
1439 10/10/1861 *From:* O.O.H. [OO Howard] *To:* My dearest wife [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1394

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.

Oct. 10 1861

My dearest wife,

I resolved this morning to get up early enough to write you before breakfast & I am doing so. You spoke of getting the letter I sent you with the check but did not speak of receiving the check for two hundred dollars. I presume you did. I go daily to Arlington to examine officers. I have much of the questioning to do as Gen'l Martindale has been some time out of service. Gen'l Blenker is a German & Col Stahel also. I feel a little worried about not having been assigned to a command, especially as General Jameson has been, but I can trust in the Lord & in his dealings with me; all will be for the best.

A rumor reached me that I was to go with Gen'l Sherman on the Secret Expedition but nothing definite came of it. I went to see Col. Townsend of Gen'l Scott's staff the Author of that Bible Class Question Book called "the Pentateuch" which I used with the large boys at West Point. He appears like a simple hearted Christian, and I felt much drawn towards him. He talked with Dr Mercer & me a great deal about the Bible. My breakfast bell has rung.

Give love to all & many kisses to the Children. Papa prays for you & them constantly. Always pray God to give me wisdom & strength of purpose

Very lovingly yr husband
O.O.H.

When is Charlie to turn homeward?

It was only the first Bell so I can fill up. I find Cap. Sewall just such a man as I ought to have with me both for companionship, Christian communion & counsel.

I feel very sorry about the coupons. Will the rail road (A & St. Lawrence) go into the Bond holders hands? It is really providential for us to have made the exchange. Has the war diminished the paying freight on that road, ask father? I should have tho't that it would have increased.

How do you & Jamie get along? Does he pull you down much in flesh & spirits. He must have changed so much that I would'nt know him. Think I would Guy? I am glad Gracie thinks about papa & prays for him. I should be delighted to have the childrens photographs - Cant I by & by?

Much love to Father & Mother & Charlie

1440 10/10/1861 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Sister [Lizzie
Howard]

OOH-1395

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Oct. 10, 1861

Dear Sister

Guy arrived safely last night. I met him at the Depot & we took Tea at Sarahs. From what Chas wrote the evening before we were expecting you. Sarah is now nicely settled & wants you to come & stop with her.

Ella does not expect to be back till week after next. She does not get strong & as she does not expect to bring Mary back she is waiting till Abby Abel can come. I will board at a Mr Hopkins most of the time.

Guy gave me the note after he got home & I will go to the Depot for the things this a.m. Mr Caswell goes to Washington today. Guy came home with me after meeting & we slept nicely. He thinks I can cook as well as a woman! Says "Mamma can't cook a thing!" He is very well indeed. Franky & Timmy [see Note] are just up to see him. I want Guy to stay till Monday. I may go to Bath then. He can go to School with the boys.

There is nothing new about a house yet, tho' one will be vacant next week probably. I don't think your things will be harmed at the Depot.

Guy didn't say whether you would come tonight. Will be glad to see you anytime & Sarah expects you soon.

Affy-
Rowland

[Note: Franky and Timmy are sons of Rowland's cousin, Sarah (Lee) Sargent - Francis Taft Sargent (b 1855) and Timothy Darling Sargent (b 1857).]

1441 10/10/1861 *From:* E. W. Woodman

To: Dear Cousin [OO
Howard]

OOH-1396

Annapolis

Source: Bowdoin

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Annapolis Oct 10. 1861

Dear Cousin,

Your note & the one enclosed from Col Tanney was recd & duly read to the officers of the Regt. but it was not recd untill after Gen Beale had their friends prepared to vote for Mr Lynn Catlin of New York, (not present). He was elected - that was a week ago, & it is not yet known whether we can have him. Col. Stricklan at once notified the Governor & the only reply yet received is a despatch yesterday that I am appointed Major.

I now need your advise & if we leave this week, need to know how I can be ready with uniform &c and horses. If you can come on here & assist or advise me - at once - I will pay you - that is by & by. I did not come with money for this emergency & have not time to send for it.

You know about these matters, & whether you can conveniently come on here. If not able to come, be sure & write at once. Can I get a horse of the government, must I take a horse with me on this expedition. I understand that we will leave here in few days - but do not know that my information is correct.

Col S- has not been examined, but 19 out of 29 officers have respectfully & in writing asked him to resign - no go.

Write me frankly what you think about my accepting this office. I cannot understand why Gov Washburn should appoint me & without my asking, unless he felt that my course at the field Election in Augusta entitled me to it. If I do not accept, I shall ever feel gratified.

Your Cousin truly

E. W. Woodman [Ephraim Warren Woodman]

[Written in another hand]

E.W. Woodman

Major 8th Me

Oct 10 1861

1442 10/11/1861 *From:* Frank W. Haskell

To: Brig. Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-1397

Hd. Qrs. 3d Maine Regt
Camp Howard, Virginia

Washington, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Hd. Qrs. 3d Maine Regt
Camp Howard, Virginia
October 11th 1861

To: Brig. Genl. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to reply to your note of the 10th inst. On receipt of your note I placed it in the hands of Major Burt for advice. At his instance I showed it to Colonel Staples who at once gave me the assurance that he had specially noticed me, and that, as there was to be a vacancy in a few days - perhaps in a week - he would then appoint me a Lieutenant in this Regiment.

I have only to state, Sir, that my good fortune thus far has been wholly owing to your encouragement and that I am dissappointed, in view of such promotion, that I am obliged to ask a release from my appointment in your Brigade. In all cases, and in whatever positions I may hereafter be placed, I shall ever remember my duty to my God, my Country, and to you - my benefactor - and Sir I hope, if Commissioned before your departure from Washington, that I may be able to thank you personally for your kindness to me. With the highest respect, I remain

Very Truly
Your Obt Servt
Frank W. Haskell

1443 10/11/1861 *From:* E.W. Woodman

To: Dear Cousin [OO
Howard]

OOH-1398

Annapolis

Source: Bowdoin

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Annapolis Oct 11th 1861

Dear Cousin,

The bearer Mr Clark has offered to take this note to you. I presume you are acquainted with him. I wrote you about being appointed Major of this Regt & of hesitancy about accepting, but have now concluded to accept. I need a saddle & bridle &c. - not an expensive one, - and want you to get one for me on credit until I can draw pay. This is an unexpected call on me for money or I would not trouble you.

Hope I shall get a letter or see you today & learn what you think about the matter.

Mr Clark is a friend & would get what I want, but I had rather trouble you.

He says if you are absent he will send the things forward. If I cannot do better, I can buy a horse of Stricklan. Could I obtain a Government horse?

Yours truly
E.W. Woodman

1444 10/11/1861 *From:* E.W. Woodman

To: Dear Cousin [OO
Howard]

OOH-1399

Annapolis

Source: Bowdoin

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Annapolis Oct 11, 1861

Dear Cousin,

I wrote you by hand of Mr Clark this morning in regard to saddle &c for horse, but forgot to mention that I would need a pr legings, as I cannot get long boots here! Please send me a pair of large size. My leg is large. I conclude to accept the office after consulting with the Officers of the Regt. I am really sorry to be obliged to trouble you.

Yours truly

E.W. Woodman

[Written in another hand on the back of the page]

E. W. Woodman

Maj 8. Me

Oct 11, 1861

1445 10/12/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: My dearest Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1400

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.

Oct 12, 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

I think I have gotten all your letters and it gives me no little pleasure to receive them, but I am afraid with your charge of three little ones, it is too much to expect you to write so often. I should like my cape, when Charlie comes he must bring it.

I felt considerably disappointed today when I got a letter from Charlie & learned that he had but ten names from all the towns he has visited. Mr Caswell is here from Farmington & says that the enlistment of 50 men is due to Charles from that section, but he did not get them because they prefer the new regiments.

I went to Webb's last night; saw Mrs Webb; babies all asleep; staid to take a cup of tea. She gets scared at every prospect of advance. I felt the advantages of having my precious family in Maine, though at first thought it seemed pleasant to have such a luxury as Webb has. Neither Mrs nor Major Webb could be prevailed on to take anything for the stair rods. At last he promised he would let me know when he found out how much they are worth.

I did see Wm Henry Timberlake. I sent word to him to come & see me if he could. He has gone to Annapolis with his regiment. If possible I will go up there before the regiment leaves.

Mr Farwell says tell Mrs Howard she could'nt find a better boarding place than the one she named. He says he will let us have his house for a year for a hundred dollars, commencing I think in December. I am not certain about the month. He is a pleasant friend.

The Examining board on which I have been serving is to be broken up & Division boards formed for the same purpose. I shall probably be relieved from this duty & be assigned to a command, though it is uncertain for I have not been able yet satisfactorily to account for the delay in my case. Charity makes me impute a good motive & suspicion a bad one. Time will show.

You spoke of the check - did you get it safely? I feel sorry about the coupons. The bond-holders are doubtless safe but it would be satisfactory for them to pay the interest. I wish you had a safer investment & a better provision, darling, but I cant help saying to myself "Jehovah jireh."

This evening I visited Mr Fuller's - saw Mr & Mrs Fuller. I saw their son yesterday at "Halls Hill" & told him I would go & see his parents. His father is no longer Auditor of the Treasury but still lives here. Ames has a battery & has the promise of commanding it for the war. He desires to get young Fuller with him. I expect to keep John with me. I have never asked for him but just let him stay.

How many teeth has Jamie got? Bless his little heart he wont know papa from any other father.

I saw G.W. Smith's desertion of his flag. I did not expect anything different. I only wondered he did not go before.

I am glad Guy & Gracie read every day. Kiss them all lovingly for papa. Did they get the pictures? Much love to mother. I am glad she is well & happy. My love to Father. I fear age is creeping upon him. Life is fleeting, but Heaven is permanent.

Capt. Sewall is such a faithful Christian, that I think he will do me much good. I went to see Hillhouse yesterday near "Hulls Hill". The poor fellow has had the dysentery badly but he says he has written his wife every day without alluding to it. He is mainly well now. I tried to get him come in and stay with me, till well, but he thought

he had better try & stick to the field. He is a most excellent man.

Nothing new. Good night my love,
Otis

1446 10/12/1861 *From:* E. Waite

To: Mrs O O Howard

OOH-1401

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland Octr 12 1861

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I am glad now to inform you that the Coupons for Rail Road bonds are paid.

I have just collected those you sent to me - amt \$150 also dividend on the Bank Stock - Casco \$44 - Canal \$28 - International \$18 - Balance on deposit before \$143 - in all \$383. Cash sent you by letter 50 - Balance now on deposit \$333.

If you wish me to invest it for you I will do so as you may direct. I think the Gov. Stock is as good as anything offered.

Your Affectionate Uncle

E Waite

all well

1447 10/13/1861 *From:* E. Waite

To: Mrs Elizabeth A. Howard

OOH-1402

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland Octr 18 1861

Mrs Elizabeth A. Howard

Dear Niece

I recvd your letter with the draft \$72 - will procure for you a Govt Certificate for \$400. They have sold to the Amt of about \$50,000 at the Canal Bank - and are daily expecting more Certificates.

I am glad to hear that you are willing to trust your Dear Good Husband in the hands of Our heavenly Father. I pray that he may be preserved through all the dangers which he may pass and again returned to you in safety.

With much love to yourself and all the Children with your friends

Your Affectionate Uncle
E Waite

1448 10/13/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1403

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds, Oct 13. 1861
Sunday Evening

My dearest Otis

We had a prayer-meeting here last Wednesday evening and I must say that I enjoyed it very much. This was the first one and there were twelve present. Mr Gilbert continued to have the same warm christian heart.

John Keen's father-in-law & Guy went to Farmington that day to visit Rowland. Ella and baby are in Bath. Mother and I took Guy to the Depot and put him in the care of Mr Goff. When he went I thought I should go up one day to see Sarah, but it has not been convenient or good weather. He will return to-morrow morning wh Brother Rowland who will be on his way to Bath. Charlie is also going to Augusta the same train by the way of Brunswick on the new rail road, and I want to go to Lewiston to-morrow. I wish to take Grace with me, and have Guy join us at the Depot and all return in the afternoon train.

I let Jamie eat quite a great deal during the day. He comes to me so sweetly when I have been from him some time. He has never made a stranger of Charlie all owing to the buttons though I suppose.

I am glad Capt Sewall is with you for company. I think of Mrs Sewall often. She is going through my experience and I can appreciate her trials. I am also very glad you can have John to take care of you. I hope he will remain with you and continue to take good care of you for my sake.

Charlie was at Livermore Falls four days last week or since Wednesday. I would have the company of them both as far as Lewiston if I should go to-morrow. I will mail this letter there if I do go, so you will know, but if you do as I do throw away the envelope in my haste to get at the inside and read down half a page before I think of looking at the date - never should look at it till I had read the whole letter if Mother did'nt ask me "what day my letter was written," while reading.

I saw a notice in the Daily Advertiser that the coupons &c I mentioned before are to be paid, and since then I have received a letter from Uncle Edward saying he had collected them, and also dividends on all Bank stock, so that now I have on deposit \$333.00 besides that I have your draft \$200.00. I intend to make up four hundred and get Uncle to invest it in the Gov' loan he thinks that as good anything now offered. If you have objections please write me.

Col Gilmore asked me the other day if I would like to take one of the Bath Bonds (\$100.00) and let him have the money for it as he was nearly out and would like some to use by and by. I did so very willingly to oblige him, but I don't care to keep it although it is good, and will sell if anybody should want it. I payed it in your treasury notes. I felt sure you would have done the same and I like to do as I think you would in everything. I have Thirteen dollars of New Jersey money I cannot use here. I will enclose it to you. I wish to make up to them the expenses of our stay here, and shall in some way, but not directly money. Mother will want a winter bonnet, and now and then something useful. Guy and Grace eat a great deal of cracker and milk. I can get a half barrel crackers for general use at Lewiston and a few other things. I miss Guy very much. You did not tell me you were on "that board" till your last letter. Who are the others?

[See Note 1.]

Your cousin Howland Howard is in active service in Kentucky. His mother visited me one day since I came. Mr Francis Lothrop and wife called one evening about two weeks since. I have been <> where since I arrived here. (I mean <visiting> in town). The "order of the evening" <> now is "cutting apples and husking corn". Thomas, Isabella, Abby, and all the boys and girls in the family assist but <not your> humble correspondent. I got a note from Rowland last Friday saying <Guy> arrived in safety. He met him at <the> Depot. When they are at home, Rowland <cooks>, as he is left alone for Ella took the girl with her, and Guy tells him that he "can cook as well as a woman." "<> Mama can't cook a thing." Ella does not intend to return till next week I wish to

spend one day with Sarah soon, and also to make arrangements for a boarding place. I think I will board this winter with Mrs Norton. May not though.

I am writing in the "north room". I don't see but it looks about the same as it always has. There is a little stove and not the open fire, not so pleasant, but more convenient and warmer with less building fires. I got Guy's good long letter from you last evening with paper and pictures. I presume he will be able to read a great deal of it.

I think you ought to write to Mother. Grace went to Church with them to-day and to Sunday school. She was very happy when she got back. Said she saw her cousins and another little girl she didn't know (mind you she never saw her cousins before) and that they had a concert up high. She meant the choir. She is very happy "down to Maine". Jamie went to sleep first last evening. I took her up to talk with a while. She told me many things to tell papa when I wrote but I do not remember all, but I was to tell that we had a great many nice things - then naming them - pump kin-pie, apples &c.

Morning.

I am going to Lewiston because my tooth troubles me again. I shall have it out. I put morphine in my tooth last night, and I feel strangely stupid this morning. Better now than when I got up. All send love to you.

From your loving
Lizzie

[Note 1 The remaining part of this letter was attached to OOH-1485, dated 12/22/1861. The edges were glued and the text was unreadable there. CHECK ORIGINAL]

1449 10/13/1861 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-1404

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Oct. 13/61

Dear Brother

I received your last - last evening. Guy has been put to bed and is now asleep. He is very good to say his prayers with me & always adds - "bless Papa" &c. He is a dear little fellow & I love him, it seems to me now quite as much as my own little Davie. He has been at meeting all day.

Mr Rogers preached for me this A.M. Guy preferred coming home with me to staying at S.S. & I did not insist. He had rather be with me than at Sarahs where he spent yesterday & last night.

I am going to run down to Bath over the new R.R. tomorrow & will take Guy as far as Leeds or farther if his mother thinks best. My horse, whom he feeds, affords him some amusement - ditto my cooking.

I preached on Eph. 114 - "our L.J. Christ for whom the whole family in Earth & Heaven are named" - this P.M. Our little "family" has been sadly broken by Bro. John Titcombs death. How blessed to be so much missed by the Church of Christ! Will it be so when you & I go?

Our prayer meeting was small this Eve. on acct. of the rain. I married Mr. Wm Gay & Miss Hunter just before meeting (tell Mr Farwell). Guy went with me and on acct. of the "fineness of the people" was uncertain whether it was a wedding or not even after the knot was tied!

Hope that old Rheumatism has left you. Washington life is not so good for you as the Camp, is it? Ella is getting nervous over some fault-finding reports that she hears upon the Kennebec - & fears Mr Scott is a Spy! Have you been there any since your com. as Gen?

I have written a note to Maj. Staples in ans. to one of his to Chas sent here. You had stockings & underclothes addressed to you sent in Bbls from Farmington for the 3d Maine. Ditto Charles. Ditto F.C. Davis of F. of Youngs Ken. Cavalry. Now in the Seminary Hospital. Can't you find out what became of those 3 Bbls? We are about sending a package of Socks & blankets to the Dept.

Charles works like a good fellow in recruiting & if he does not succeed in getting many men it is not his fault. He ought to have a Commission.

With Brotherly love,
Rowland

1450 10/14/1861 *From:* Jas. B. Shield
Lieut C Co 1st Regt
A J V
OOH-1405 Camp ? Johns ?

To: General [OO] Howard

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp <> Johns <>
Oct 14 / 61

To
General Howard
Respected Sir

The reason of my not being punctual at the time appointed for the examination of Officers was caused by not being able to procure any conveyance to Arlington House.

Trusting you will not think for a moment, that I failed to obey orders.

I Remain
Yours Very Respectfully
Jas. B. Shield
Lieut C Co 1st Regt
NJ V

1451 10/14/1861 *From:* Henry C. Thomas

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-1406

Hd. Qrs. 3d Regt

Source: Bowdoin

M.V.M.

Camp Howard

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Hd. Qrs. 3d Regt M.V.M.
Camp Howard Oct. 14. 1861

Gen'l Howard:-

Dear Sir

I was sitting here in my tent to-day not having much to do & I thought I would sit down and write you a few lines to let you know matters & things went in your Old Regt. There is nothing of noteworthy occurrence transpired here during the last few days, with the exception that last night we were ordered to have two days rations cooked & were supplied with 40 rounds of cartridges a piece, and were informed that the rebels were advancing upon us - that idea seemed to enliven the boys and the universal wish was that they might come on - & I think that the (Third Regt) will do itself honor if it has not already. Col Staples gets along finely. Quarter master Tallman is under arrest for some misconduct, and Lieut Elliot is actg as Qur. Capt Jarvis is going home I understand. I know of nothing more in respect to the Regt.

My chief purpose in writing this letter was merely to ask you a question, if you will be so obliging as to ans it for, your humble servant & that is this. If I can be transfered into the regular service of the U.S. for a term of 5 years if I wish. You may think strange in such an idea in me, but I will tell you my reasons.

First I like the life of a soldier and think I shall reenlist if I can not get transfered. But why I do it now is because I think a person stands a better chance for promotion with strangers than here as there they will promote men for their good merits, while here if a person does not do anything but lay around the camp, if he is only on good terms with the officers he can get any chance he wants. However if I could have remained with you, you would have done well by me, but I understand you are to go to Baltimore, and therefore there will be no probability of your having this Regt in your Brigade.

From your Humble Servant
Henry C. Thomas

If you will tell me in reply to this if I could be transfered, I will do anything in return for you I can.

1452 10/16/1861 *From:* John Campbell

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-1407

Livermore

Source: Bowdoin

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Livermore Oct 16th / 61

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

Will you have the goodness to inform me what you know of my Son John W Campbell. He belonged to Co H of the third Me Regiment. I want to know if he was a good soldier while in health and what he said in his last sickness, if he said anything about his friends or if he said any thing relative to his future state or any information about him would be gratefully Received by his afflicted family.

If you will be kind enough to write please direct, John Campbell, No. Turner Bridge.

[Written on the back of the page in another hand]

John Campbell

Oct 14th 1861.

"Inquiring for his son."

1453 10/16/1861 *From:* T. O'Maher

To: My Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-1408

West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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West Point N.Y. 16 Octr 1861

My Dear General,

I could not close the envelope without offering you my Congratulations on your important command. Indeed I feel assured that you will do honor to yourself & to your Country, for it is a glorious cause, that you have to fight for, & it is the opinion of this Institution Professors, Officers &c, that you will crown your command with success, and may the Almighty, strengthen both your mind & Body on this brilliant occasion is the sincere offering of your old &

Esteemed friend,
T. O'Maher [See Note]

My kind regards to your dear Lady & the little ones.

Capt Gillmore is gone on the 14th inst. The governor of Ohio was anxious that he should receive a Brigd-ship. If you would, when it is your convenience only give me a line I will esteem it a great favor.

[Written on the back side]
Letter of congratulations from Mr. O'Maher
recd. 18th Oct. 1861

Capt Gillmore is gone on the 14th inst. The Governor of Ohio was anxious that he should receive a Brigr-Ship. If you would, when it is your convenience, only give me a line I will esteem it a great favor.

[Written on the back of the page in another hand]
Letter of congratulations from Mr O'Maher
recd 18th Oct. 1861

[Note: Timothy O'Maher, Clerk of the Superintendent of the USMA, and father-in-law of Captain Quincy Adams Gillmore.]

1454 10/17/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-1409

Washington D.C.
376 "H" St.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.
376 "H" St. Oct. 17 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

I was in hopes to have found a letter from you, here last night, but I got none from anybody. Yesterday morning, I went to the vicinity of Alexandria, to attend a Court Martial as a witness & returned at evening to the city. Capt Sewall accompanied me, though he had a touch of the rheumatism, poor fellow, which made it hard for him to ride.

When we got to this house, we found Mr Hillhouse who had come in from Camp as I had suggested & urged, in order to get well of a severe attack of dysentery. He has'nt let his wife know about it yet. He is afraid she could'nt eat or sleep, so with his usual self-denying spirit, he manages to write her every day.

I have been with Capt Sewall & had a better picture taken for my friends than the last. Rowland called that "PraiseGodbarebones" style because the artist caused me to look up. Today he told me to look up as before, but I kept looking at the place I had selected. I shall send these photographs by Mr Caswell to Farmington to Rowland. One is for you, one for Mother, one for Ella & one for Laura.

I was turned over by Genl McClellan to the War Department to be sent to Annapolis for that escort expedition, but Genl Wright made objection to sending me, as I ranked him, after he had been so long engaged in getting up the expedition. Old Army officers are a little sensitive about serving under those, who have been their juniors in time past. I don't wonder. I have assurance from Genl Marcy that there is no feud between me & General McClellan. I would not have objected to serve under Genl Wright, but for the precedent & the feeling that prevails that an officer is acknowledging incompetency if he serves under his junior in rank. Col Townsend advised me not to do it. Col Townsend is the Christian officer here. We have heard of him before. You will remember from Mrs Carroll. Dr Marcer went with me one evening to call upon him. I feel quite drawn towards him.

I spoke of Hillhouse he occupies the next room & is very sociable & quite comfortable. He sends his remembrances to you.

It is quite uncertain what will be done with me, but all will be directed for the best by Him who doeth all things well. What did Guy think of his letter & could he read it? I want to fill up but John has come for the letter to take to the office. I am in excellent health. I hope you & the children are well. Love to mother & father & many kisses to the little ones. I trust you are in the hands of God.

Affectionately,
Otis

1455 10/17/1861 *From:* Jefferson Savage
2nd Lieut Co F 3rd
Maine
OOH-1410 Camp Howard

To: Brig. Gen O O Howard

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp Howard
October 17th 1861

My Dear General,

It is with feelings of pain that I address you this morning in relation to our company affairs.

Col. Staples has detailed one Morgan to take command of our company after the protest of Lieut Stearns & myself against him. Mr. Morgan has been here acting as clerk for the Colonel for two weeks. Col. Staples sent for his commission before he came here and it has not come, to my knowledge at least. Can not you give me some information in regard to the legality of Morgan's appointment. In doing so you will confer a great favor on the company and save any trouble in regard to the detail as the men have perfect confidence in you.

Respectfully Yours
Jefferson Savage
2nd Lieut Co F 3rd Maine

Brig. Gen O O Howard

[Written on the back of the page in another hand]
Lieut J. Savage
letter respecting - Company "F" 3 Me vols

1456 10/17/1861 *From:* James Q. Gilmore

To: Brig Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-1411

143 Commercial St.
Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston Oct 17 1861

Brig Genl Howard

Dear Sir

It may seem strange to you that I should address as I do but I don't know who else to address. As a Christian man I write to you to find out the state of religious interest in the Army.

The question is often asked in our meetings as to the interest for Christ in the Army and no one can answer. Prayers are offered for our soldiers that they may become soldiers of the cross but we do not hear from them. I fear your time is so engaged that you [can't] answer this but if so wont you hand it to some one who will so that from time to time we can hear how you are getting along and whether there is an increase of interest or not and any thing that may be of interest. I for one dread the return of 500,000 ungodly young men who have been learning in the Camp the attendant vices and my prayer is that Christ may change their hearts and that they may become Christians.

There is more than usual religious interest here and we soon hope for a copious outpouring of Gods spirit.

Pardon me for this for I did not know who to write to and I knew you were a Christian.

Respectively yours
James Q. Gilmore
142 Commercial St.
Boston

[Written on the back page in a different hand]

Jas. Q. Gilmore
Friday 15 Oct 1861
Religious inquiry

1458 10/18/1861 *From:* Mrs C.A.S.
Sampson
OOH-1412 Camp Howard

To: Genl [OO Howard]

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp Howard
Morning of Oct. 18th 1861

Dear Genl:

Mr Winslow Chadie's Cook has been called home; will leave us Monday and I write to ask if George is still engaged to you, and you are not going to house-keeping immediately; if he would not like to come and stay with us until you want his services? If not perhaps he would come for a few days until we can get some one else.

A note from your brother Rowland a few days since states three Bbls of things for our Hospital is on the way from Farmington; with packages for you and Charlie. As soon as they arrive I will forward them to you. How shall I direct?

I made a nice pie for you Saturday and fried doughnuts for the Maj, and then you disappointed me in not coming.

Send word when you will come, and I will try it again.

We have four cases of Typhoid-fever, lost one patient yesterday, shall lose another today, if he has not already gone.

Hastily & Respectfully yrs –
Mrs C.A.S. Sampson

[Written in another hand on the back of the letter]
Letter of Mrs Sampson recd & answered - 19th Oct 1861

1459 10/18/1861 *From:* James H. Plaisted
Serg't Major

To: Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-1413

Camp Howard
3rd Me. Regt

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp Howard
3rd Me. Regt Oct 18/61

Sir,

I propose applying to the governor of Maine for a position as Adjutant in one of the new regiments now forming there, and should you think proper to give me a letter of recommendation to him I should be under many obligations.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James H. Plaisted
Serg't Major

1460 10/19/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1414

Leeds, Me.

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds, Me. Oct 19, 1861

My dearest Otis,

I am feeling very anxious to-night that you should get another letter from us before you leave Annapolis. You must be going with some fleet I am sure, and I wont hear from you for a long time. I don't believe, until within two weeks, that I have ever thought you might leave Washington and vicinity. You mentioned "a rumor but nothing came of it" that put the thought into my mind. I am happy you did, for I am better prepared for the event. I have been thinking of it every day since. I dont know what to think or what to write. I can only lift my heart-prayer to God and say "Thy will be done." If he will only continue to take care of and direct us, it will be well. We cannot foresee results but all is right when the Lord directs.

Wednesday Oct 23. I send the above, dearest, but it seems very foolish though, as you are not to join the fleet. I am so glad you are not.

I think it is too bad that you have got no letter from me for so long. I have written a number of letters but not to you. I hear Dr Palmer is home. I hope to send your shirts by him, three are all done the other three nearly finished. I will send your cape if it is not too much to ask him to do.

I cannot agree with Mr Hillhouse in not letting his wife know of his illness. I don't want you ever to do so. I shall be happy to get your new pictures. Guy was at Farmington when his letter came. I have'nt much doubt but that I shall be exceedingly thankful to have Mr Farwells house. It is a very pleasant, inviting looking place, and near Sarah's. To-day is a rainy day. I have a nice pleasant fire in the fire-place. Jamie and Grace are perfectly well and having a nice play creeping on the floor. He can almost get up himself and walk. Guy and I have sore throats. He is arranging to keep store, but I feel sure they will be no worse. Mine wont but you know Guy takes colds so easily that I should have to be more than careful. I took cold getting up in the night to see to Guy. Rowland was here yesterday, and returned in the evening. We did expect Charlie to-day but as it rains I presume he will not come till to-morrow.

A letter here from Bath to Charlie I presume from Lieut Wiggins says he has ten men enlisted, and some one else has two. Every body seems to prefer a new regiment Charlie will "scare up" quite a number but they will join finally some other Regiment.

Grace came to the table. I asked her if she would like to write a letter to papa. She said yes and was quite delighted. I enclose it. She did this alone with the exception of the straight mark of the P. and when she got to C, "Oh, how shall I make C a dot first." She is not writing another.

John Harrison's health is not very good. He has just got employment at Farmington in connection with the Rail Road - \$400.00 a year. I expect they will move there. He owns no property in Leeds. I will not write more at present. Mother has just come into my room with her work, is seated by the same table with me, sends love to you and is happy to express the sentiment you do in your letters and that your dependence is in the right source. All the children want something and I must close.

Your own
Lizzie

I hate to send this so badly written.

1461 10/19/1861 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-1415

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Oct. 19, 1861

Dear Brother

I have been waiting some days for a letter from you before I should write. Rowland wrote that Perry had written to Sarah that you have a Brigade at Annapolis. I feared my letter might not reach you.

I came here last Tuesday, taking the new route to Brunswick when I met Dellie, & Rowland who had gone to Bath the day before in the first regular train & was returning. We had about an hour there. I called at Mr Meryman's the first time since I came home. They seemed glad to see me and appeared as usual with the exception of considerable reserve on the part of Nettie & some coldness & embarrassment on the part of Mrs. Meryman.

Rowland said Ella was not well & strong as he hoped to see her.

I had the Jaundice come upon me at a terrible rate the day or two before & was rather sick at the Stomach then as I have been since. My skin & eyes are yellow.

As soon as I arrived in Augusta I called upon Dr. Briggs who has given me medicine which seems to have benefitted me. I think I am getting better of the disease but if I had not felt compelled to I would not have attempted to do business for a few days. I had advertized to be here. Got an office over Deering & Turner. Got a flag &c. There are two other offices. Lt. Moorhead has been here six months recruiting for the Regular Army and got only 15, same no. as I have now. His office is on this St. just above. A few doors above him is an office for the 11th Regt. They have got about 70 & begun not far from the time I did but they send men about the Country.

Maj. Eastman now in charge Recruiting Service here told me last week he would like to have me come to Augusta & assemble my men so as to establish a Rendezvous. Said he would have them provided for but I find he went away that day & has not been back to stay since. When 4 of my men came yesterday I had to make provision for their subsistence & lodging myself.

I have paid all my expenses ever since I came home & nothing refunded but I expect to get most of my transportation bills. Not being a commissioned officer I do not get <commutation> of food & quarters you know.

I have been boarding at the Mansion House. Col. Goddard boards there so that I have become well acquainted with him. He tells me he wants me to go with him & says he will speak to the Gov. about it. But when he finds that it is to be only temporary & that I am to go on your staff he may change his mind. I hardly want to have a commission to go in the Cavalry except for the sake of joining you. I was almost afraid I would get the appointment & then not be able to be with you. By accident yesterday morning Col. Goddard was prevented from speaking to the Gov. about it, & perhaps it was Providential, for the Col. has gone to Bangor & will not be back till Monday. He seems to like me & I think will ask that I may have a Lt's Commission but do you think I can go with you if I get one or had I better look for some vacancy in your Brigade. We do not know what troops you have but saw by the papers that the 2d Brigade at Annapolis contained the 10th & the 3d the 9th Maine. I thought likely you had one of these two. If I am going in the Cavalry & shall be compelled to remain with them I had better know it so as to learn the drill &c. I feel very reluctant to go away from you.

I saw Charlie Mulliken yesterday. He has the Chronic Diarhea & looks rather poorly. Is writing for Mr Baker now.

Oscar Turner came down yesterday & brought Dexter Howard who will help me some by staying in the office. I hope to get a chance to ride home tonight. Dr Palmer is at Gardiner. Wouldn't you like him for your Surgeon? I

see he is appointed Brigade Surgeon. Wiggin has 5 men. Wadsworth ditto.

I enjoyed attending prayer meeting with Joshua the other night. I was not well & tho't I wouldn't go at first but felt the better for it. Rev. Mr. Haines their Pastor somewhat expects the Chaplaincy of the Cavalry Regt. All the officers are obliged to sign the pledge before being commissioned. Goddard began it. He is up & on the ground at 4 ½ o'clock, caught a sentinel asleep by a manger the other day, said he should punish him severely.

People speak very highly of you in Augusta.

I hope the Lord is with you & that His Providence will soon bring us together, tho' I do not know precisely how it is to be done. Col. Goddard has not much refinement stirring, willful & somewhat boastful. Thinks he can do any thing he undertakes. Gets put out with the Gov. when he cant have his way.

My kindest regards to Capt Sewall.

Your affectionate Brother,
C.H. Howard

A letter or dispatch will reach me here.

1462 10/19/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: My dearest Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-1416

Washington, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington, D.C.
Oct 19th, 1861

My dearest Mother

I have been writing all the time to Lizzie since she has been with you, but it is not fair for her to receive all the letters, nor is it quite the same thing to read a letter written to some one else, though it may contain precisely the same things. And again I do not get any letters from you, as I would like to do, when you have time to write. Lizzie spoke of a prayer-meeting at our house. Are you going to have them there or round about from house to house? I am glad Lizzie had the privilege of attending, for she don't have an abundance of religious privileges while Jamie keeps her so close. Last Wednesday evening I called with Llewellyn Dean, on Mrs Genl Franklin & afterwards on Miss Paris, the daughter of Albion K. Paris, formerly Governor of Maine. She is a lady between forty & fifty yrs and much interested in religion. She keeps a store of tracts & books; very much, tell Lizzie, after the style of Miss Blanche Berard. She was formerly an Episcopalian, but has lately joined with the presbyterians at Dr Gurley's church. She invited me to attend the Thursday evening lecture & I did so & was introduced to the minister afterwards. I like his simplicity of style, & his faithfulness so much that I think I shall attend there when in Washington often, if not habitually. Last night Col Kingsbury, late Capt Kingsbury of the Ordnance, came for me to go to a prayer-meeting at the same church. We went but I did not enjoy it so well as I sometimes do. The remarks, however & the prayers offered were very good.

I am not assigned to duty but I have plenty to do in answering letters & in preparing myself for future duty. Capt Hillhouse is still with us. He is very weak & quite poorly today. Oh' he is one of the truest & best of men. With him & Capt Sewall for associates, I ought to do my Christian duty well. I hear that there are some cases of the Typhoid fever in the 3d Regt. Day before yesterday there was one death, (but I don't know whose) from that fever. I have got all Lizzie's letters I believe, the last mailed the 15th. Everything is pretty quiet over the river. The Generals are playing checkers. As Johnston withdraws, McClellan moves up & intrenches. The latter moves with caution & so as not to move back. I am sorry at the impatience of politicians. They want to drive & seem to feast on horrors. It is of the utmost importance to us, to lose no important battle in this vicinity.

Give much love to Father & the rest. I shall be glad to see Charlie, but don't yet know how I am to get him. I shall write to Dellie today.

Affectionately yr son
Otis

How do you & Gracie get on. Is she a good little girl? Guy is so big now that he can hardly help being a good & sensible boy. He must be kind & loving to Grandmother & be a better boy than his father was when he used to eat and play in Grandmother's house. God grant you His grace.

Yr affectionate son,
Otis