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Francis C. Barlow to Colt, Fair Oaks Station, June 2, 1862

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Dated *Richmond June 2<sup>d</sup>* 1862.  
Rec'd *Lewiston 2<sup>d</sup>* 1862, *via Ft Monroe* o'clock, *min.* M.  
To *Mrs C C Howard*

The General is wounded,  
Fear he will lose his arm  
he will come home as soon  
as possible. Do not come  
unless you hear again - Charles  
slightly wounded in the  
leg  
T. D. Sewall

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Head Quarters 64<sup>th</sup> Regt. N.Y. S.T.  
Camp Victory at Fair Oaks Station Va.  
June 2<sup>d</sup> 1862

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Genl.

I have the honor to report the position and part taken by my Regiment on the Battle Field in the engagement of yesterday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1862 near this place. about 7 O'clock A.M. we were ordered to the front. on advancing through a thick woods on the south side of the Rail Road under a shower of balls from the enemy Genl. O. O. Howard and his aid C. Howard were both severely wounded near our line. on arriving within about 50 yards of the enemys line we opened fire on them. they fought desperately being soon reinforced and the battle raged about two hours. both lines holding their position we then charged bayonet on them they falling back in disorder leaving their dead and wounded on the field. I then received orders to reform the line in rear of Genl. Meagher's Brigade and took that position about this time I was directed by Genl. Richardson to take the command of the Brigade. after this I ordered the 64<sup>th</sup> to support Captain Pettit's Battery under the command of Capt. R. Washburn as Lieut Col. Bingham being severely wounded and Capt. Washburn being the senior officer - The Regiment took position according to the aforesaid order in rear of Capt. Pettit's

Battery supporting the same - during the entire engagement the Officers and men displayed the most determined courage and bravery. Being in the hottest part of the contest opposed to vastly superior numbers, observing good order and obeying every command, numerous instances of distinguished bravery in Officers could be mentioned but where all done so nobly it is difficult to determine who done best. all acted bravely, nobly & honorably.

I am sir very respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Thos. J. Parker Col. 64<sup>th</sup>  
Regt. N. Y. S. Vols.

Head Quarters 5<sup>th</sup> Regt N. H. Vols.  
Camp near Fair Oaks Station 309  
June 2<sup>d</sup> 1862

Captain

I have the honor to report the  
part taken by my Regt. in the battle of June 1<sup>st</sup>  
near this place -

On the evening of May 31<sup>st</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Regt. was posted as advance guard. in front  
of the Brigade of Genl. French. Being very near  
near the enemy. we took several prisoners.  
and soon after day-break. an orderly. bearing  
a dispatch from Gen. Pryor of the Confederate Army.  
to Gen. Anderson. was taken and sent to Head  
Quarters. Soon after this my regiment moved  
across the rail-road. and to took post. in  
the edge of the wood. Here being fired upon by  
the enemy's pickets. we had several men wounded.  
The fire was promptly returned. and the pickets  
retreated. we were then ordered back. to a  
position in the first line of battle. but  
soon after. advanced into the woods  
again. when we took quite a number  
of prisoners. The battle had now gone  
on nearly an hour. when I received  
orders from Genl. Richardson. to  
move to the support of Gen. French.  
while marching along the rail road  
I received notice. that Brig. Gen. Howard

was severely wounded and the Command of the first Brigade devolved upon me Finding that the three other regiments of the Brigade had been some time in action and severely handled, I directed that they should move out of the woods and reform in the rear of Meagher's Brigade while I advanced my Regt to occupy the ground. We moved forward in line of battle through a thick woods and about three hundred R.R. track encountered the rebel line of battle and a fierce fire commenced on both sides. Soon my line advanced in the most gallant style, and each time the enemy fell back. The fire was now very close and deadly the opposing lines being several times not over thirty yards apart when about ordering another charge I was struck by a rifle ball in the thigh and disabled. Lieut. Col Langley then took Command of the regiment and the rebels endeavoring to flank us he brought off the Regt in excellent style carrying most of our wounded.

I cannot speak too highly of the Coolness, bravery, and

good Conduct of the Officers and men of my Regt in the face of a largely superior force, and under a fire seldom experienced by troops in battle. The loss of the Regt in Killed, wounded, and missing is about one hundred and eighty five men and five officers wounded.

Yours very respectfully

(Signed) Edward E. Cross  
Col 5th N.H.V.B.

Lt. Col. Geo. W. Regt. N.Y.S. Vols.  
Camp Victory, at Fair Oak Station Va  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862

General

I have the honor to report the part taken by this Brigade on the battle field in the engagement of June 1<sup>st</sup> 1862. After the command of the Brigade was turned over to me which was about 10. A.M. previous to that time having the comd. of the 64<sup>th</sup> N.Y. which was in the hottest of the battle two hours or more when I recd orders to reform in rear of Genl Meagher's line of battle, soon after executing the order I was directed by Genl. Richardson to take command of the Brigade.

The forces was disposed of as follows, the 5<sup>th</sup> N.H. Vols. under comd of St. Col. Sangley (their Col. being severely wounded) held the R.R. on the left the 69<sup>th</sup> N.Y. the 81<sup>st</sup> Penn. under Comd. Capt. Miles Genl. Edwards Staff held a position on south side R.R. in the open field opposite the head of the mumps. Column on the extreme left of the line, 61<sup>st</sup> N.Y. V. under Comd of Col. Garlon on the line of the woods in the rear of the R.R. the 64<sup>th</sup> N.Y. V. under the Comd of Capt. R. Washburn was ordered to support Pettit's Battery & took possession of it accordingly, The Brigade fought with the greatest courage & bravery making two successful bayonet charges driving the enemy from the field in the utmost disorder, leaving their dead and wounded behind them

Very Respectfully

(Signed) Jr. Abt. Sgt  
T J Parker  
Col. Comdg 64<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Vol.



Albion June 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Dear Bro. Oliver [1862]

I came down from home last night and am here with Lizzie waiting news from you - I will go on to meet you & Charles, if I can find out where you will be.

I would love to be with you - nurse you & pray with you - Our dispatches from Capt. Seneca are all we have heard and we feel very thankful that God directed those balls just so far from any vital parts.

Lizzie fears that you will start too quick - She & Annie are very well - Grace & Guy are at School - all well - but I haven't seen the latter two - I spent

A few hours with Mother  
this morn. She seems  
very calm - We had  
a delightful season of  
family prayer after breakfast  
trying to commend you two  
to the throne of Grace =

Lizzie says she can go  
to you, if necessary, and  
I can go as well as not -  
and have almost a mind  
to start today - but Lizzie  
seems to think it would  
not be advisable to do so =

We have no news from  
Bessy - I am at your  
at your disposal =

God bless & keep  
you both = Lizzie is surrounded  
by kind friends - Every one  
expresses great sympathy for  
her and feels affectionately  
towards you

Yrs. loving Bro. Rowland

[June 3, 1862]

Wash Dc. Str  
Nellie Baker  
White Mt. Landing

Dearest

I am on my way  
with only my left arm.  
Shall go to Fort Monroe today  
and probably to Rattones  
tomorrow. but may be I shall  
wait for a steamer going directly  
to N.Y. from Ft. Monroe  
to avoid changes. Charlie  
is very comfortable & so am  
I. And Mary & the  
children. I shall see you  
soon

affectionately  
Your husband  
Otis

On Nellie Baker

Dear Sister: 6 1/2 a.m. June 3<sup>d</sup>  
Left several with us  
and we are quite comfortable. You will  
see us at Auburn soon. Affectionately, Charles

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Wednesday eve June 4<sup>th</sup>. [1862]

My Dear Mrs Howard.

I cannot refrain from writing  
and yet I know not, what I can say  
in this trying time to comfort you.

Be assured I am sympathize with  
you and would that I could be near  
you to cheer you, but we have the promise  
that "God is our present help in time of  
trouble" and He I know will be your  
stay and support. I hope the sad  
news you have received of the Gen's  
wound may not be as they feared at  
first, but may the firm trust you have  
in your Maker stay your hand and heart.

How little did we realize when parting  
that our dear husbands were so near  
a battle, I have felt so gratified in

and pleased with your call this time,  
knowing that we should soon see more  
of each other, and I do feel very great  
interest in your dear husband, so he has  
been so kind, and so like a brother to  
Mr Sewall since his connection with  
him. You of course as well as myself  
passed a very anxious day Monday, I never  
knew so long a day and this state of  
suspense is fearful, almost worse than  
reality, I feel that I have great reason  
to be thankful for God's goodness in  
preserving my dear husband from danger,  
how unworthy I feel of all his many  
blessings to me, I have tried to leave all  
in the hands of God, but I have been  
rebellious, may God forgive me.

How are the dear children, I feel  
that I must come to you and strive  
to do what I could to comfort you,  
I have prayed that you might be enabled  
to bear up under this affliction and  
to say "Thy will be done". I learned

from Mr Whittier today, that you was  
looking for Eliza Howard home, I am very  
glad, that you can be with him, to nurse  
and cheer him in his hours of weakness  
and pain, that he may have to endure.

May God sustain and comfort you  
and may you be spared many years to  
lead life's thorny path together is the  
sincere wish of your friend.

D. W. Sewall.

For the letter:

Maria [Otis?] to Lizzie [Howard] Philadelphia,

June 5, 1862 - text imperfect, some margins and  
corners lacking

see previous folder, marked:

O. D. Howard Papers: Correspondence, June 5, 1862...

West Point June 5<sup>th</sup> 1862.

My dear Mrs Howard -

I see by this morning's paper that which makes my heart ache for you - My poor friend - Can it be true - I had hoped that your noble brave husband would pass unharmed through this our terrible war - Much as I want to write to you this morning still what can I say to you - Simply that I love you both so much that I cannot help sympathizing with you in your trouble as I would joy with you in your happiness. I do hope it is true that Mr Howard is with you. Will be a

comfort to you - to have him to muse  
cheer - and of the assistance of having him  
to help you bring up the little ones - I send  
his little God-daughter to him as a good  
substitute for her little right self - Your  
friend Mrs William Merrick has been  
very kind about coming to see me this  
winter and I have learned to love her  
and through her I have often heard of  
you - and my heart has been with  
you constantly but I cannot think  
of you as at any place but here &  
West Point seems strange without you -  
If my dear friend the papers have  
been in error do let us know we  
are all so anxious for you - Has your  
brother Charles rounded too? As saw  
that boat had gone through New York  
to New England yesterday - I must  
not intrude upon your precious time  
longer - but with warm love from us  
all believe me sincerely your attached

Friend  
Sarah F. L. Greble -

Here is the little ones for me - Father  
Mother & all desire their warmest love  
and sympathy sent to you -

Brunswick June 5<sup>th</sup>  
[1862]

Dear Lizzie-

I must write you  
a few lines to night although they  
will necessarily be very few.

You have been much in my  
thoughts since the sad tidings came  
to me that dear Mr. Howard was  
wounded.

I felt that I must go and see  
you but knew that was out of the  
question now that I am teaching.

Cousin Ed. wrote Alice that  
Mr. Howard would return home  
immediately which we were glad  
to learn. It will be such a comfort  
to you to be with him and take care  
of him.

When you have leisure I should  
like to have you write me how surely  
your dear husband is wounded.

Alice sends much love and  
wishes very, very much to see you.

She is in a very interesting frame  
of mind. is very ~~able~~ constant in  
her attendance at Mr. Hammond's  
meetings, talks freely with Christians

and finds pleasure in so doing.

We both of us felt at the last meeting that we could stand with those who love The Saviour.

I have given up striving for a certain amount of feeling and resolved to trust in Jesus and take just the amount and kind of feeling which God in his wisdom sees fit to give me.

Alie wishes very much to talk with you and Mr. Howard on this subject.

The work here seems increasing in interest.

Many of my pupils are seeking their Saviour and several are rejoicing in hope.

Will you pray dear Lizzie that I may have strength and wisdom from above to be faithful to those souls that are brought so directly under my influence.

I can write no words of comfort to you for I know that you have the Comforter with you always.

You will be glad to hear that the Students are becoming more deeply interested in these meetings.

Nothing like the present state of feeling has existed in Brunswick

before.

I must not write more now.

We all send much love to you and the children.

May God bless you all is the prayer of your friend.

Helen Parker.

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My dear Mrs Howard

We were truly grieved to see by the papers, that your husband has been wounded in the recent battle. Those same papers tell so many contradictory stories of the nature and seriousness of his wounds, that we hardly know what to believe, and are consequently very anxious about him. When you can, my dear friend, will you not send us, if only a line, to let us know the truth. May God support you both in this severe trial - what a blessedness to know that all things work together for good to those who love God, and to have the assurance that your husband is among that happy number for - "by their fruits ye shall know them".

Mamma, Ephie, Emily, all send love and sympathy in your affliction.

J A A

My dear Mr. Howard

The more that I think of you, the more I am convinced that your husband has been wronged in the recent battle. There have been too many uncertainties about the nature and amount of his services, that we hardly know what to believe, and we are especially sorry and surprised about him. When you see, my dear friend, will you not send us, if only a line, to let us know the truth. May I not expect you to be in the same trial - what a blessing to have this all things work together for good to them who love God, and to love the cause. And your husband is among the happy number for - if this point is settled soon then.

Yours affectionately, Miss A. A.

I enclose a little notice from the N.Y. Express which you may not have seen.

Remember me very affectionately to you! Howard and your children; with a kiss to my little god-child, and hoping for a line from you soon, I remain

Very truly and affectionately  
Your friend  
Naucho Berard.

June 9<sup>th</sup> 1862  
West Point N.Y.

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Augusta June 10<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Dear Friend Oliver

With sincere regret did I learn of your being wounded and that you was obliged to return home at this trying time for our country when the services of all such men are needed. - but Oliver that you have home and kind friends to come to who can administer to your every want is a comfort and a blessing that many are deprived of who have fought & suffered in their country's cause. I have often thought of you during the past winter & Spring and wished much to hear from you but I knew your time was all occupied too much so to read friendly letters as well as to write them. Your loss is great Oliver very great, but I feel your courage & patience are greater than mine to bear such a loss heroically. I wish

I could see you and talk with you but do not know even when to direct this letter. Still I think you will be at Leeds at your mother's and shall venture to send this there. I suppose Mrs Howard is with you although we have heard nothing from her directly or indirectly since she came from West Point. We supposed during the winter she would have been here for a visit at least. and that we should have seen her. — Your brother Charles I see was severely wounded at the same battle you was, and that he was with you, and near you, also that you & he came home together. You both have my kindest sympathy in your afflictions and that God will span your lives for greater service is my earnest wish. Are you in great pain? and how long do you anticipate being confined to the house? I trust we may see you at Augusta. and at our house at any time when

you can span time to ride as far. — Mrs Mulliken desires a kind remembrance to you and much love to Mrs Howard and the children. I little thought when I saw you in Boston that such scenes would transpire throughout our land as have taken place West & South but how little we know of the future Oliver or of God's dealings with us. his ways are mysterious and beyond our comprehension —

With kind remembrance to your family  
I am very truly  
Your friend  
C. H. Mulliken

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Dear Howard!

Dear Howard!

My dear brother in Christ!

How my heart bleeds to address you after reading the terrible news of your great sufferings, and those of our dear Charles!

We have been down at our little cottage since the 15th of May & have had no papers, so that we have not known what has transpired for a month, but last Saturday a boy came to our door with the paper that contained your departure from New York!

This was the first we have heard from you since your letter - I wanted to hear more & so Henry & I came & told us all the sad tidings! I could only exclaim, "Why dearest Father in Heaven! Why sever that right arm from the heart & head that ever kept it actively engaged in deeds of loving-kindness?" I prayed fervently for you that your life & health, soul & body should be precious

in His Sight, who takes cognizance  
of those who live for the happiness of  
others! 'My dear sister Howard!' My soul  
yearns over her! Would to God we could  
come to you & comfort you as you comforted  
us! We have been thinking of writing to Mrs  
Howard daily for months, to tell her of all  
our perplexities & all the goodness of God to  
His poor dust! We have, nomminally, a dear  
little cottage at Cozzens, not ours till  
much money, now in the hands of our  
Heavenly Father, is paid, but we can  
trust to Him, you know confidently, and  
do feel that if He takes it away, it will  
be all right. While we are in possession  
however - what could give us such un-  
alloyed comfort as to receive your & yours  
and your dear brothers & Ella your sweet  
sister under our little roof-tree? Tears  
streamed from our eyes as for brothers  
at the recital of your sufferings! I know  
how to close this letter, yet cannot express  
my deep sorrows & sympathy! We have  
waded through deep waters, but Jesus has

stood by us, though the tempter of  
assailed us & bid us despair of Sa-  
muel, my poor little Leamin has been  
quite a heroine, and nearly sacrificed  
health & life for me, & I have been a  
sad drag upon her energetic little  
soul & body - Every body feels the most  
intense interest in any news about you  
and I crave a line from any one to tell  
us that God is going to spare you a little  
longer to <sup>our</sup> dear little sister and your  
precious babies! Our best love & prayers  
to you & dear Charles, that God will  
restore you both to those who love  
you & make you blessings to the world  
again, good shepherds! Our warm-  
est love to dear sister Howard  
& Roland & Ella & the dear children

Again & again God bless  
you & all.

Yours very grateful  
and affectionate friends  
Leamin & Isaac Gray

Bowdoin College

June 10. 1862

Brig. General Howard,

My dear Sir,

I am  
mortified that I should have sent the  
circular of the Historical Society, as I did,  
without an accompanying note of sympathy;  
but I let it go as a part of the general  
routine of that service. I have sent  
a similar one to a large number of the  
officers from Maine.

Your misfortune caused us a shock,  
though when we heard of the slaughter &  
desperation of that battle field we felt  
thankful to the Bountiful Preserver of  
us all, for his care of you. I trust you  
may soon recover your health & strength.  
I regret to learn from Gilmore of the severity  
of your brother's wound -

You will always have a reminder of  
your personal sacrifice for the defence  
& life of your country. I have suffered  
very much with shame, & indignation  
as well as with anxiety during all this  
strange scene of things in our land. But  
I have looked upon it from the first as a life-  
struggle - a contest for the life of the nation,  
which has been struck at by the most un-  
caused & iniquitous rebellion & treason  
which history records. The war has  
been thrust upon us, & my feeling has  
ever been, that we must carry it through  
to the end; & my confidence is, that the  
God of our Fathers is accomplishing  
his own purposes regarding this people,  
& that he will not suffer this nation to be  
dashed in pieces like a potter's vessel.

We are enjoying a precious revival  
of God's work among us - & I hope you  
may be able, among your recreations,  
to come & witness for yourself what He is

doing. I heard that Mrs. Howard  
was in town week before last after  
she had left, or I should have  
called upon her - Will you present  
me respectfully to her - & assure your  
brother of our regard & sympathy -

In the hope that you may be able  
soon to resume the duties of your  
command, I am with sincere respect  
& regard, faithfully your friend &  
servant,

A. S. Packard

Lowell June 12<sup>th</sup> 1862.

My dear Howard

I desire to tender you my sincere sympathy for the serious accident which befel you in the late battle before Richmond, and to express that pride and admiration for your heroic courage, which your friends everywhere feel.

In reading the account of your exposures on that fearful occasion, and of your providential protection, it seems as though you must have been especially preserved for future usefulness to your country and mankind.

The loss of your arm and the pain suffered, can

receive no adequate compensation,  
but yet in that honest pride  
which a just cause and a  
brave heart engenders, there is  
something to be considered, for  
you will bear through life the  
most gratifying memorial of  
your courage and your patriotism.

The class of '50 has  
after all been distinguished, and  
one of its members will have his  
page of history reserved for him.

Hoping that your wound  
will soon be healed and that  
you will resume your accustomed  
health.

I remain sincerely yours

Wm. L. Garrison

Head-Quarters, 2d Corps d'Armée,  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

Courthouse, Va. 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1862.

My Dear General.

Your certificate and application were sent in, and have come up with Richardson's approval. In the confusion here the certificate was delayed, and Taylor requested me to have them copied. In that way I have come in possession of the copies I send you. Of the application I have no copy. Of course there is no doubt of the same being granted. I wrote the certificate for your Brother soon after the termination of his case. I have seen so many here that I have not been able to keep in my room any all the cases. I now write that he should not be here.

We are just as we were, nearly, when you left us. Advanced a little, and the main force of our Corps is to the St. W. Our Hd. Qrs. are where Kelly's regt was being the fight. Smith is in moderately on our right. There is no doubt of the

determination of the rebels to make their best  
fight here. We can form no idea of their numbers.  
Mr. Callan moved his Hd. Qrs. to Trinit's House,  
yesterday. It is said that Franklin and Porter are  
gone to Mechanicsville; the reason Artillery ride  
where it was. Genl. McCall is at the White  
House, and we hear rumors of coming reinforcements.  
The last orders here indicate an intention  
to remain still for the present. Smith's Division  
has been ordered to withdraw out of reach of shells.  
They are stilling as much as left all the time. They  
commenced this morning with three iron pieces and one  
bapt, <sup>3/4 mile distant,</sup> and for an hour they burst thickly about us.  
Since then we have been on a average very fine  
minutes, on a (one burst this month near me) little  
more.

Dr. Palmer is very well, and expects of resigning  
as soon as he gets to Richmond.

Kind regards to Mrs. Howard and the children, and to  
your Brothers.

Yours Truly,

L. F. H.

Washington D.C.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear General.

It is fitting and natural that the deeds of a brave, and true man, in a period like this, should meet instant, and heartfelt acknowledgment. It is left to other times to award historical justice. To actors of to day present consideration of their faithful services is most grateful. It is inspiration to him who receives it, and blessing to the giver.

Citizens of the same State with Yourself, we are proud to witness that Your signal Gallantry, and Courage in the recent Great Battlefield of the Republic at "Fair Oaks" has excited sincere admiration and eulogy. The thinned ranks of Your Command, attest no less the desperate character of the struggle, than the valor and constancy which sustained them, until Victory declared for the Right. A Son of Maine on that occasion Vindicated the emblem of his State as well in Conduct, and direction, as in the prowess by which his native Pine was

made to triumph among its kindred forests of the  
South. Happily does the device illustrate the  
qualities of our brethren in the field, Reliance -  
Courage, firmness, faith. Your title to the first  
distinction for these virtues has been settled on the  
great days of the Country's trial, and sealed with  
Your blood.

We sympathize deeply with  
You in Your suffering, and indulge the hope,  
that an excellent Constitution, with the tender cares  
of home, and the smiles of a kind Providence,  
may speedily restore You to health, and to new  
fields of military usefulness, and glory.

We are, Dear General,

Faithfully & Sincerely

A. B. Farwell.

Hiram Mayes

Brig Genl.

O. O. Howard.

Auburn

Maine.

P.D. Canonading is going on briskly  
I assure you. But we know but little  
of its true cause, whether the general  
battle is now to open I cannot tell.  
Gen. McPellan has taken the Fort  
House, in our rear for Wood's quarters.  
has built a good road over the  
Chickahominy above Croft's river.  
Gen. Burnside has been up to  
see him.

Adams Nurse Hospital near  
Fair Oaks Va. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear General

I was greatly re-  
lieved & very much pleased on  
receiving a line from you  
brother last evening. Consider-  
ing the long journey which you  
have made, the joltings & bittings  
which the arm must have had,  
and the excitement to which  
you have been exposed, I could  
not expect it would heal  
by first intention. Charles & I  
are know must suppurate.

I have no doubt you will both  
be well soon. We remain man-  
ly as we men when you left us.  
have a little skirmishing and  
some shelling every day. We

We lose in this part of the  
army from five to ten men per  
day, killed & wounded. I am in  
charge of this Hospital, and this  
is the principal depot. We send  
them North as soon as they are  
operated upon, and dressed.

This morning the Rebels are  
shelling us rapidly, but we  
have not yet disclosed the  
position of our guns. But we  
cannot stand it much longer.  
I think the battle must o-  
pen soon. Their shells reach  
quite to this house.

All who knew you inquire  
anxiously about your welfare  
and all are bound in your  
praise.

I think Gen. French was not  
quite pleased with your report,  
but since the Irish & Pickles

have taken so much credit,  
he has forgotten all about  
what you said. He however  
attributed your report to Capt.  
Senell.

Gen. Caldwell you know  
I presume, has been assigned  
to your Brigade. I have made  
his acquaintance, am much  
pleased with him. He is in reality  
a gentleman & a scholar. But  
I need not tell you that your  
place in the estimation and  
affection of your staff, can never  
be filled.

Please accept our best  
regards & good wishes, and let  
us know often how you are getting  
along. All are anxious to hear  
from Charles also, and send him  
much love.

Most truly yours

28 P.

Newburgh June 14/61  
Gen Howard  
[18-1862]

Dear Cousin

We read with thrilling interest of the battle of Richmond, and were pained to see among the list of wounded the names of Gen Howard and brother, and have felt anxious ever since to know the extent of your injuries. When we saw by the papers that you had arrived at the Asor House in a feeble condition, and fearing you might not be able to be removed to your home, we requested a friend in the City, to call and make inquiries concerning you, proposing, could you bear the removal to have you brought directly to our house,

that you might be among sympathizing friends and relatives and where cousin Lizzy could join you and feel at home. Our friend called immediately, but found you had left in a Fall River boat some hours before, in a critical situation, which left us still in a state of anxiety concerning you. We did not know how to direct to you, until we learned by to day's paper, which gives your residence as Auburn, Maine.

Will it be too much, to ask of Mrs Howard to write a few lines giving particulars of your wound and present condition, also your brother's?

Mr Banks family join with us in sympathy and kind regards for you and yours.

Commending you to the care of our Heavenly Father, who watched over you in the hour of battle, sparing your life and who is able to comfort you in all your tribulation, believe us  
Your truly sympathizing and  
Affectionate friends and  
Cousins

Phillips & Williams

N.B. By last accounts from Gen. Williams dated May 22 he was three miles below Vicksburg. All well.

If you write please direct to  
P. B. Phillips

Fair Oaks Va

June 17. 1862

Dear General,

Your kind favor  
was duly received today, and when  
I say, that I was glad to hear from  
you, the expression will convey  
only a faint idea of the feeling. I  
wish you could have seen the bevy  
of anxious ones at Hiaa Quarters, when  
it was known that you had written  
to me, all eager to hear from the  
absent ones. I suppose ere this that  
you have heard who has been assigned  
to us. His name is John C. Caldwell  
formerly Colonel of the Maine 11<sup>th</sup>.  
I cannot speak of him yet as a  
military man, but he is most  
certainly a finished gentleman and  
scholar. He retains your old  
staff. (which is proof beyond question

of his good sense) The position of  
the troops is about the same as  
when you left. Fullei works are  
being erected in front of our position.  
"Little Mac" rode around among  
us the other day, wearing a straw  
hat & smoking a cigar. By his side  
rode the veteran Sumner. John  
Oruel. Gen Keintzleman & others were  
also in his wake. After this I suppose  
that the man who dares discard  
straw hats will be liable to be Court  
martialled. The pleasant face of  
Mr Alvord is once more in  
evidence, and his hands are busy  
as ever in the good work. Dr  
Palmer is still engrossed with  
the cares, to say of the dignity  
of his position, is very sorry that  
he did not go home when you  
went, for they won't let him go now.  
The valiant 64<sup>th</sup> Regt has left  
our family, and has finally brought

up in French's Brigade, after stopping  
two days in Meagher's. In its place  
we have the 7<sup>th</sup> N. Y. (German); 800  
strong. composed of men who have  
many of them, seen service in the  
Crimea. ~~Darkness~~ <sup>Darkness</sup> prevails to  
a large extent among the officers  
and men of the 5<sup>th</sup> N. H. The 81<sup>st</sup> &  
& 61<sup>st</sup> ~~Regiment~~ <sup>Regiment</sup> pretty much the same.  
The Rebels drove in our pickets on the  
afternoon of the 15, and killed the  
gallant Capt. Sherlock of the 81<sup>st</sup>.  
In regard to the staff, but little  
needs be said. Miles the "Super"  
sports a new hat, with a solid gold  
band & tassel, rides Excelsior  
with as much grace as ever, and  
also exercises his lungs on the  
boy "Prentiss". He appropriated the  
Adjutant Generalship to himself  
on the ground that he ranked Lt  
Scott, and Capt Miles is now  
"A. No. 1." in all respects —

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Scott, the gallant Lieutenant  
sports a brand new Regulation  
Cap. just from N. Y. the visor  
making an angle of forty five  
degrees with the front line of his  
face. he ports the pickets and  
does the labor. Capt. Barker  
keeps up his former reputation  
of never drinking unless asked  
keeps his teams all harnessed  
from "Early dawn to dewy eve" &c.  
all ready at the first approach  
of danger, to take distance  
to the rear. Some poor old  
Commissary, still wears his  
Lieutenant's straps (when he  
wears any) with as much dignity  
as he can command. Following  
the prevailing tendency he concludes  
to spruce up a little, and his  
discarded his old frock and  
aft. N.H. Cap and in its stead  
wears a jaunty but "a la mode" is  
with one side slightly turned  
up signifying that he always  
keeps one eye open to business.  
The Bagnon is still well fed  
as usual, and I might  
add, well whiskied too, for  
liquor fire is now furnished  
freely to all the patriots -

You were very kind to mention  
me in your Report. My only  
wish always was to do my duty  
in a manner to meet your  
approbation, and if I succeeded  
I am content. Perhaps the corps  
of orderlies should be mentioned  
or at least the "boys" James the  
"sable song of the evening" is as  
funny as ever. He has of  
late "reinforced his pants" in  
a manner quite peculiar to  
his own taste, having in view  
utility more than beauty. Prentiss  
is the biggest town in the prairie  
and he is very chary of Capt Miles  
honors. Capt Small turned the  
"corporal" over to me, and I  
am trying to keep him all  
right until the Capt. returns  
which will be soon I suppose

as I learn that his resignation  
is not accepted. Your horse  
Charlie is a nimble as ever &  
just as full of play. He is nearly  
well. I told Capt Parker of your  
wish & he will attend to him -  
It is very quiet all along the  
line. The report tonight is that  
Burnside has taken fort  
Durling. The Enemy drive in  
our pickets occasionally &  
now and then send us our  
a shell by way of a morning  
salutation. Capt Horgan  
is well and as full of fun as  
ever. He does not come to see  
us as he used to. It has been  
very scary most of the time  
since you left. and the nights  
are quite cold. We were all  
pleased to hear that your  
arm is doing so well.

and if your wishes are of  
any avail you will soon  
be well. All the old friends  
as well as myself desire  
to be remembered to Charles  
May his recovery also be speedy.  
I am afraid you will think  
this letter rather a "running  
fire" but I think I have  
hit almost everything if I  
have not made any effective  
shots. Write again as soon  
as you feel able, but do not  
be too smart so as to meet  
with a drawback. I cannot  
close this letter without again  
expressing the fondest wish of my  
heart, that we may all be together  
once more, but be that as it  
may, may the choicest blessings  
of Heaven rest on You & Yours  
Yours Sincerely  
Geo. W. Pallock



business may soon be  
over, and our country restored  
to its happy condition -  
We are so anxious to hear  
how you are progressing  
that although I do not  
want you to weary yourself  
with writing, I hope Lizzie  
may find time to drop  
us a line just to say whether  
you are better or worse  
than when you reached home.  
With our best love to all  
including Charlie & pray  
that you may soon be  
restored.

I am fr. affec<sup>d</sup>

W. H. M.

Phila June 18/62

My dear Otis

I was greatly surprised  
and much gratified at the  
receipt of your kind note, which  
is doubly valuable from the  
circumstances under which it  
was written.

Your progress in left hand  
writing must be very rapid  
unless you have been practicing  
at it.

I have no doubt you know  
best as to what was good for  
you, but I am still very  
sorry I did not see you on  
your way through Philada.  
We were very glad to hear  
that Miss Pearson was able  
to render you some assistance  
on your passage from Phila

to New York.

We are all anxiously expecting news from McClellan as you may readily imagine and I am very sorry he is deprived of the assistance of such a good officer as Genl Howard has proved himself to be.

The sick & wounded soldiers brought here from the various camps grow, and they come to us in very large quantities and we have plenty of field for benevolent exertions. - our hospitals are all as full as they can hold, and are as a general thing well supplied with everything that can contribute to the comfort both bodily & spiritual of the poor fellows. - we hear sad stories of the

neglect from which the men suffer after every battle, Can it be that there are not enough supplies and enough help with all the immense resources at the command of the Government to relieve the wounded men in a reasonable time after they are injured - or is it a necessary evil which cannot by any means be obviated. As a civilian I do not think it right for such severe criticism to be passed by civilians on the actions of our War Dept & Generals and always feel disposed to defend the powers that be but we do hear some terrible stories of the neglect of our men.

We all pray that the horrible

Bath Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Sir,

Not wishing I recd. the following Telegram. Resignation disapproved. Extension of leave not granted. You are ordered to return to the Brigade. Sign. Geo. W. Scott A. D. C. I was somewhat surprised and a good deal disappointed. But I obey orders promptly, and try to do it cheerfully. May I hear from you in time. I leave this noon for the front, and shall hurry on as rapidly as possible.

I shall endeavor to get my resignation accepted at once, and I wish dear Sir, that you would send me by mail as early as possible a paper recommending my discharge.

Mr. Tilton my partner is about returning from the office and it is actually necessary that I should return to my business, if I remain in service I must sacrifice my private business. Which I am not able to do. Then I must not have accepted the position a surer with any <sup>other</sup> man than yourself. I must be discharged, or return for the present at least.

Please send me such a communication as

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as you think proper, and refer it to our H. L. Dr.  
I regret that I can not see you before I go, but  
believe May God bless him of you, and "bless your  
sisters".

I wanted to settle our account before I left,  
but my father is away, and I have not little  
money in my hands. I intend to have sent the  
amount to you the first of the week. I  
will remit it as soon as I clear my pay.  
Excuse me for the delay in this matter.

I shall write you as soon as I hear  
H. L. Dr. I can not bear to think of leaving  
them without you. how changed it will  
be.

Mrs. S. is feeling quite unwell  
to it. I trust all my dear ones to the  
care of him who has been so good to me,  
and my dear Christian brother pray for  
me. You know how much I need aid  
from God to keep me in the path of duty.  
Tell Chas. that I shall write him very  
soon. Give my regards to Mrs. Howard  
and the children.

God bless all of you.

Very truly yours.

J. S. Small

West Point June 20<sup>th</sup> 1862

Many thanks, my dear Friend, for writing  
and relieving our minds about your brave husband  
and brother Charles, we were most anxious about  
them - I felt I had done almost wrong to have  
intruded upon your time, and that I ought not  
to have asked you to write, for your every moment  
must be needed - our love for you all must  
be my only excuse - We are all thankful to know  
that dear Mr. Howard is with you - and  
although my sweet friend you write sadly I  
see you feel rightly - that our kind Heavenly  
Father may spare your precious husband to  
you and your little ones is my prayer -  
I will see that your friends here shall hear  
all I know of him - I took the liberty of  
sending your letter to Maria Crible and her

or two after its reception she has written as an-  
ybody about Mr L. and has been tried to  
Mrs Perick's door to find out something definite  
of him. I hope when Mr Howard is better and  
in fact all through his life he will never pass  
near us without coming to see us. Mama and  
Papa both were much disappointed that they  
did not see him in Phil<sup>a</sup> and Father would  
have gone down to N. H. Had he known he  
was there in time. I must not trespass longer  
upon your time. Give dear little Mary, Lucy  
and Grace and baby Jimmie for me - and  
with warm love to you my friend & every  
word for your happiness & sympathy in all your  
trials believe me ever

Truly your friend

Thos D. L. Goble

I don't write for an answer but only to tell  
you how we all think of you - but whenever  
in months to come you feel you have an  
hour to spare. spend it in writing to me -

for I shall always be truly glad to hear from  
you - poor little Mamie is sick with dysentery -  
all the rest of us are all - John has been  
ordered to Milwaukee - it takes him far away  
but such is army life -

Augusta June 24/62

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

I take the pleasure  
of writing to you to let you  
know how I am getting a long  
when I saw you last. I told  
you that I bought the Farm  
of Joseph Shandler, which  
I did, but still when we was  
going to do writing he ask me  
\$50 more then I agreed to he  
ask for the seed an the Farm  
\$50 and all he did but in  
was \$12,450 my folks told me  
that I should not by at that  
Price, so I have not bought  
at yet but still I think I

Shell by a Farm not far  
from this one it is cheaper,  
and better land, it is an  
Stillyanto Hill, a bout a mile  
from the former Farm, so  
Don't if you can to see me  
please call at Stillyanto Hill  
and you will find me there  
I am at present at Argente  
and shall go Home next Week.  
The Hundred Dollars you let  
me have I keep as good as  
I can and I shall spend it  
so it will pay me good  
interest. please give my best  
respects to your dear Wife and  
to your Brother Charles

I remain Yours most  
Truly and Obedient Servant

Salomon A. Holt

anxiety to let you know how safely and comfortably I came up yesterday must be my excuse.

My leg seems as well this morning as usual - I did not get very tired.

After mid-night I slept well - Had the best of care from Thomas (Rubin).

I met with no accident and only a few times was my leg hurt enough so as to make me aware that it was not perfectly sound.

Mother is well & seems very happy. Put me into the Parlor (to which I had no objections) in order among other reasons to have the No. room ready for you & Lizzie & your family all of whom we would be exceedingly happy to have with us whenever you think best to come and would enjoy it most. Knows Lizzie & you would enjoy the meetings. But you should soon have good ones up here. Thank

(if ever anywhere) visits with my Lord & Saviour in our homely <sup>prayer meetings</sup> in this town and received therefrom holy impulses. Much surprise came home with me last night. John "conducted" his wife here. - My kindest regards to Dr. W. Mrs. Lizzie & Miss Stetson. A great deal of love to Lizzie

Richmond Ind.  
June 28 1862.

Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

We rec'd on Saturday last, from some of our Eastern friends, a Lewiston paper containing an acct of your arrival home, also of your wound to the top of your arm. This is the first we have heard of you directly, with the exception of some correspondence in the New York papers speaking of you. We have written you direct Washington but presume you have not rec'd our letters. We saw Gen. H. spoken of, by a N. Hampshire officer, as the "lamented & heroic" Howard, & from that, feared you were killed. Accept our hearty congratulations, that you live is no more, had it been a leg or two, or your life, we should indeed have mourned, as it is we feel that you have made your contribution to our common country, in your blood, & it will sit rise up & call you blessed. I feel much depressed in looking over the whole field & feel that we are not doing ourselves the credit we ought, & our energies are not well directed, exclusively by a few, such as McCallum, McDowell & Hollock, & in fact, that we shall never succeed in this matter, unless the people & the Government come up to the mark, & are willing to strike at the root of the whole matter.

and the children from your affectionate mother, Lizzie

The freedom of the slave is involved in this contest, & a  
just God, will not permit this contest to close until his freedom  
is wrought out in some way, I remember your sturdy ideas  
of freedom & independence as they once existed, & if it mistake  
not, you suffered personally from the overbearing pride produced  
by the system of slavery, shall it be again visited upon us,  
as a nation? Before this war is closed the whole north  
will come up to the standard, & the evil will be swept  
away.

We sympathize with you & sister Charles, your brother,  
& heartily wish we could do something for you, as an  
evidence of that sympathy. If after a little rest & you  
have recruited your strength a little, you & your brother  
would take a trip & come here & visit us, we should  
be much pleased. Our country now is beautiful, & I  
would go with round the country, to Chicago, Indianapolis  
St. Louis, if you wished, can you not come?

Mother has written your brother, & it goes in the  
same mail as this, she must be much pleased to have her two  
sons back again with her, shall you leave the army now?  
... war will continue until the end shall come?

I see Maine has suffered, & he & some of his best blood,  
In this state we have sent 5000 men & we are now  
completely fine new regiments, the West is in  
arms, & in the mother, & I have no dividing or bad  
feeling any more exist between the East & the West,  
as united as they are self sustaining & divided, there would  
be no further hear in this contest,

We are pleasantly situated here & could make your  
visit very pleasant. if Mrs. Howard could come with  
you it would give us much pleasure. I hope you will  
think of this matter seriously, & if there is nothing to prevent,  
we hope you will come.

My former Partner Mr. Bridgman was appointed Colonel of a  
Cavalry Regiment, but on acct of his health, had to resign  
& is now travelling in Europe.

Present our best regards to Mrs. Howard & to all our friends  
& for yourself & your brother Charles accept our warmest sympathy  
for your sufferings, & our best wishes for your future  
welfare & happiness.

Truly yours  
C. W. Stickland

I shall be very glad to hear from you & Charles, please  
write as soon as you are able. L. H. L.

Leeds June 29 '62  
My dear brother

Aunt Martha said  
in her letter that Uncle Henry was going  
to write you and me so I took the  
liberty to open this letter. I wish  
to send it up to mail by Father & Mother  
when they go to church & I add something  
of my own after the Virginia or Army style,  
of writing letters on the Sabbath. My

Fair Oaks. Va

June 26. 1862

Dear General.

I write you  
now, strictly on business, not  
a bit of fun this time. I am  
trying to make up "our mess"  
account for May, and I wish  
you would let me know if  
either you or Charles, paid  
out anything during that  
month for the benefit of that  
institution, and as soon as  
I get the payments together  
I will consolidate them.  
We have been expecting to see  
Capt Sewall for a day or two,  
but he has not arrived as  
yet. Dr Palmer is as well as  
usual. We recd your letter  
yesterday. He is cordially

much annoyed at the fate  
of Brigade Surgeons as  
laid down by the new Bill.  
It suspends his functions  
as general overseer of the  
health of the Brigade, and  
Cardinal Wolsey now felt  
his fall from power. more  
keenly. Ergo, if I err not we  
shall soon have one Surgeon  
less, and Maine's one citizen  
more. Capt Parker has been  
quite unwell, but is better  
again. Scott and Miles are  
well. My own health and spirits  
are excellent. Things remain "in  
status quo", or nearly so. Hooker  
advanced his column yesterday  
something like half a mile, and  
the consequence was there was  
a pretty sharp fight. Gen McClellan  
visits us often. Gen Sumner  
and Fisher Dick are well

Mass. Dick, and the Baby are  
also here. Heard from Col  
Cross yesterday he is able to  
walk a little. Col Parlin  
is as rough as ever, and is  
now at Loggerheads with  
Capt Semmery - Col Johnson  
Connor, and "Major Harry" of the  
81<sup>st</sup> are well. Col Langley is  
about the only officer left fit  
for duty in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Capt. Davis  
Pierce, Burton, Perry, ~~and the Adj~~  
<sup>also the Adj</sup> Murray are all sick. Perry  
dangerously. Capt Long has just  
returned well. Capt Ricci has  
been back a few days, and is  
down again. Col Lewis is doing  
all he can to get me ordered back  
again. The weather is very  
hot indeed with cool nights.  
Major Marston is about and  
our vision has been gladdened  
with a little more of Uncle.

"Samuel's Money". for which  
we hope to have given him  
a fair equivalent in the  
shape of valuable services  
rendered. I furnished my  
Corporal" with materials to  
write you, a letter yesterday,  
and I suppose he will give  
you all the minor details  
of news. We were all glad  
to hear you were getting along  
so well - Capt. Tho<sup>s</sup> Wilson  
(our Commissary at this Post)  
sends his regards. Have  
just had a letter from home  
wife & babies all well

Give my regards to Charles.  
I suppose John Fortish is  
in closer now. He will no  
doubt be quite a hero in his  
sphere. —

Truly Yours  
Geo. W. Baccoch  
1st Lt. A.C.S.  
Honorable Brigade