3d Reg. Me Vol.

Source: Bowdoin

[Letterhead]
State of Maine
Executive Department,
Augusta [End of Letterhead] June 17 1861.

Col. Howard
3d Reg. Me Vol.

Dear Sir,

I send by the 4th Reg which left Rockland this morning, one additional tent for each company in you Reg. & which I presume you will receive by the time you do this letter.

I regret that the Knapsacks are not liked, & will thank you tell me what changes in future you would recommend.

The Council adj'd last Thursday till the last of June - it being the first vacation they have had since the middle of April. In their absence I have no power over the funds of the State.

I will see Capt. Gardina tomorrow, & learn from him whether he has any U.S. funds which he will turn over on your receipt, & inform you what he says.

Of course our good State don't intend that her sons shall suffer while in so noble a service. I am rejoice to hear such flattering accounts as I do on all hands from our Maine troops.

The loss of your gallant friend Lieut Greble is sincerely regretted by the Country, for it is understood that he was a good man & a brave Soldier.

Very truly yours,
I. Washburn <Jr>

1289 6/18/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [O.O.
Howard]

OOH-1228

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

West Point June 18, 1861

My dearest Otis,

I received Charlie's letter this morning, and one from you last Saturday. I have written three to you dearest, before this one. I directed two of them Washington D.C. and the third to "3 Regiment, &c. We are all well, and have been all the time. I wouldn't go to Washington if there was any danger of an attack, but if there is not I can see not objection to boarding there while the Regiment remains. I would want to go the last of next week. I wrote all about it in my last which I hope you will get. You will remain there 2 or three weeks. I hope Charlie will write often for he writes little things you do and say. John Weir wants much to join your regiment, anything above a private. Have you any vacancy? (Paymaster would be a good position. I suppose you have seen the recent promotions. I shall write to Rowland, as soon as I know if I do not go to Washington, to get me a house there. I wish him to be with Guy. Do try to get my other letters. I did not intend to write to day but since dinner thought I would send a line. Every body is very kind to me. I am only sewing, not packing yet. I think of you dearest morning noon and night. I cannot help praying for your safe return, not now, but when it is best.

<From you> own true wife
Lizzie

[Written in another hand on the back]
Lizzie
Unanswered

1290 6/19/1861 *From:* Otis [O.O. Howard]

To: My dearest Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1229a

Head Quarters 3d
Regt. Me. Vols.
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

Head Quarters 3d Regt. Me. Vols.
Washington D.C. June 19th 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

I received your letter last night the third you have written, but the first I have received from you. I don't see what has become of the other two. I wrote you Mrs Carroll's invitation but I feel very sorry I did not name my serious objections till my wife & darling children had got so strong an expectation raised in their minds. Gen Tyler & also Gen McDowell have expressed a wish for my regiment on the Virginia shore. I expect to march tomorrow. I could hardly get a chance to see you if you were here. It would take up my attention & my <heart>. I find it difficult to keep off the summer complaint from myself & my men. You know the strong proclivities of this region to chills & fever. The families that are acclimated usually leave for the North in the summer. The expense is not a small item. I owe already nearly two hundred dollars in Augusta, and I must pay. The expense of living in Washington now is double that of any other place.

I could cry rather than disappoint you & my dear little boy, but my judgment is against your coming now. You get the news sooner than we do. We have to get ours from the N. York papers.

I should like to have John Weir come to us. We could make him a corporal & as soon as possible a sergeant. Chas. is to be a Sergeant, & detailed as my office clerk. Chas. made a visit to Alexandria yesterday with Major Staples. He saw Everett Jones there. He said Everett Jones came to see me & paid me a visit of half an hour. He was quite gentlemanly in his bearing, but I half suspected him as a spy. He told me he was on his way to Illinois to his brother, but the next day was seen in Alexandria. I think if he comes in my way again, I will have him searched.

Is Mr Blaine still at West Point. If so give him my love & thanks for all his kindness.

Oh, how much I should be delighted to take Jamie in my arms & hug & kiss him. Are Guy & Grace happy & yourself. You did not mention John Greble. Much love to Johnny Wier. We would be too much delighted to have him with us.

I cannot write more for business presses - pray for me & tell me if your judgment does not coincide with mine.

Very affectionately,
Your own husband
Otis

[The following note from Charles H. Howard was written at the bottom of the page.]

1292 6/24/1861 *From:* Rowland [R.B.
Howard]

To: Dear Sister Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1230

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds, June 24, 1861

Dear Sister Lizzie

We all think a great deal about you & I hope remember you in our prayers. We feel disappointed that we do not hear a word from you & the children. Charles writes from Washington the 18th inst but does not mention you. We are anxious to know whether you will remain at West Point a while or come East. We heard a rumor that you were coming on with Mr. Blaine. Otis seemed to think you would like to live in August. I expressed to him the language of my heart at parting with him in Portland in saying "I will most willingly do any-thing I can for Lizzie & the dear little ones." If you would be happy in Farmington, it would give Ella & me great pleasure to have you so near, where I might be of service to you, such as a brother only can be. Ella & I are now on our way to Bath with our own horse. We will be away from Farmington a week. Our State Conference is at Brunswick, which I shall attend. Mother & our friends here are well. Laura's cousin (Miss Brewster) came on alone. Sarah writes from N.Y. that she will be on early in July. I have not got a house to suit her yet, on acct. of severe sickness in the one that I expected to have. Farmington is beautiful now but there are some lingering cases of diphtheria in the vicinity, but perhaps no more than in very many places. Ella gets along well doing her own work with Marys help before & after School. Chas. has written but once & Otis not at all since they arrived at Washington. Charles enlists & is detailed for the Col's service, it seems. I hope he an come on with you & the children as he first intended. Tell Guy that Mother has got a great ugly yellow <puppy> called "Lion", and a little wild duck & 17 little turkeys. Mary (our girl) <&> I have been strawberrying. I never saw them more plenty. Hope you have them now-a-days. Ella would write but her ride of 35 miles has tired her somewhat. She is very well indeed, but we shan't be surprised at sickness the last of Aug or thereabouts. [David Patten Howard was born 10 Aug 1861.]

With very much love to Guy & Gracie & baby & kind remembrance to Susan.

Yr. Aff. Brother
Rowland

Ella & Mother send a great deal of love. Do write me just a line at F. if no more. They are quite anxious to hear from you. I <> on Mrs. Jones. She is living with Mrs. Hicks. Both families are as well as usual.

1293 6/26/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [O.O. Howard]

OOH-1231

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

West Point June 26, 1861

My dearest Otis,

I wish I knew just what to write you, and just how to word my letters so that they would give you no anxiety or pain. Let me tell you first, I am not wretched or gloomy, but I am very lonely. I am trying to live for these your blessed children, and to do my every duty towards them. God grant I may do just as you would do were you with them. Since you went away I feel a deeper interest in all your past labours here. The Sunday School, may it prosper. I want to look after it. Mr Smith said, that Mr Murry & Hamilton all going down as teachers this summer and also many Christian spirits among the new comers. My own short comings I see more and more every day, like Mrs Chapman "the agony of self reproach." I wish I could have been in Washington a few days with you, but looking at it every way, I agree with you, it is better not. I hear Mrs Benton's little girl is very ill and she has got to leave with her. I would not wish to expose these children. Mr Blaine left here Monday last for Washington, said he should go to see you, but Mr Carter fears he will be too lazy. I am not packing yet, had two boxes cleaned yesterday, (the two to put chairs in) I have returned borrowed books, given blank those for the Sunday School, assorted the papers that were in your desk. Guy's little heart has been fixed on Washington, but I am gradually getting him to look with pleasure on our going to Farmington. Dear little fellow, I wish I could shield him from all sin and wrong. I don't mind myself at all, and of myself I am nothing but I have a mother's duties to perform, and with God's help I shall be enabled to do so. Trust in the Lord, have confidence in God, was the substance of our sermon last Sunday. Mr French remembers you as kindly, spoke of you at the Cadets bible class. I hear that your regiment repeat the Lord's prayer at reveille.

I wish Charlie would write me all those things in detail. I have had no letter since the one which Charlie (Sergeant Howard) added a note at the bottom saying you might move the next day.

Mrs Greble was expected tonight. I met Mr French and Clara. She told me everything was very satisfactory with regard to Mr Greble. An officer went to see him the evening before he went out (I think it was Mr Kinsbury) and found him reading his bible &c. Mrs Greble bears her affliction wonderfully. She knows in whom to put her trust.

I wish you could get my first two letters. This is the fifth to you. I wish I could hear from you oftener, but not if it would take your time from more important duties.

Col. Reynolds left yesterday to take his new position. Mr Williams (on the rock) a Captaincy acting Com't for the present, of Cadets. Mr Blunt also Capt but your probably know all of this about the new regiments. Mrs Blunt thinks her husband will be here in six weeks, then going to Fort Hamilton to recruit. I have written to Rowland, and enclose Charlie's letter for him to send to Mother. I do not know where Sarah is. Perry is on board the Freeborn.

Thursday Morning. No letter from you this morning but a paper from Charlie. I was very glad to get it. I heard from you through the Carrolls, shall hear all about you to-morrow when Mr C. gets home. The first class have not gone yet. I want to send some things to you by Mr Carter. Prof. Church will go to Washington in a week or ten days (they are now in Conn). Will you tell me what I may send you? You must put on flannel. I think of getting the gray instead of white. Don't Charlie want something, paper collars send his measure, as soon as you get this. Tell Charlie what I may send you and he will write for your. I know you need many things and I have no sewing to do now. (for a wonder you may say). Do you want any of straight shoes. I know Everett Jones is a spy, that is just his character. He is too lazy to work, likes to act the gentleman, and is too big a coward to fight. All he wants is money to spend. Aunt [Note 1] is in Lewiston.

Rowland's letter this morning says all well at Leeds, where he wrote his letter. They are on their way to Bath with their own horse, will not get my letter before his return, so I will be delayed a few days longer here by it. Will be gone one week from Far'n.

Many here remember you very kindly. Mrs Blunt sends love by my permission. Don't forget or neglect a day to say what you need, and what I may send you. I can do nothing when I get away down East.

One tear, kisses, love, prayers for you.

Your <>

Lizzie

I will send some small works, tracts &c.

Charlie, write what I may do for Otis.

[Note 1. This is probably Lizzie's Aunt Sarah [Whitman] Jones, the wife of Everett Jones.

1294 6/29/1861 *From:* [C.H. Howard]

To: My dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-1232

Camp Morrill
Washington DC.

Source: Bowdoin

Camp Morrill
Washington DC. June 29th 1861

My dear Lizzie,

You have probably heard from Vincent that Otis & I met him Thursday night at Willard's. Otis has had an attack of Cholera-morbus since then. He is doing well this P.M. sleeping now. He was taken about 3 A.M. after we got back from the hotel. Yesterday he vomited a good deal & had the cramp in his limbs but today he has not vomited & has taken some nourishment such as <Beef> tea - arrowroot gruel. We have ice for him. Our Surgeon is here partly much all the time. He is a very fine man - of good deal of experience & I doubt not will adopt the very best course as he seems to have done thus far. Mrs. Sampson is one of the best women for the sick-room I ever saw. At a house near by she makes the cots &c. She provided sheets, two nice pillows in addition to the one you gave us.

As to clothing, Lizzie, I know Otis needs another undershirt. He has only two. He has Collars. I have sent for some things to Maine. You know they have good chances to send from there now. So many are coming on.

Otis could not be made more comfortable. I read your letters to him. The last part of it little while ago & he seemed to wish you to know just how he was. A little girl - very nice pretty little girl came in with Mrs. Sampson little while ago & Otis asked her to come & kiss him which she did.

The Lieut. Col. is here now but the men don't seem to have very great respect & confidence in regard to him. Every time I show my head and the men come up to ask how is the Col.

Two refused to take the oath night before last but they had no ill will towards Col. H. It did not absolve them from anything as they had been mustered. Capt. Hight should have sworn them in. I mean the whole Command but he forgot it.

We had a good deal of excitement the night of taking the oath 5 or 6 refused at first, but after a few words of explanation they <walked> under the Colors at Command of Col. Howard.

Otis just expressed himself as being more comfortable than he had been today & gave him more arrowroot gruel - as I called it. He said as I supposed, humourously, it was not gruel but tea! After I read letters, Otis said to Dr Palmer, "a wife & family are a very good blessing."

I thank you for those tracts & I know Otis always likes to see such things. We also had a letter from Rowland written from Leeds. Johnny Weir won't come will he? I am not a Sergt but 1st Principal Musician acting as Secretary for the Colonel, but I don't care about publishing my rank, however. I come to serve my country, to aid my brother & do the will of my Maker. I have been very glad to be with him the last two days.

[Unsigned, but from C.H. Howard]

1295 6/30/1861 *From:* Otis [O.O. Howard]

To: My dearest Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1233

Augusta Me

Source: Bowdoin

Augusta Me 30th June [1861]

My dearest Lizzie

I found hosts of friends & hosts of inquiries for you.

The Regiment as fine a set of men physically as I have ever seen. The Captains intelligent men. The Lieut Colonel on whom I depended to take the Regt. On resigned or rather declined. Another however has been elected, who can I think take the Regiment creditably. I sent my resignation to West Point to be forwarded to Washington to take effect on the 15th June or as soon after as possible, but I think the governor has asked for y immediate services. I have appointed -

Mr Church, Chaplain

Surgeon, Dr. Palmer of Gardiner

Adjutant-Ordnance Sergt Burt, if the government will discharge him - an invaluable assistant.

Mr Haley of Bath, a Bowd graduate, Qr Master

Mr Smith of Bath, a brother of Tom of my class, as Qr. Master-Sergt

Dr. Havos of Hallowell, Hospital Steward, &c

You can't think what a pile of letters lie before me reminding me of old ties in younger days. If I do get an immediate reception of my resignation, still if possible I will fulfill my promise to Professor Church - I shall know better tomorrow.

I spent a part of this evening with Blaine. This is the first private house I have entered in Augusta except on business. Mrs Mulliken is here but I have not seen her.

Kiss all my darlings. How is pony?

I shall be at West Point probably Tuesday night. Col - Col - Col - astounds one. May God help me to take care of these lives & these souls.

Affectionately

Yr Husband

Otis

The Governor wants to move the Regiment Wednesday next. I don't think he can get it ready quite so soon - though he may do so.

1296 6/30/1861 *From:* Olive B Spear

To: Col [O.O.] Howard

OOH-1234

Bowdoinham

Source: Bowdoin

Bowdoinham June 30 1861

Col Howard

Dear Sir

I received a letter from my son the 29 of June saying that he was sick & had been for some days & he feels that he cannot endure the fatigue & hardships of a soldiers life as he is under age & has no Father.

I am his guardian. I write you to now if you will give him permission to leave & come home as soon as he is able to come. He says the Capt has been very kind to him for which I am very thankful. I feel that he can be of no use to his Country as he is sic & it will be a great relief to my anxious mind to see him once more. His name is George Littlefield, Capt Hazeltine's Co.

Yours Respectfully
Olive B Spear

I enclose this note in a letter to my Son. "May the Lord be your shield in the day of battle."

[On the back]
Col. Howard

[Written in another hand]
Letter from Mrs. Spear.