Mrs Lee

West Point August 18
[1861]

My Dear Lizzie & Ottie

I was glad to hear you were all of you quite well again by Mrs Wights letter, and that you are enjoying your summer so well on the whole you had rather have been at Augusta while Guy was sick on account of the physicians there. We are enjoying West Point the birds are not quite as merry as when I first came but this is a delightful place and I shall never be able to thank you enough for letting us come. Perry will have been so much happier here than at board in the city his health has been so much benefitted as mine. I went to New York the 11th inst. and returned the 12th. Dr Rieder says there is not quite as decided every one here seems so kind and affectionate to you that I do wish you were going to be here for life. but I suppose there are other places in the army where you are pleasantly situated - but every thing here is charming and I do feel that God has blessed your labours here & enabled you to honour his name and cause - those who do not profess religion themselves do seem to honour an earnest Christian. We have letters from Giles often he writes good and kind letters all send love to you - gives my love to Roland & Charles tell them I wish they would write to me it would be so pleasant to get letters from those who is Rodolphus. tell you all at home together and Roland & Ella write you at Leeds some of you must write to me first a line or two - I have written this since the sunrise gun was fired and the breakfast is just ready Ellen is an invaluable girl she takes all the care upon herself so that I quite feel as if I was her guest - Mary Ann has not got a place she is quite often - gives a great deal of love to your Mother and Col. Gilmore to Ensign and family Lohr Ellerson - and all enquiring friends kiss the dear children for me. and with much love to yourselves from Perry and myself I am as ever your affectionate

Aunt Ann Ottie Lee

P.S. Perry has some prospect of getting appointed from Mr Dupper - I do hope he will as Mr Dupper is a good man & a Christian

improvement - as he had hoped but
the disease is arrested and I am com-
fortable - and can enjoy every thing
about me - Every one here is kind
to me - Mrs Delfield enquired if I
had vegitables in the garden and
seemed very kind and neighbourly
& Mrs Wear too has been very kind
and the Berards too - Blanche Berard
has written from England, she is having
a delightful summer there and thinks
of spending a year if her mother can
spare her - Lieut Grebble went off
finely they were married in the
little church. She had very fine
wedding presents a great deal of silver
plate - of every useful article from
a bee service to salt spoons every
thing one could desire. they are at
Niagara. We sent their cards to you
did you receive them - Mr & Mrs
Milne were quite charmed with West
Point are going to return here in Septr
they are gone to Canada - Perry met
them in the cars the day they arrived
Mrs Milne is an old friend of his
she spaded a day with me while
her husband went down to New York
for their luggage - Mr & Mrs Bacon
were at West Point the day I was at
New York so I missed of seeing them
We had letters from Frank and Sarah
last week Frank is quite well - they write
in good spirits Sarah says she likes
the quiet of Nassau and is happy
the children are well - Grenville
is coming on soon. Harriet & Edwin
are in Maine - I was at the Chapel
yesterday morning, we had a fine
sermon from Rev. Mr Burr - of Boston
I only go out once a day Lieut Robert
took dinner with us & Mr Wright spent the even-
ing -

Farmington Aug 17. 1861

Dear Bro: Otis

I have had a call this morn: from Rev. Messrs Fiske, Webb & Whittlesey who are on a horseback cursin = I read them your last letter & we talked much about you & Charles = Mr W. says give them my love & tell them, my heart is with them & my prayer is that God may shield them in the hour of battle = Mr W. said will you not tell him as coming from one who loves him, that men say that he is more observant of moral than military delinquencies = I. E. You take more notice of drinking & swearing than you do of violation of military law = If you would maintain your influence as an officer & thus do your military duty - would it not be well to carefully consider your course in this respect? Your power to do the men & officers good morally will depend much on their respect for you as a disciplinarian = Do you not need to screw yourself up to more firmness & severity, if needs be,

the solemnity of the occasion = Three sons of Jacob Abbott are here & I do not feel so alone in view of our prayer meeting this Eve as I sometimes do = Lyman (Rev.) Austin - (Lawyer & Dea: in N.Y.) & Edward, in Theol. Semy. at Andover = It is a truly godly family = Mr Whittlesey is candidate for the Prof. of Rhetoric at Bowdoin = Sarah & family have well except that the children - Especially Jim - have had colds = If it were not for these terrible colds & sore throats I would urge Lizzie's coming much more strongly = But if he gets a good warm house & plenty of wood conveniently, she will be comfortable - Will Guy bring his pony? Dr Gardner has written us about the Hospital supplies & we will get a box off this week - I hope Some are joining the 7th Reg. from this place - I wish I knew whether that will be in your Brigade = Do you think you will be com: as Brig Gen Soon = Your loving Brother, Rufus

Give much love to Otis & Lizzie & Jim

in discipline = Do try not to worry yourself in regard to immoralities wh. you can not help = I cannot think it much use on the whole for you to "preach" to the men - Let the Chaplains do that - a few words from you in favor of Religion at the proper time - backed up by a devout life will do more than arguments or appeals from you = Your position will secure you respectful attention at the time - but results will show that you will lose influence - & that your officers & men will not respect & obey you so well - as they would if you kept them more at arms length = Let Charles read this letter & talk with him privately about my views = I have the good of my brothers - the good of my country & the good of Christ's cause at heart - & if I err - it will be for want of sound judgment = O that God would give you wisdom & discretion as well as faith & zeal = Not that you do not possess these but how much you need the divine supply in your place = Ella & baby are nicely today = Mrs Patten has been here since Tues. night = Rev Lyman Abbott preaches for me half a day to-morrow = We have cool, beautiful weather & I wish you could be here to enjoy it = Sab. Morn: Ella & the little one still continue to thrive - We have a beautiful Sabbath = I wish you & Charles could be here to enjoy it with us - We try to remember you before God, where you are - Mr Goff said that Father & Mother came up to Livermore Falls with him last night to spend the Sab. with Geo: Suthrop I presume = No meeting at Leeds, Mr Chapin being away on his vacation = I enclose a letter from Warren L. written, I presume before the late battle, when Gen Lyon was killed = 3 P. M. We had two excellent sermons from Mr Abbott today = He is settled at Terre Haute Ind. and is a very earnest & good preacher = This morn: the subject was the uses of affliction = This P. M. "Work out your own Salvation &c" = His style is very much like Beechers. After the services or rather at their close, I married a couple - It was my first wedding, but I got thro' without blundering - & felt as if the ceremony had taken nothing from

Aug. 18 1861
Mrs Haskell
answered

Mrs Haskell

Deadfield Aug 18 61

Col. Howard,

Feeling as I now do, I cannot resist the inclination of writing you and freeing my mind in regard to some certain things which concern yourself as well as me. When we intrusted those may loved ones and noble brothers under the care and protection of Col. Howard, how thankfull many a throbing heart felt, to think the dear ones had so kind hearted and so good a comander – and how thankful we were to our Heavenly Father in giving you to them as their leader – But how that confidence has been misplaced and abused – you must know as well as do we all – It was and is yet hard to beleive that you are not what you seemed to be – for we not only know by public letters but by private ones, how sadly neglected our brave soldiers are. And we well know that it is

through your mismanagement negligence and unfeelingness that has caused this shameful neglect - There are provisions enough in store all ready - and good wholesome food provided by the government for our soldiers - I dont mean mouldy wormy hard bread and tainted meats such as they are now having - that is not the kind of food that government has provided for her army. But that, that is wholesome and good and it is your duty to see that they have such food - Col. Howard I was utterly astonished when I was obliged to beleive that such was your conduct and neglect - You who profess to be a christian man - one who pretends to do your duty to God and your fellowmen, to so abuse that profession But God is your judge - not me - and remember He will judge you by your acts - not by your words and pretensions - Remember how many souls are trusted in your care, you to guide and give them examples of nobleness - and with how much more willingness they would follow those examples if they were pure and true than they will now do - knowing that the one who gives them now - is doing it under false colors - I have reference to your character influence - Every man has a little ambition about him - and ~~love the praise~~ of the worlds many tongues and I doubt not but that you are possessed with a little of those feelings - and in order to gain ~~that~~ the good opinion of the world, you must do your duty - and diferently from what you have done - for public opinion is getting against you fast - I tell you this to warn you of a danger ahead - larger perhaps than you now think - You are now placed in a position where you can do a great deal of good, or much evil - and if you try to do right and your duty - you will accomplish a noble work with God your helper - But if you neglect that duty, I dont envy you your future If you think this rather plain and palpable - my reasons are because I have loved ones under your protection - and am interested in their wellfare

From one who knows"

West Point N.Y. Aug 19. 1861.

Monday Evening. 8 o'clock.

My dearest Otis

I did not hear at all from you last week. I wanted a letter very much Saturday Evening; one came but John did not bring it over till Sunday Morning earlier by that he is. I wish you would write ten words, and send often. I trust you will do so after I leave here. I shall want to hear from this as I shall have no other way of hearing of you. I shall not have the any news that I do here. I am not disappointed that you are not coming to see us. I didn't much expect you could. I have written to ask Rowland if he will come for us. I shall pay his fare but I must rather you would not give him any money. I shall have considerable money coming for the furniture &c. Before I begin working for your sick I shall write to Mrs Sampson, I trust she is with you get, and have her suggest to me what I had better do for them. I will not work too hard or neglect these dear little ones. Grace is begining to be thoughtful like Guy. I am very glad. All asleep now. Guy was the last awake and gave me a kiss to send paper, and said he would write another letter after Papa wrote him again. He took so much pains with that letter of his to you, if one letter did not look to suit him I had to put it out and he would try till it was right. I sat by him all the time ready to do so, and he dictated. Who is Col Sedgwick? and what business has Major Price to have the rank of Brig Gen'l Commission? I see the 'Herald' gives you a slight puff.

Can't your regiment draw clothing and shoes. Write me about the robbery of Clement house will you There are a great many questions I think I might ask, then I conclude not to trouble you with them for nothing will be lost if I go without knowing. I passed John Weir, told him I had a message that "you said if he wanted a Lieutenancy to go on" I am sorry if it is true that General Officers of Volunteers will not be permitted to select their aides-de-camp from the Officers of the regular army. I think the papers to day make one feel a little down hearted if the rebels are to try to invade Maryland. Many are thinking Secretary Cameron more loyal to his pocket than to the Government. There is indeed great lack of loyalty everywhere. Men are not up and doing, as they ought to be. Mr Roe came to say good bye this afternoon. He will not remain longer at the Falls. Wished me to give kindest remembrances to you. I wrote to Rowland that I should be ready to leave here any time after the first week of next week, but could remain comfortably one week or more. Mr Ward will not disturb Mr Piper's room until I have gone. Blanch was in this afternoon says the Sunday School moves on steadily She instructs her girls every Friday evening Mr Smith has the charge Mr Murray and Hamilton I think are in the school also. They were going and I have not asked since. Mr Burrows and family are here. He has preached two Sundays, better sermons than last year. He saw and recognised you from the sidewalk when you went through Boston with the Regiment. I regret to hear of Charlie being sick, I do hope he is better by this time. I shall miss his letters if he is long sick. Nanny I do not expect letters this morning so I will not wait for the Mail. We are all well and I do hope you both are. I am going to the sewing room. Your own Lizzie

not moving, and they are near Washington
I want to hear from Rowland immediately,
this week, telling me yes or no. Much
love to you all and kisses to the little one

I remain your affectionately
Lizzie

Farmington Aug. 22. 1861

Dear Otis

In accordance
with Lizzie's kind proposal
I will leave here Monday
morn: & hope to reach
West Point Wednesday &
Wedding you as soon as
possible thereafter - I will
find Mr Farwell, if I
can - & find out some
way to reach you - I feel
anxious for Charles - there is
so little vigor in his con-
stitution - Give him my
deepest love & tell him
to constantly look to Jesu

your loving Bro!
Rowland

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19th Aug. [1861]

My dear Sister Etta

I ought to have written immediately after the receipt of Rowland's letter to congratulate you on the birth of that dear little babe, but last week was a very busy one for me, and I had no much time to myself. I have sold most of my furniture, and this week I shall pack everything and shall be ready to leave here any time after the 26th of this month. but could remain in the house one week or more comfortably as there is one room furnished and it is not to be removed till after I leave. Charlie wrote that Rowland could have a furlough (was entitled to one) but thought he could not visit them for want of funds. Could you let him come on to visit them and take us home? I would pay his travelling expenses both ways, providing he would like to come, and you would want him to leave you. If he comes I shall take no girl on with me. It would cost no more for him than for a girl and I can get none to remain that I would like

the idea occurred to me after what Charlie wrote. He can do as he thinks best. I do not insist upon it, but if he prefers to come I would like him to. I would not have him put himself or you to any inconvenience. I wrote to Otis to ask him and he answered that he would like Rowland to if he could do so, and that is all was said about it. Otis letters are very short, and never many sentences on the same subject. Charlie was quite ill when he wrote last Thursday but hoped he would not be long. He had considerable fever. Otis says he is a great comfort and help to him. Senator Morrill told him that his name was sent in for Brigadier Gen's commission first on the list, the other names were Col Jameson (and the papers yesterday said he had resigned and gone home, because he expected and did not get promotion) and Major Prince paymaster of the army. He says "if any influential man should solicit my appointment I might get it but I have nothing to say" He is the ranking Colonel, and still in command. His Regiment is in a bad condition, badly demoralized, they need clothing and shoes. half of them sick, and nearly all crying to go home. For things I do pity them. I asked Otis to come to West Point before we left, but he said "I couldn't think of going home as delightful as it would be even if I could get a leave after having refused so many poor soldiers" I didn't much think he could. He did not keep Guy's tooth. It did not prove as good a one as we wished. He is to have one though, but not just now. But how are you Ella dear. I do so much want to see that little fellow. I told Guy and Grace and she exclaimed breathless, "and what is his name?" I do hope you are doing well and gaining every day. I fear, as usual, in the country, everybody will want to see you too soon. You ought not to see anybody till baby is three weeks old if you gain as fast as possible. I do know it is better to keep quiet. You will be surprised at Jamie, he is so immense. Baby is nine days old but I hope you have not been up yet, and will not till this letter reaches you. One has to exercise a great deal of patience but so much depends on a good getting up. Charlie writes that I must stop at Leeds. I presume I shall do so, and get to housekeeping afterwards Rowland might not want to come during the warm weather. But I must leave room I prepare to that is. He could see Otis and Charlie more when they are

Solon Aug 19th 1861

Col O. O. Howard

Sir

I Recd a note from you dated Aug 8 1861 asking me to resign that there might be offices in My Company.

I must say that I was surprised at Receiving such an invitation, and entirely unable to account for it, I think you must recollect the Request of Gov Washburn & Gen Hodsdon to Gen B. Your Request asking a furlough for me for four Months, to close up My Business in Court, a part of said furlough has been granted, with the Right of asking an extension, which I have asked, will you write and explain as I wish to do right — I have fulfilled My part of the contract to the letter, as it was understood that I was to have the time above stated to close up My Court business — and I desire the arrangement should be carried out on the other side; if it is, you will find me at My post prompt at the time and ready for duty, if God gives me health and strength, I await an answer —

Respectfully Your
E. G. Savage

P.S. I hope my health will be sufficiently Recovered that I may be able to Return to Washington in fifteen or twenty days

E. G. Savage

Solon Maine,
Aug, 17th, 1861.

Col. O. O. Howard

Sir, Capt E. G. Savage of your Rig. has been quite sick with fever since he came from the army, and he has not as yet fully recovered from that sickness, It certainly would not be prudent for him to return now, his health is not sufficient for the journey, I have been his physician during his sickness, and simply give you a plain statement of his case,

Very respt yours,

J. S. Houghton, M.D.

Capt Savage
Aug 14th 1861
Hilliard Rec'd
an answer

R. H. Gilmore
Aug. 21st

completed - It is finished to Lewiston from Brunswick and graded to Leeds Junction and the tracks is ~~laid~~ laid to within about seven miles of the Junc. I fill my letter mostly with matters of News, supposing that such will be most interesting - - Oscar, said that Mr. Walton, M.C. from Auburn told him Otis was appointed Brig. Gen., but the papers tonight say that Prince is appointed - The New York Herald has a eulogy on Otis and says that Gov. Washburn was the cause of his not being appointed - It seems that in the Cong. Delegation Otis had most votes and Prince only one - How is it? We are anxious to know the facts -

Please write me at Brunswick, for I shall be there see your next letter reaches me - Mother sends you pr. socks for Otis and 3 pr. for you - also two ~~pr.~~ undershirts for Charles - If there is anything mother can do for you please write immediately before the 8th Reg goes - There is for John Fiske a bundle sent by Rozie & Alice Gilmore with much love -

Your ob. bro. R. H. Gilmore

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Leeds Aug 21. 1861 -

My dear Brother:

We received your letter tonight - Mother will probably send your or Otis a package by the 7th Reg. which goes on Friday of this week - There are a number from Leeds in that Reg. the Second Lieut. of the Monmouth Co. is from Leeds and many of the men from N. Leeds - Franklin Wordman is Captain of the Wilton Com. to be in the 7th or 8th Regs - The 8th goes next week as early as they can be got ready - The 9th will be formed immediately after as a reserve corps - The 1st are making arrangements to go and it is said will soon be reorganized and start for the war - - On Saturday p.m. Father, Mother and I went up to Livermore Falls - where we remained till Monday - We found Geo & Huldah

and the girls nicely - I had a pleasant time - Father & mother returned on Monday morning, but I went to Farmington - Rowland met me at the depot - he was very well in appearance - Ella is getting well fast - She was sitting up when I reached there and sat up about half the time while I was there - The little one, alias, David Patten Howard doesn't seem much like a human being - He is a little bunch, which sleeps nearly all the time and very rarely makes much noise in the way of crying - I expect he will look much different when I see him again, if he and I live until next Spring - Sarah is looking nicely and her children appear very healthy - She is very patriotic and an enthusiastic Republican - She gets very much excited over every newspaper, which contains news from the seat of war - She had a letter from Perry last night written at Flagg Hill - Is that the place of your present residence?

Mrs. Patten, Anna Hattie, Horace Mrs. Hinkley of Leeds, and Mary Avery constitute the appendages to Rowland's regular family at this time -

Rowland has a splendid situation on a hill north east of the village which is overlooked by it - Trees are growing all about the yard and the view through them is beautiful -

The house is almost elegantly furnished - The parlor is very nice and the study is all that he could desire - The people are very kind to him and Ella, furnishing them with the nice things from their gardens -

I am going back to Brunswick in a week from to day to commence my Junior Year - Notwithstanding my suspension I am half through College -

The Androscoggin R. R. is nearly

Alexandria Va. August 21. 1861

My dear Mother,

I am here in Alexandria sitting on a Court Martial. This is the fourth day. Poor Charlie has been sick, but is now so much better that he is going out today. My heart aches that I have been able to give him so little care & time. He had a slow fever, and was quite billious. He has had a house to be in & Mrs Simpson has done many things for him. I shall return to my regiment today and I hope to be more at leisure; at any rate I shall have less responsibility and that is a great deal in an enemies country. Charlie has been of great service to me, he has been with me all the time and it is hard to get on without him. I think he is going through a process of acclimation and will be the better for his temporary illness. We have had several days of rainy weather.

Friday – I resume my letter this morning at the Court room. Col Sedgwick has taken command of our new Brigade and seems to be an excellent officer. I understand today that he is to be a Brigadier General. I do not think I desire the promotion, certainly not for itself but I do not like any implied dereliction of duty, nor incapacity – I would rather it would be openly

stated what my faults are - But, I do not think any officer over me would willingly imply any military delinquency. So when a new division is made and a Brigade does not fall to me, I go to my Regiment, and try to do my duty. It is spiritually healthy to be disappointed once in a while when you find your heart beginning to desire worldly distinction - for its own sake. I am afraid I have not done much good during this campaign, but I have tried to do rightly and have no business with the results, only to learn wisdom from them for future use. I hear you have been up to see "George T. Heldah" at Sharon Falls — Oh, I have not spoken of the accession to the ranks of your Grandchildren & my nephews - Another little "Olive branch". I must answer Rowland's last letter as soon as possible. I have already congratulated him. I hope it is the will of God to raise up one born in these troublous times for his own Honor & Glory. How is father - Give him my love. Tell him there are now about 30.000 troops on this side of the Potomac - that our Brigade consists of the 3d & 4th Maine, the 38th New York & the Bucksport Regiment. that we are the advance troops on the Leesburg turnpike, though Genl. Stoney is in advance of our left with his Brigade. We are just getting our clothing. Clean shirts & new shoes go a long way towards making poor fellows contented away from home. I don't know exactly when nor with whom Siggie will go on. I was in hopes Rowland would have had a recess & take the journey to West Point, and if possible have extended it to Virginia -

I hope Dellie is well - Charles is quite smart today -

Very Affectionately
Your ~~Boy~~
Otis

Bangor Aug. 22 1861.

My Dear Charles:

I am sorry I have neglected so long to answer your last letter; but I have been so much upon the move of late that I have found no time to do anything properly – As you see I am back at Bangor again & propose to spend the vacation here either studying & writing or engaged on a catalogue of the library probably former

My visit home was a very pleasant one – found all my friends well as I expected & had a rare chance for fishing hunting blueberrying &c &c

Preached twice while I was gone once at Wilton & once at Lewiston (1st Baptist ch) enjoyed both days very much – I felt badly about preaching at Wilton for

larger, stouter & better man & on recovering his surprise a little proceeded to give him as severe punishing – Meanwhile the crowd heard the row & broke in the door & learning the state of the case pitched the barber out of the window & most of his furniture after him – Some of the citizens picked Jones up before the crowd got hold of him again & put him into a wagon & drove off w. him & I hear that he left town immediately

A riot was feared by some on the day of the secession convention was to meet but by very thoughtful heads only a private meeting at the Bangor House as the papers say & not the proceedings of the convention at Augusta so the day passed off quietly

As to the convention at Augusta we were all surprised at the result & many now profess to believe that it was

Have you ever read the clothing yet – Mr. Stephens says he was supply put in a box & carried to his home some eleven miles

it seemed to me yt people
would all come to see wh
they could do rather yn to hear
the gospel — But the Lord strengthened
me so yt yr feelings did n.
trouble me after I got into the
pulpit — Was out to Farmington
one day & saw Roland & his wife
yy were quite well & were
expecting Prof. Harris yr.
yt night — he preached at
F. one day — I think yy have
a very nice place yr. now —
have you been yr. since yy
moved? — Have n. yet seen
many of the town people since my
return — none of our friends
I believe — I suppose you have
seen in the papers the account of
cleaning out of the "Democrat office
in yr. city" — It was done during
my absence — but as I now learn
in a very quiet & orderly manner

Emery himself was taken under
the wing of the mayor & safely
escorted to his lodgings & the office
left to its fate — the only "trouble"
yt occurred was w. little Barbe
Jones — He heard one Wyman a
cashier in one of the banks who happened to
be standing near him looking
on while the mob were burning
some of the old papers in the street,
make the remark yt "Emery ought
to be thrown top of the pile" — He very
quietly touched his shoulder &
asked him to step up to his office
wh. he at once did suspecting
nothing of what was in store for
him — When Jones got him up yr
he locked his door put the key in
his pocket, took off his coat & at
once dealt him a furious blow
on the head. but as chance would
have it Jones had waked up the wrong
passenger for Wyman was by far

Northeast Center
Aug. 22. '61.

Coll. O. Howard.

Dear Sir, — Having been informed a short time ago by my friend Morison at West Point that you were at the seat of War, I felt a desire to drop you a line supposing that among the multitudinous cares of your present position a fragment of time might be left you for reading it.

I was glad to find that as an Officer you had no misgivings as to your professional duty in the War that has been forc'd upon our Country, & knowing your earnest desire to do good to all & especially

My dear Sir it is my prayer that God will be with you, & our entire army, crown the Arms of the Government with success & restore peace to ~~our~~ our Country.

Truly your friend
Thomas Edwards.

P.S. If you can consistently without embarrassment drop me a letter I shall receive it with much pleasure.

Address
Northeast Center
Dutchess Co
N.Y.

to soldiers I rejoice that in the Providence of God you were placed in a position both to serve your Country in the time of its greatest peril as well as to be made a blessing to those under your Command.

My dear Sir be assured that you are not forgotten in our prayers.

Many I have reason to believe very many earnest prayers go up to God daily for the Government, Army, & Navy;— full of hope that God will grant to pervade ~~both of~~ the two last with healthful Moral & religious principles.

It is now I think generally believed that the better the man the better the soldier.

We cannot have too many men in the Service imbued with the principles cherished by Capt Vicars, Gen Havelock & others whose names & deeds are as ointment poured forth.

How often & with what solicitude I have thought of you, ~~of~~ & others whom I have seen or known at different times at West Point.

Capt. Thomas now General I believe;— Capt Keyes now General, & whom I shall not forget because he was kind to me, assisting me very much in my work;— Capt McDowal now General;— Lieut Alexander, now Capt.— ~~and~~ other names not necessary to mention.

Head Quarters 3d
Regt. Maine Vols
Aug 22nd 1861

My dear Mother,

I will just write you a few lines and say that Charlie is getting on well. He had a kind of slow fever, & a touch of the liver, but has gotten over the fever & is able to walk about. I have gone back to my Regiment.

I wrote you a letter two days ago which I left at the County Marshal's room in Alexandria. I have been on a Court for several days. This with my other duties has taken me much from Charlie. Mrs Sampson

has been very kind. Charles has a room near the encampment & in the quarters of our new Brigade Commander Col Sedgwick. I think he will be entirely well in two or three days — My own health is good. I am a little disappointed to go back to my regiment now as I had reason to expect a Brigade, but I think it will do me good. Love to Father. & May the blessing of God rest upon you.

Chas sends much love —

Affectionately
Your Son
Otis

7 A.M. Aug 25th

Chas. continues to improve, had a good sleep last night

Otis

Hd Quarters 3d Regt.
Bellevue, near Alexandria
Aug 22. 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

I have answered an abundance of letters tonight before yours. I should like to have spent the evening in writing to you - but I had had a bundle of unanswered letters in my pocket for some time, and thought though tired I would make a strong effort & get them off my hands. Not very flattering terms you think for correspondents! Well. They all wants to get their Sons & husbands out of service by hook or by crook - If the ladies get impatient we shall go down - Charlie is getting better fast. He has a room close by the regiment in Col. Sedgwick's house

nights - many kisses to the children when they wake. A large dog is barking - it sounds dismal anywhere particularly so in an enemy's country. Mr Moncure continues with Col Sedgwick Sister Owen, my old college mate & Tom Smith's brother ditto - in letter of today Rowland, "wishes we a little for not being strict enough in military matters - What does the Soldier's wife know! Remember most tenderly to Mrs Grible & her precious charge. I try to remember them in my daily prayer —

Most lovingly Your own, Otis.

your procession I have returned
to the Regiment. I have felt
a little disappointed & there
I am less popular with the
Regiment than I was before so
many of its members get
leaves. but I think I will
straighten everything pretty
soon. I wish I could just peep
in upon you tonight. How
will you move? Guy is a great
boy & doubtless spends much
of his time in helping Mamma
and how much she can
do with a smiling face & her
little happy heart to make
the days lights. If you
lack anything do let me know.
I have been in a Court
Martial for several days
at Alexandria on Col McCunn's
case. I see the Herald has
already prejudged his case.
Some malicious scamp
has put the article in
the paper. We have not completed
his trial. Today the Court was
adjourned for Genl McClellan
to review our Brigade
Col. Sedgwick is an old Army
officer & just the man
to command us. I will put
my regiment in as good order
as I can & try to make it do
good service. Howe is every
body at West Point. Mendell
is judge Advocate of the Court
I have seen a good deal of him
He is the same thoroughly man
here as at West Point.
I remain I must daily
happy dreams darling. good

Head Quarters 4th Reg Maine Vols
Aug 23 1861

Sir

The bearer of this Emory F Hilton is a Corporal in my Regiment the same that carried my flag on Bull Run field of Bulls Run & was wounded is desirous of visiting his home. He is not ~~now~~ nor will he be able to attend to duty for some time – If you will give him the necessary information concerning Reg. Orders &c. &c. You will confer favor on a deserving soldier

Col. O. O. Howard
5th Reg

H L W Berry Col

Col Berry
4th Me —
Aug 23 1861

State of Maine.

Executive Department,

Augusta, Aug 23, 1861.

Dear Col.

I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th.

I hardly know how to get along with Capt Savage's case. He has been mustered into the service of the U.S., & is, I suppose beyond my reach. I will forward the Sec'y of War a statement of your request & endorse it.

I supposed from what I learnt when I was at the camps in Va. that with the exception of a few articles which one or two Cols spoke about, that the U.S. would furnish immediately, & sooner than the State could, all articles needed by the Regiments. & I have been greatly

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your & Col. Jameson were mustered as candidates, I wrote a letter to the Sec'y of War doing justice to all, making no preference, but simply referring to my former letter. No one of all your friends would be more gratified than myself at your appointment.

Pray make my regards to your brother & Mr Leonard, & other friends.

Very truly Yours,

S. Washburn

Col. De B. Howard
3d Reg. Me Vol.

Gov. Washburn
Aug. 23. 1861

pained to learn that it has not been done, & that the soldiers have been in absolute want of necessary clothing &c.

I have sent off by 7th Reg., which left Alexandria to-day, a quantity of clothing, shoes, &c to be distributed among the Regts according to their wants - These with what Govt provides will, I hope, make the men comfortable - if not, I will send more.

I request that you should have supposed for a single moment that any thing was behind in Maine implying ~~any~~ ~~the~~ want of courage, skill, prudence or good soldiership on your part. Dismiss at once & to the smallest fibre all fear & doubt on this subject.

It is believed here, so far as I know, without exception or qualification, that your Brigade was admirably commanded at the battle of Bull Run - none better - indeed, it is understood that it was brought off the field in better order than any other. I say not these things to flatter you, but simply because they are true, & you seem to think that very strong impressions have obtained here -

In regard to your Reg. it has been said that it would undoubtedly be better off with its quota of field officers at this time - but that you have neglected it & overlooked its wants, & have ceased to give it all ~~the~~ care that other duties permitted, as I am sure believing.

Long ago, before the battle, I recommend Maj. Prince for Brig. General, believing that while his absence would take no good Col. from his Reg. it would secure a good officer to the service - But after

State of Maine
Exec. Dept.
Augusta August 23d 1861

Sir.

Col Howard has requested me to ask for the discharge of Capt. Savage of "F" Company 3d Regt. Maine Volunteers He says: "I recommended his immediate discharge to Head Quarters but have not yet received a reply with regard to him. Cannot the Governor withdraw his Commission for the following reasons

1st "That his Company needs a Captain with it. Lieut. Stevens is an excellent Officer but he has been afflicted with Lameness, and he does not think it right to do the duty of Captain, throughout the Campaign & receive only the pay & emoluments of a Lieutenant.

2nd If Capt. Savage is still sick, what Guaranty has his Company, or the Government, that he will ever resume his duties? If he was in the Army for life, a furlough of several months would not be minded in time of

Gov. Washburn
Letter to Lincoln
Sec. of War
Asks Dis. of Capt Savage
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peace; but in time of War every man is needed & in his place.

3d His conduct with regard to bounties does not seem to be strictly honorable. At any rate he has withholden from three poor boys a bounty they were entitled to, and only at last paid John Tantish his, on solicitation 4th When with the Company, he was as I learn, utterly inefficient. I would respectfully recommend, at least: That the Governor ask his discharge of the War Department, that his place may be filled"

For the reasons assigned by Col Howard, I would recommend the discharge of Capt Savage

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) C. Workman

Hon S. Cameron
Sec. of War

Still I believe the Soldiers love me & respect me and know that I have left no stone unturned to get them their dues. I am truly sorry for the unpopularity that exists me in your section, but I have been unpopular before. The thing that I want is to see the men provided for comfortable & happy and ready for duty.

Say Excuse haste & prejudice and be pleased to accept my explanation — My religion consists in striving to do my duty.

Very truly yours
O O Howard
Brig Gen

Reply to Lewiston
Aug. 24 1861

To

Mrs Haskell

Please write in your own name

Hd. Qrs. 3d Regt. Me Vols
August 24 1861

Dear Madam

I thank you for writing me just as you believe and felt. You have made accusations against me which would not only destroy my reputation at home if true, but, upon complaint, of any officer I would be court martialed & dishonorably discharged the service. Permit me to say you are entirely misinformed with regard to me by some one. Let me state to you a few simple facts, for the truth of which I appeal to your husband (for you regard me as a hypocrite of the meanest sort & could not believe me). First. The next day after reaching Virginia, I was ordered by Genl McDowell away from my Regiment and have only been permitted to return to it within the last week. I had no promotion which I could decline, but did the duty of Brig. Genl for three & half months the 3d, 4th & 5th Maine & the 2nd Vermont. Major Staples has had the immediate command. Before the battle of Bull Run. There was no disciplin & very little Discipline. After that battle, the men had thrown away everything they had, the

In Masses had lost their knapsacks. The guards ran away & left the depots of clothing, so that we lost all the (or the greater part of the) 1,000 sets that were on depot. I deny to my Brigade while many officers left and spent their time in Washington. I led them from ~~Bealeton to~~ Centreville to Clermont. From Clermont I accompanied them to Alexandria. A heavy rain was falling. The Board of Health gave me no quarters. I went & opened empty houses & put the men in. & before nights I believe every man had bread to eat and not mouldy hard bread. Back again we went to Clermont. The Quartermasters were struggling to get clothing. The Commissary provided food. From the 4th Regiment I heard complaints & had my Brigade Quartermaster examined by a board of inquiry and did all that was in my power for the soldiers. In the 5th Regiment there was a Mutiny and the men shewed me mouldy & worm eaten hard bread, that had been issued to them. At once I called their officers to account & told them absolutely never ~~never~~ to receive such stuff. No complaints came from the 3d Regt of this description.

one night - I heard a man say that the miserable hard bread was issued to them. I went and inspected the entire camp and I found good bread (soft) in plenty and a very little poor hard bread laid aside & not to be used in our company. Madam, in one single company a Captain ~~sold~~ sold for the benefit of his men yesterday 3 Barrels of nice beef, which they had been able to save from their rations, this gives them I understand 19½ dollars to purchase vegetables with. I never asked many men since your letter came, if for any length of time they never had bad food. And they say no no. Your husband says for two or three weeks at Clermont the hard bread was bad, Madam, if this was really so, no word of complaint came to me. It was the simple duty of the Captains of a company not to allow it to be issued to his men. I shall, dear Madam, take the greatest pains to do my duty and as you say "God is my judge", I ask no better. I have worked for my command early & late. I have been without proper food & sleep at times & sometimes I am ~~weary~~ worn, worn; and then I ~~am weary~~ ~~worn~~ I am misrepresented & misunderstood

Gov Washburn
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Answered

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Executive Department,

Augusta, Aug. 24. 1861.

Col. O. O. Howard,
Commanding 8th Brigade
Dear Sir,

I herewith return the Bill for the Band, which was received yesterday. Please specify the instruments or items, that the State may know precisely what the Bill covers. This is necessary. Please verify the Bill. Very truly yours

J. Washburn Jr.
Pr. W.W.D.

Col. Howard

Dear Sir.

Has anything been heard of my brother Charles of Capt. Batchelder's Co 8th Ky. since the Bull Run fight? he can very ill spare to know. Respectfully

Wm. P. Drew.

Gen. Washburn
Sept 2 1861

Good here —
has been
forwarded
to Mc Sellen

Lowell Aug 24. 1861
Colonel of 3 reg. Maine V. M.
Sir

The certificate inclosed sufficiently shows its purpose, yet the undersigned would add in behalf of the applicant, that she is an old lady and has so long ruminated upon the fact that she is left alone without the presence of one of her four sons to console her, she has become nervous and has become considerably impaired as to her strength and health.

The application is committed to you as the officer most likely to give it his personal attention even though

some other authority than yours may be requisite to grant its request; and presuming that you will, if not authorized to grant the request, refer the matter to the authorities who have the power.

I am very respectfully

Yours

Isaac N. Goodhue

and letter written home to my boys. Now that I have come back the hearts of the men are coming back to me. The poor men suffered privations & thought it all my fault. They can understand now explanations short of a permission to go home. I promised them faithfully they should not go home. I showed them they were holden beyond three months; for which many idle, cowardly fellows cordially hate me. I am afraid you will hear too much of this when you get to Maine for many half-sick, discontented men have got discharged through the Medical department. If we can get good recruits, we will soon come out it is about a year in which as fine a regiment as you should wish to see. May God bless the loved ones. God bless & keep them & you darling.

Otis

You may be pretty sure of seeing where you get this.

Camp Marshfield 3d Regiment 315

Aug 25th 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I feel as though I ought to write you oftener. and I will try so to do. I have been on a Court-Martial as I told you in my last letter. The Court still continues. You know how examinations fire the professors; so it is with these Courts-martial. We are now trying Lt. Colonel O'Neil on some six or seven charges. I hear there are two or three more cases to come before us.

I get a little time with the regiment in the morning and a little time in the evening. The regiment has still nearly two hundred reported sick, but it is improving in appearance daily. The rusty arms & the irregular & careless movements of Howard's regiment when he was acting Brigadier General are disappearing. Some of the men have no jackets yet & some no shoes. There are now enough at Washington and tomorrow we expect to get our supply. You asked about robbing Clarmont. The hospital department of my Regiment without my

knowledge or consent took all the bedding, some drawers, and I think crockery & cooking utensils. And I leave that place has been taken & that the house has been completely rifled.

The defence is that it belongs to secessionists; this is true but we do not allow people to steal even secession property. I have had to fight this propensity to steal ever since I have been here. Nothing will be safe in Maine when we get home. Charlie is quite comfortable today. He went out to services this morning & also to Camp this afternoon.

Mr Leonard the Universalist Chaplain is a really good man. He has so much cheerfulness & is so hearty in everything he says & does that it has done us much good. His words are full of encouragement. We had two Orthodox Chaplains preaching with us today, who both spoke after Mr Leonard closed.

They too spoke well with regard to having oil in our lamps. This evening I had a prayer meeting in my tent when the Chaplain presided. We had a good meeting. Some of the spoke so feelingly & shewed so intimate a knowledge of a Saviour's love that it strengthened me in my faith. I wish I could live nearer to Christ. Oh, that I might. Poor little Guy - if papa was not so tired he would write Mina a letter to go along with this. And Gracie has got to be thoughtful! Bless her heart she must help thinking. Does she love to learn verses from the Bible as Guy & I used to. For instance, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, &c" Guy can give the rest. And Jamie what foot does he have. He does all his thinking close to the floor! I feel a little weary about the head sometimes as though it would let much me to have three or four days to myself. But I think when Charlie gets smart & the boys gets thro. and I get my Regiment well clothed &c. I shall feel decidedly better. Major Shinn is the Officer that Gov. Washburn recommended for the Brigadier's post. The Governor may be dissatisfied with my management. After I left the regiment, any quantity of stories were told

Vassalboro Me August 25, 1861

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Mr Howard I am vary sorry to lern from our soulders in the 3 Regiment Me that grate Disefection is in the camp on the acout of their food tha write that the bread is wormey & meat rotten or vary bad this state of thing is of a ver grave natue it should be seen to Imediatly for meny reasons firt that mutiney is feard & dreded, second, this being the cas we cannot git men to enlist if the blame is on the Capt of companes let them be minded of their duty to soldres at once I lern that this is felt in Captin Haseltyne Compney Waterville I have a son in the 7 me Regiment he was advis not to inlist for the vary reison as above stated see that youre men ar treated well wharever your lot may fall that they may learn to love & obay Far Well god bless you & preserve you thru the Nation grate struggle

Youres With Respte

E. J. Gilbert

West Point. Aug. 26. 1861

My dearest Otis

I am very happy to inform you that I had Jamie baptized yesterday. I think you will be glad that Johny Weir is his Godfather. Mr Casey, now Capt Casey, is waiting in Portland. Mrs Casey is going there to be with him. He will come for her or John will take her on. They expect to go this week and as I am not ready I cannot go with them and besides I have not heard from Rowland. I thought he would write me last week. I shall look for a letter every day. Dont be at all troubled about my getting home. If Rowland cant come I shall think it is for the best. I dont get dis-

appointed now a days. Mrs Casey may not go yet I shall go see her tomorrow. I am sure something to my advantage will turn up. The Officers sent here as Instructors yet. It seems that Mr Mendall, Wheeler are coming back. and some of the Officers on Parole to be sent here. and some Cadets detailed. It has been intimated that as there are more regiments going from the State that you will be made Brigadier Genl eventually. If you are to be with the regiment I shall feel more interested in it. and more anxious to do what I can for its welfare. I fancy you would like to know just how we look here. I have sold everything even the Cooking-Stove not to be taken till I go. The sleep in the up stairs back room. (Mr Ward takes this furniture after we leave). In all other rooms empty. Down stairs carpet on dining room and

hall. Parlor filled with boxes all packed four of them and two more to fill up. Piano-box on the sloop. I am to send them by the sloop next Monday. Mrs Carroll took me over the ~~docks~~ in her carriage to see about it, this morning. Mr Carroll will have the boxes marked and directed and taken to the sloop. You see how nicely I get along. I felt that I must have Mr Francis's baptise little Jamie and O. Dearest I did not have him named James Otis. Mrs Williams said don't name him for his pope unless you & give him the whole name and everybody would think I named him for the great man, which I would very much dislike. And I do not think you preferred to have him named for you. He is dear little Jamie anyhow. I went to Newburgh last Friday to get Guy some pants and Jamie a

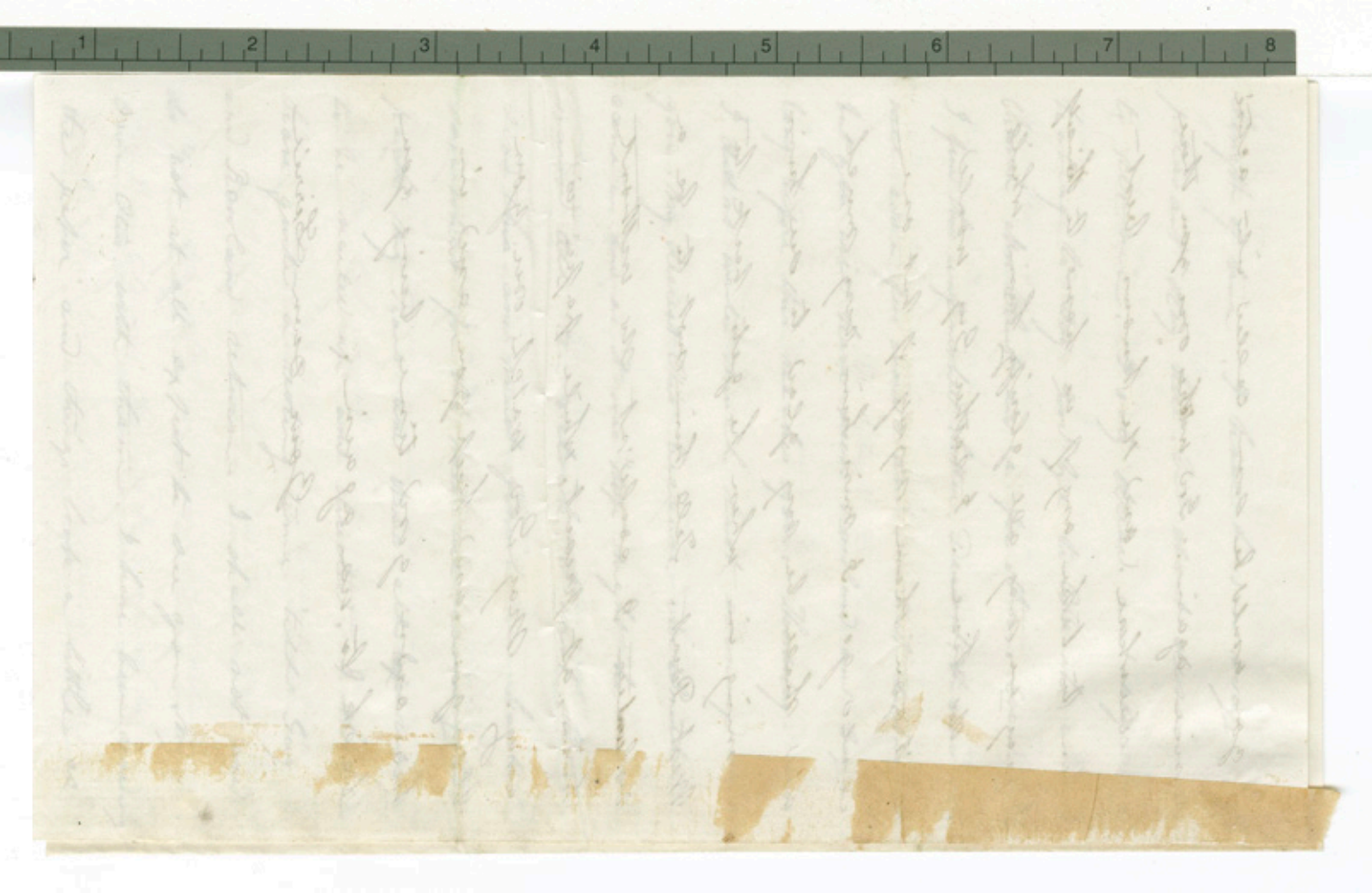
hat. I called to see Mrs Williams and
the Misses Phillips. they all wish to be
remembered very kindly to you, and they w
always be interested to hear from us all
John Weir came in this morning to se
that a letter came to his brother Hen
from you. As his brother is at Harpers
Ferry he took the liberty to open it. It
seemed to be in answer to one Henry
written you before. about a Lieutenancy
There was a young man came up here fro
New York last Thursday in company with
Weir, who wished to join a regiment as
second Lieut. and would give from fif
ten thousand dollars towards equipping
the regiment, or would equip his com
but the Col must be a West Point
graduate. Prof Weir took him around
see Prof Church they mentioned you. B
I guess thought you were not permane
Prof Weir told me this at the Dock while wa
for the 10 o'clock boat. The young man

ned in the early boat. Thomas Powell
ould let the men eat as much corn,
atoes and vegetables as they could and
e tent floors besides if they wanted
ards are put to better use as tent floors
n to stand and be worn out by the
ather such times as these. Do you
emember the piece of chalk you and
nie had the argument about? It is
hink about the same what with the
e men, they won't fare too well any how.
am very glad Mr Mordecai is near
you must not let him flatter you
out your family though. Give my
d regards to him and through him to
his sisters. I regret my invitation for
m to make me a visit before leaving
was given too late, but before I
expecting I might leave any day. I
had no idea of remaining here this

length of time. I have had a very pleasant stay here, but dont desire to remain. I only dread and regret having to say good bye to Blanche, Mrs Church Mrs Blunt and a few others. Eve Wed I find this unfinished letter. Dearest, I and will add a few words and mail it tomorrow but you will have seen Rowland and Guy long before this reaches you. Thursday: I didn't write much last evening to you, my dearest Otis because Mr Smith came in and as it was "Hop" night he remained till ten o'clock. I wish to send this and must finish in haste somewhat for the men are coming to pack my Piano and then all boxes ready to be nailed up are directed. I shall have quite a resting time till Guy and Rowland return. I shall not and do not at all expect to see you, my own Otis, with them. I have been reading the 'paper' and things look a little as

if you would be soon called into active service again. God watches over you there as elsewhere, and He knows best when to take any of us home to Himself & pray we may all glorify him while we do live. & rather Guy would visit you there myself if but one could go. I miss him very much and shall be very glad to see him coming in when he gets back to West Point. Tell him not to be a volunteer I couldn't do without him, at present, while papa is away. May God watch over you bless you and keep you and in his own good time bring you back to us again.

Your own Lizzie



Duncan of
Bath.

Answered

Bath.
August 28/61

My Dear Bob,

I will hope your kind attention on this occasion for a few brief questions to this purport.

I have just returned from Augusta to see the Gov. of our State for the purpose of getting something to do in Third Maine Regt in Hospital or anything that I may be of service.

I was a member of Co A until the 15 of July and was discharged for disability.

and now I have returned to Bath I am actually lonesome and Homesick to get back again I engaged myself in your Regt and under your Command and wish my disability would allow me to take my place again in the Ranks I feel sure I could be of service with my sick fellow Soldiers and would be happy to come out and be serviceable, The Govr told me that I would have to apply to you or which ever Col that I chose I beg pardon if this appears a nuisance to you. I am Sir Yours most Obdt Servant

2nd
W. H. Duncan,
Bath Maine

P.S. I hear the Columbian Colleges are full of Sick and wounded and Thought perhaps you would permit me to take hold there and help all in my power

Resly
W H Duncan

Md Vol 3d Regt. Camp
Fessenden Aug. 28. 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I have a letter from Rowland yesterday stating that he should be at West Point today and that he proposed to extend his journey on here. If I could only tell what time he would appear in Washington I would meet him there. I am half a mind to telegraph him to bring boy. I would if I felt sure that nothing would happen to the little fellow. I expect you would like to take the journey too. Darling boy I had much rather go the other way to meet you. When peace comes, I should like to take you through this part of Virginia. I have gone through with the Court-Martial for the present & will have the pleasure of staying with my regiment today. Chas. seems quite well. He eat a hearty breakfast than I this morning. I have slept in quarters in his room. Ever since I returned to the Regiment, today we are to get a mess. I think Mr Sampson will take charge of it. Meredith starts for West Point today. and Jenkins thinks he can get a short respite & visit his wife & probably

call at West Point. They both send you messages to you. Mendell is a most excellent man - I love him. Chas. says he shall expect ~~to~~ visiting Farmington shortly now if you go there - Charles thinks your letters the greatest treat we have had. Poor little Gracie, papa would like to see her, but thinks she couldn't come to this war-like country with or without Mamma now. The Post boy is coming. Tell the chubby boy I am for papa. I wish Guy had his pony at Farmington. When papa comes home he shall have another.

Remember me affectionately to Mr & Mrs French, Mr & Mrs Clark, Mrs Mendell, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Gale, the Misses, the Parsons, particularly Miss Blanche. God will bless her in all her good works —

Be the Lord's & He will continue to comfort you & be your portion forever

Affectionately in haste

Otis

Henry S. Waite
wants a place
in this Regiment

Answered

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Ledham Aug 28. 1861,

Col. O. O. Howard

Dr Sir

Excuse the liberty I take in writing you these lines, but I do not desire to enlist in a "Mass Regiment" as a private, therefore I wish to ask of you if there is any situation or position I could hold in your Regt. if there is, would you bestow it upon me, if I made a repeat to you in person at "Washington" or your encampment where ever it may be,

My Wife is sick with Consumption I am out of work and will have to remain so all winter, I am not able to swing it, necessity compells me to do that which first comes to hand, you may not remember me from the signature, but Lizzie your wife will know me well, as well does she knows my family, I care not what position I hold, (have you it to give me,) I will endevour to fill it with satisfaction,

Hopeing this elect a satisfactory

reply I remain

Yours Truly

Henry S. Waite,

P.S. You will probably remember me from the fact of my being appointed to "West Point" by Mc Donald and afterwards I was withdrawn to make room for a Nephew of his, who went & remained a year, and then disgraced himself as well as the State by leaving

H. S. W.

I have almost wished I had
gone on at the beginning of this
Recess & so come on with you
thinking I might have been of
service in your leaving & journeying
& then get another look at N.B.
If I could do you any great
service – anything worth while – I
wonder be willing to go on now –
But I suppose you will hardly
need me – Hope you will drop
a line telling me with regard to
your resignation & when you
will come if no more – One of
your Co's is composed quite largely
of Waterville students many of
them pious men – the Capt.
(Hazeltine) a member of the Junior
class – a Christian – original of Bangor – The Gen. spoke
of rebuking one or two officers for
having cards on their tables – at
least he asked them in rather an
unpleasant manner if they played –

I have no special news from home
or from Rockland & Belfast – We have
been watching to see whether you
would be appointed to the Reg. A Gentle-
man told me that if you had not been
elected up at Aug. Bangor 29. 1861
here for this Reg. Who would have been
Dear Brother – May the Lord bless
you with all the requisite
It is 10 o'clock but I
think I will write you a brief letter
tonight. I have just been in at Gen
Stevens – He was at Augusta yesterday
There was considerable excitement
with regard to the Colonelcy of that
2d Reg. Good many strenuous can-
didates – The Gen. recounted to me
various conversations he had
with the officers of the several Co's –
The great objection to you was
that they had never seen you –
And that Sergeant Major – who
wants to be Maj. in the Reg.
told them by all means not –
to elect an Army Officer. The
Gen. said & did what he could
I'm no doubt; He spoke of meeting
a whole room full of officers &

Grace & Christian for the new position
Lieut. Colonel
Major
Lieut. & Adjutant
Quartermaster
Surgeon
Chaplain

conversing with them – Some had the idea that being an Army Officer you would not allow them to come "within 10 ft of you" using their expression – Gen. S. told them you were a Christian – that you would lead them as near the enemy as they would wish to go &c. He says it is a superior Reg. over all the others he has seen – One Co from Winthrop. – I fear the difficulty will be in bringing them into any kind of decent discipline. These troops at Camp Washburn have been sadly deficient in this respect – I'm glad the 2d had to delay in N.Y. for the drill was needed – I see by to-night's paper that they have gone forward – Gen. Stevens has been appointed Commandant of the Battalion here at Camp Washburn – 6 Co's – 4 Co's at Eastport make up the Reg. Gen. S. thought you would wish to come on immediately – I don't know whether the 3d will be mustered into the general service next after the 1st now at Portland or some other – I don't know why not the 3d unless it be that the 4th was ready first – You will have (as no doubt you fully appreciate – better than I can possibly do) a very responsible & a trying situation. – How was Col. Ellsworth's conduct & death regarded in army circles? He is called glorious but many sober men think he was rash to expose himself as he did – a man so prominent & promising to be so efficient in the service. He has probably purchased worthy immortality – Do you suppose he was a Christian? – Some sentiments uttered to his mother – & to his fiancée that last letter look that way.

Gov. Washburn
Augy. 29th '61

Answered

State of Maine.

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Executive Department,

Augusta, Aug. 29, 1861.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 26 is before me.

I will speak to the Adj't General to have the ammunition issued as you desire.

I am gratified regarding to learn the daily improvement of your troops — we send by the 8th Reg. which goes in a few days rubber blankets for all our Regts.

Shoes, socks, shirts &c & rifles for two companies have already been forwarded —

There is no objection to the correction in Mr Owen's Commission.

Mr Gorham, very truly yours,
J. W. Washburn

Col. O. O. Howard
3d Reg. Me Vol.

Hon. H. Wilson
Nov. 24 1865

No. 222. (Last Story)
Willards Aug 27. 2¼ P.M.

Dear Bro Otis

I arrived here at 11½ A.M. - have seen my friend Farnell - but was too late to get a pass today & the Elk Roost Marshalls Office) & prefered doubt about my getting one tomorrow - but I will, if I can - perhaps call at Judge Carolls this P.M. = Left Lizzie at 12½ yesterday well - Children ditto - am anxious to hear again from Charles = Guy is with me = Write a line if I do not appear by noon tomorrow = do not come over if there is any prospect of an action as people here fear: O may the good & blessed Lord bless you & dear Charley - If he were well - I should feel at ease and I might as well as it is! I stopped here because I could find places better & healthy to go over the River this P.M. = All well at Farmington

Mem: Mem:

With a Brothers Love

R. B. Hayes
Aug. 2 71

State of Maine.

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HEAD QUARTERS.

Adjutant General's Office,

Augusta, August 30th 1861.

Col C. O Conrad

Dear Sir,

Geo E. Ford enlisted in Co "G" 5th Regt. deserted from American Hill – joined Co "E" 7th Regt. which recently left here – and rec'd pay & bounty from the State the 2d time – and is now doing duty with his Co. at Baltimore – & he has not deserted – You can take such measures as you think proper in relation thereto – Have written Maj. Hyde Comd. 7th Regt. concerning the facts

Yours very truly &c.

John L. Hodsdon
Adj. Genl.
by C. A. P.

John L. Hodgden
Aug. 30th 61

New York
Aug 31/67

Dear Madam.

I neglected to write you yesterday, but now enclose a check for $75, —
I shall not go through this City D.V. on my way, but shall be very glad to do so. Thus you may hear good news from your dear husband — Joined by Mr Bacon in kind regards I am Yrs very truly
J. R. Bacon