

survive again, ~~though~~ ^{but} I know he will
not shrink from his duty. It is such
a comfort to feel that this was it a position
try and our cause a righteous one, is
not? I feel as if every life sacrificed
was a glory about it that no common
cause could give. The soldiers are my
constant theme of thought, I feel grateful
to every one I meet, knowing how great
have been their hardships and from what
dreadful calamities they have saved us.

I must bring this letter to a close for
you will be almost to busy to read it.

Do get Robard or Ella or somebody to
write and tell me how Otis and Charley?
are, and all about them since the begin-
ning of the battle. Mrs. Sebble has gone

to the front point, she will probably write
when she sees this notice of Otis,
she has often said she meant to write
- or very busy here as she looks

Mrs. Sebble's sister Sallie. Miss Bernard has been here to see what she could
do about getting my baggage - she has ^{exchange} ~~been~~ ^{very} sick in prison but they did
not think he could live
if he was not released.
She has gone back and I
am afraid has not been
able to do much. I think
he has become very serious
and very impatient.
She gives very anxious to
hear about you and Otis.
I have my love to Ellen, and
and Sarah, tell me
I wish she would
write me with
love from her
I feel very sad.
I think of Otis' pain and suffering and
I cannot help feeling very thankful
he has been able to do so much
sacrificing his life. As you may guess
I have been looking very intently in the papers
for any news of Richardson's death.
When you wrote me Otis was
that and when I saw in the paper
day that, it was in the midst of
terrible battle I felt very sad.
Monday evening came the telegraph
toward was wounded twice in the
William wrote directly for him to
if he could but we had not the

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ing his arm. Yesterday afternoon came a note
in the "Refreshment Saloon" telling Miss - that
relation, Gen. Howard had passed through
William has since been down to the
"door" and hears that a Capt. the man
night it Gen. Howard's son had been wounded
the key and was with him. We suppose
is must be Charley. In last night's paper
also spoke of Gen. H - and his son passing
rough. You can imagine we are very
& was to hear from them both, we
old have taken good care of them
they had only ~~staid~~ here, as I told
as soon as I saw the battle, if
boy, ~~Relig~~, Charley or Perry are wounded
will take care of them. I think
is a pity Charley (if it is he?) did not
I suppose Otis felt as if he must
with you and the children and though
with me should have been glad to

have had as many as the house
accommodate yet it would not be
commitment to bring 3 children at
notice. You would have come as far as
cars could bring you. I only trust they will
not either of them be worse for their long
journey through this storm. Give a great
deal of love to Otis and tell him we have
thought of him constantly since he went
to Yorktown and how proud we are
I was going to enclose a little bit of praise
that was in this afternoon's "Bulletin" which
excited my pride considerably especially
as we are apt not to hear ~~as~~ much of
the deeds of valor of our New England men
as we should if we were not in
Philadelphia, of course my own especially
family pride was roused
deserved praise. May God
valuable life for many years
that he ~~is~~ not be