July 2nd 1862

My dear brother,

I was so glad to get Lizzy's letters—our last night and the other night before we took the baggage of fruit, that I felt inclined to thank her, but it is all in the family and I there not know whether I am talking to you or Lizzy as I go on. By the way, I don't know who to thank for the fruit. That much I have not eaten. Also, I have not written any notes upon the table; I have so much to thank my kind friends for that it makes me demi-all together an attempt to express my gratitude. I heard you one day asking Mrs. Lobby of our gratitude for what she had done, and mentioning our great obligation to her. And I was ready to thank you for so doing. I received all the attention I care for me, as it came from a mother or sister—just as if it would be unmentionable to thank them however grateful I might feel.
I told John yesterday that she ought to go back today. I believe he began to ask about it the whole before we got her safely, and the more she asked of her conduct, and every thing was to go. Every night when he came in the room, he was: He was a good time to say about riding up to see the "School Master." There is no one to do it. But he is in the situation.

I think with better go to where she is able to get along quite comfortably without him. He could do it. Rollin Tolman set up with one last night. Have enough 112 left to come. Any leg is doing well. Discharge much better since from the outside. You may mention to the Mr. if you inquire. The news about the same - I put upon the stop, vicinity all day yesterday. There comfortable there to come more. Last time spent part of the afternoon with Mr. After Mr. was. Allowing. Mr. and Mrs. are coming. Mr. S. had seen you - the last time of last. Somers arrived before Sessi's letter arrives.

He was waiting for Sessi with his brother, over the evening, and had brought dinner from Calaphone. He has them arrest last night in the local, Secretary. He brought news of the report, change of our line. The advance of our left - but my chance arrived last night & I intended to met it when I have finished this.

When we get news of the usual attack, upon my right I take the line I thought. McWeller would there serve the left. Taking advantage of the absence of so many of their troops - But was it remarkable that McWeller's Brigade should have been sent on & apparently to the bridge from the left? How long is left. Jackson wounded? Poor Jack. Ours than Mr. Someone must die! The corps of Providence an unexample. You and I am sure we know not for how long a service in this world, I was in hopes you could come, I made it a visit with going anything.
Dear July 4th 1862

My dear brother.

Let me and my other dear friends at Auburn be comforted by the end of the day, the 4th of July.

Are you and your other dear friends at Auburn planning to be at the Independence Day celebration at your town? I would love to know how you are celebrating.

I have been thinking about the importance of faith and loyalty. It is crucial to maintain these values during difficult times.

I hope this letter finds you well and that your celebrations were enjoyable.

With kind regards,

[Signature]
read for dinner one hour after eating it. I hope this will always be the case. Particularly, today, I have made a discovery. I forgot to include meat for breakfast. Peculiarly, for dinner, I went to bed without any refreshment for supper, except coffee and biscuits. The numerous toasts accompanying each dish, I am grateful to have. That to amount up to the sheet, before you become disgusted, I had a very amusing communication from the Society of My College Class to announce this former event. They called to see me, and seemed so much interested, it was like a letter in the morning. Last night, your arrival was met with interest by me. I enjoyed the variety of letting upon the sofa in the living room that I can get a view from two windows into the living room. This afternoon, Mr. Hall and several came over. Some time been most agreeable to me. What the future holds, I am not told upon a paragraph in last night’s paper relating to the O. O. Howard, which I began to read, but really it was so extraordinary that I had hard work to understand it, and I could imagine what a modest man like the General can do with such. I trust they fell upon his mind like water upon a dry clod (to take an illustration very familiar to me just now) to roll off without leaving even a sign of their presence. Eeke came in just before eight. I thought my welcome rather strange with a letter for you. It accounts little less for encouraging bright. Another new book, excellent religious piece, to me this afternoon from the Gym’s Advocate. her paper. What I have written gives you the accessories to my happiness. But the main source I think has not yet been mentioned. The Lord visited me early in the morning when I first woke about 4 o’clock. If we have a dream and half a wakening upon it. I found myself thinking, ‘This our sentence birth day,’ I then praying, ‘O Lord, give us to-day a new birth’ and let our action be done again.” And pray I don’t dare to hope that the occasion of the new birth, if not before, has inaugurated today.
I am competent to say, Mr. Brown, that I have a
form letter, I appreciate yours. It is
sufficient. I am preparing the papers at
your request. The same day, the inspector
of Capt. Barker, if I have any doubt,
or perhaps he will come on. His letter
is not to you, but to me. He has lost
actually in your name and at the
time. Brown is not to you, but to
that collector, for him. He was not
know as his assistant. I shall get him.
You will be here with me, and
then we can prepare the papers. I have
expect you with me. Brown or Link
at the time. If I have to send them.
Affairs or the situation at not look
favorable, I fear the papers then
need a time. I am anxious
to hear from you. I trust that you
at his using the papers. Then
not.

...
Dear Sir,

June 12th, 1862

Gen'l. and Col. Howard

Dear Sir,

An extract from a private letter of mine appeared in the New York Tribune some two weeks since. It contains an expression of my respect and Christian love for you that you will not be surprised if I request your permission to christen my little boy (today four weeks old) "Howard" Merrill, in the hope that if he may not prove himself worthy of the name, I may be permitted to hear that your health is being so far restored as to enable...
I have the honor to mention in the Independent, and especially to learn that your brother is recovering, whom I supposed to be mortally wounded. Please give him my kindest regards.

My own health is now, after a long confinement, rapidly improving, and I hope permanently.

Very respectfully,

Jno. A. Russell

P.S. I hear that Dr. Wells, who took my place in the 61st, is reported a prisoner at Richmond, together with Capt. Greene, first wounded and having their legs amputated, also Maj. Byron slightly wounded. During the recent battles the 61st has lost in killed and wounded, including 119 exclusive of those lost at Fair Oaks, leaving, according to my report, less than 200 effective men. When I joined the regiment it numbered 775; all apparently well; when I left it had been reduced by sickness, disability, and death to between five or six hundred able to do duty. At Fair Oaks 419 entered the battle and at the recent battles only about 200 were able to use their arms. And the facts tell of the honors of war, and how they call, as if from the grave, for reinforcements to our noble army of the Potomac, A.M.
Savannah, N.C.
July 14th, 1862.

My dear Howard

Pardon the liberty that an old college friend takes in thus addressing you so familiarly after years of separation. You told me, I hope, rarely to reproach in the Rev. Mr. S. Southgate, the "Scottie" of old Bradville, but he is the same, only a little in growth I trust, in respect to mental condition. Being here on a visit to my aged father, I spent yesterday in Portland, and returned here in the evening. Just before leaving the city, I happened to hear that you were there, and be hastened at once to pay my respects to you and my respects to your old friend, Mady. And thankful appreciation of your noble service in behalf of your distressed country, above
all I wished to tell you how much I admired as a Christian minister in hearing of the faithful witness you are bearing concerning for the Blessed Jesus. As a native of Maine, a son of the same Alma Mater, and a friend, I am proud of your well-earned distinction among the true defenders of the Constitution and cause; the rights and the integrity of our dear country. But I am prouder of you as a manly, earnest, and faithful soldier of the Cross. I wished to tell you their face to face with you yesterday, but as I failed to see you then, excuse me for writing it now, as I may never see you again in the flesh. It is possible however that I may be included in your new command. Should you be appointed to you as your Brigade The news arguments now being made in our State. I sincerely wish in July or so. Nothing would
We have. I have expressed a desire to some of the prospective officers of the 17th Regt. for the position of Chaplain in that Regt. My cousin, C.G. Meville, has the appointment of First Col. "Bill Bottine" of college now. My wife probably be one of the Chaplains. These, I believe are from here. Both the Col. is not, and is probably in reproach to the appointments of any due to the Chaplaincy. If consistent with your position and feelings, and you have no better choice, could you find any application to me by a word of recommendation? But this by the way, it is an afterthought. I did not mean to trouble you by asking a favor. Thanking God for your noble example as a soldier and a Christian, I am most truly, Your friend & brother in Christ, Wm. S. Spratley.

Geo. O. O. Howard,
Leviiton, etc.
Farmington July 16, 1862

Dear Sister Lizzie,

I received your note & also one from Charles last evening. I took nothing from our trunk but the life of Whitefield. I enclose a letter which I received a mistake to as not to forward it to you at the time. I hope you can go to Ranger. One night to have somebody with him to be as good as a wife. I presume he will go to Ranger tomorrow. We pay at she as between Vaines. I hope you will go to girl Stevens & that also will not forget.

Delighted to have you = I hope a kind residence will protect you + Ellis on your journey and keep him from getting sick with his fever. I hope the religious & political men will cease him to the enjoyment of Religion & its duties + services on the lot at least. I shall always be happy to get a line on the of any service.

Go off the

Rondon

Give much love to Doctor & Mother + istead you dear little children.
Among my many new friends are the people of
mine & his. Mrs. J. Bennett,
Ethel E. Newbery & Banks,
& Dr. McFarland. When
we saw in Portland, I
wish you would mention
them particularly the former
to him. Thank all for
the papers & I often
the Governor speech as reported
in the Advent. I am very much
Ella & baby are well. The
both companies came last
night. Mrs. Better makes that
the very much help that you
& Oct. & family can spend
a little time with them.
While in both, I hope to
too. Particularly Sunday as
it is 25 min. church &
Social. Indeed is 80 for all
tonight & they will the 30.
Washington, D.C.
July 21st, 1862

Sir, Col. Horr. [illegible]

Dear Sir:

My neighbor & particular friend, Col. [illegible]. Has put some charges against the Federal Government in the District Court. They are mere

remains, in Council ordered by your

when you command may go up to the [illegible].

Some intimate with Mr. [illegible] placing all of the leaves. A number in

The Missionaries of St. Mary were

known here at all of the different

department. If you will be kind

enough to inform me what course

to pursue to get those leaves into

such a shape as will be expected

by the Trade Department you

will confer a great favor.

Very Respectfully,

J. S. Smith

Capt. M. O. Malvach

Star of the Pacific.
New York July 22nd 1862

General

Enclosed please find

A form of oath, annexed to

take your word written

answer Interrogatories

and Cross Interrogatories in

the Matter of the Petition of

Mr. Virginia, decent of Bush

Hill, Fairfax County, for

Compensation for Damages

caused by the United States Forces

from your

intimate knowledge of the facts

in the case you have been a

most important witness for

the Petitioner. Whether it

agrees with you will follow

the procedure moi-
cailed in the "context."

The address of the Club is
S. H. Huntington Esq.
Clerk Court of Claims, Wash-
ington, D.C.

Please inform me
of the receipt of this letter
and also, when ac-
complished, of the landing
in Washington. The devot-
ations and answers
whatever effort
you may make I will
immediately reimburse.

Very respectfully
Your obedient
Thornville, Kentucky

By: Lew O. Howard
Of course it is well enough to know such a man as John Bough and so I guess I'll go. If I do I shall have to bid you good-bye right off. I don't know "good-bye" means "God be with you" and I never used it in any other sense. If you can find time let me hear from you (at Bangor) as I can write so many letters there.

It is just your name and not your may be sure that you have in mind. Friend & Yrs in X.

Dick Douglass

Beverly, Thursday May 22

[Signature]

Monday

[Signature]

You see by the date that I am on the wing again and as I have heard nothing from you since I wrote some time since conclude that you must be very busy and: you will not object to receiving a line from your friend at any time - at least if you can like me in that respect. I hardly know either when to direct this to whom or what is it but will trust to the well earned reputation of your noble Brother for its safe delivery. You will see that I have but little to communicate that will be of interest but I do want...
to send you some of the good wishes from my heart which is always full of love for you, but one of our Massachussetts homes with Mr. Huggins for a visit, I am looking forward to your letter from Nantucket to Bridgewater, where I am going to visit with my Bro. until time to begin a "High School" in Boston. Hope you will be able to get the School in Boston, which you want to learn. I left Bangor the 1st of July and your S.S. class passed into the History books. Hardly know whether you would be pleased with the arrangements or not. I had another TIFF at the Don Godfrey's house. The affair about that thing but his ...
Boston July 28 62
127 State St.

My dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of addressing you, in order to obtain some information in regard to the state of the enlistments in Maine at present, & whether, if from the state of the war I am disposed by duty, to enlist for the term to be a good prospect of it, I could in any way obtain any commission as Lieut. in any of the Regiments from Maine.

I have felt that as I am situated, I could not afford to give three years or more.
to a soldier life, when then
wishes to go, but now our
Country seems to need every
man, that it will be at
the sacrifice of a business
just established. I am ready
to obey the call which come
from our Potomac Army for

"more men" if it is not
answer by the country but
than it apparently acting
now.

This is my first step in
the matter & I think if I could
get some position (having had
a few months experience in
drill) in Maine, I should
prefer it to one in this State.

It is with great pleasure
I learn you are so rapidly
recovering from the trial
wound, we are all some
friends to hear you had need
and I am only trust nothing
may hinder your speedy
recovery.

I must apologize for
troubling you in this matter
but by giving me the latest
information at your earliest
convenience, you will greatly
oblige.

Yours Respectfully,

P. Vaughan.

To,

Col. Gen. Otis Howard

Lewes.
Harpers Landing Va.  
July 24, 1862  

Dear General,

Your kind favor was gladly received in due time, but a multiplicity of earthly cares have prevented my answering it until now. The weather is very warm, and one feels languid at best, and it requires something of an effort to get up steam enough to write a letter. So much time has elapsed since the six days fighting that I presume you have heard from other sources all the news of any interest to you. Your little Pringle was as brave in the thickest of it, and as moral fought well as its de comprice, ranks but too plainly tell. Once deeming that retreat it since this army army from being...
The 81st, after expending every round of their ammunition, stood in their place and kept the enemy greatly with their bayonets. The 61st came out with 157 men and one officer besides the Colonel. Report says that Generals Caldwell behaved well. Miles fought like a perfect tiger. Capt. Hazard broke his leg the day before at White Oak Swamp with a Carbine shot. He is now at Fort M'o'Henry and is doing well. I suppose you have heard that Miles has been promoted to Lieut. Col. of the 61st. Dr. Palmer is still here but his functions as Major Surgeon are suspended. He is now
in the Reserve Corps of Surgeons since does not belong to any one in particular. He is talking about coming home. Capt. Parker sends all his transportation he does not feel very well and also talks about resigning. The former Capt. Seidells home yesterday but it will be next to impossible to send either Ayres or his home. "Father Israel" is away at Fort Monroe on sick leave and Gen French is on Command. - Rumor says that Gen Richardson don't care about staying any longer, his young wife and baby possess attractions too prone to be resisted. Can't you manage to get the Deivission. I cannot learn whether Gen Caldwell considers himself as permanently assigned to this Brigade or not. He has no staff as yet but what little there is left of yours — he is a very fine gentleman and a man of large and cultured mind come with the necessary equipment like so
doubt as well. Our Sherman is as well as ever. So Sherman's has been silenced and has gone to New York. Capt. Taylor is at Fort McHenry. Petlet is also around for 26. day. Col. Langley acted at Col. Cross is on his way back there. Maj. Cook has resigned. Gen. McAllan has been reviewing the various divisions this week. The President was here the other day and looked at the one. How long will this remain to be? I think is a doubtful question. The troops are all in position in the lines established and are now entrenched. The enemy are not within five miles of our lines. The officers generally seem to have lost confidence in McAllan. I think the politicians at Washington more to blame. Dr. Welles of the Col. has taken possession and a messenger to Richmond. He was released a few days since. He tells of prices of various articles
as of subsistence that seem almost

It is fabulous. We saw Lee, Longstreet,


to Mercer and others, and says them

as it seems to be but one sentiment among

their officers and men and that

have to fight it out and mean to


guerrilla. They account to have lost

as terribly but that only makes

side more ferocious. Mr. Atwood

one here, doing as much good as

ever, he has a little breeches

Stocked with his publications and

all kinds of delicacies for the

shack. We were all glad to hear

of Capt. Senate's appointment.

He will make a splendid Col. If

The Cen have a good Lt. Col. to do

the majority of the manual labor

and access to the gallant Colonel

We are sorry to hear that Charles

does not recuperate fasten-

I think he must have had an
ugly enough. Besides he is not very strong naturally. Sue my kind
regard to him. We hope the
Frencg air of Maine and the
kind attentions of loving hearts
will yet bring him up again.
As for myself, I am just as well
as ever, if you except one of Rob's
Computers under my ear. My ears
are just as numerous, and
my family just as clamorous
for food. Some of my friends
are trying to get another bar into
my shoulder strap, but I don't
suppose I shall feel any better
or have any more fun than I do
now if I should be elevated
a notch. God has indeed
been very good to me thus
far, to preserve me safely amid
all the dangers that have beset
my path. May that I loved
have been cut down in battle, some many more are languishing on beds of sickness, and yet I have been preserved. May little family have also been kept in health. The business begin to think that Father does not mean to come home. Poor little fellow, they know but little of the anxious thoughts that Father has concerning their welfare. To hear of your accident is but the least of my joys. God grant that you may long be spared to bless his name, whose love is your great Comfort. I am sure you have my humble prayers for your continued health and prosperity. I cannot. And I am sure I do wish to think but what you will yet be with us. Such has been
the house with your old Burgue that you would hardly know your fences. Perhaps the "Genius" Staff deserve a notice. Pretenti has risen in proportion as Mr. Miles' honors have advanced. Charles (alias the Corporal) has attached himself to the Commercial department for better or worse. Sports a pair of my old straws. and loves it even more in great style. George has nothing to do but now Mr. Scott is away, but enjoying life. This he lives to its fullest extent. Nothing disturbs his equanimity but Shet and Shell, he says, he 'can't live them on land'. How things if you don't get weary of this medley of writing in particular and everything in general I have been glad. Please write just a few lines if you can spare a spare moment.

Truly Yours

Geo. M. Balch
Austin, July 27th

My dear Otis,

I suppose you will think it almost like hearing from the dead to get a letter from you; for while the papers keep me posted on all your movements, I suppose you have not heard of me since we met three years ago. The truth is that the war without diminishing my affection for my old friends, separated us so long and so completely that we have never got back to our old relations again, and I doubt whether I should have been able, now, to write even were not except in my own interest. The truth is that this Texas is becoming a perfect hell on earth. When I came from the North after the 'break up,' everything looked promising, and I thought I had only to count out the last years of the war and begin life again where I left it, but things have been reaching on from bad to worse till now—Have you seen the report of the convention on Disorder & Outrages? More than a thousand people murdered in thirty counties in the last three years! Massacres, highway robberies, mobs, murders, organized bands of banditti holding whole counties in terror, and driving hundreds from their homes. Even here in Austin, the greatest place in Texas, three highway robberies have been committed in less than two weeks. The convention has been in session for two months without taking a step towards forming a constitution. The civil authority is a mockery and the military does nothing, while everyday things grow worse. Of course all business is frustrated; people almost
fear to travel. The country is overcrowded with professional men and teachers, while the industrial classes to support them are scattered away. Though well known here and with many friends I can find nothing to do and see no present prospect ahead. I write to ask you to give me a clerkship or something temporary means of support until times alter. I can send you any amount of recommendations from the former and other officials here, and though I believe you make it a general rule not to patronise your relations, and I am not very hopeful about the success of my request. Of course I write this in confidence, and do not wish it spoken of to our friends, for it is rather a humiliating confession to make. Of course I prefer something here in Texas if you have anything free at your disposal.

Give my love to your mame and family.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Heordan
Washington, D.C.
Since you were here I have read Whipple's life of Washington. Do you think I am right in the age like him? You know how he preached and prayed for the French wars as the same, dear Bro. for our dear bleeding Country.

My dearest little girl, and what we do for her we do for him. My dearest is speaking all the time to assure the people. Ableman (Bro) begins to hobble on a crutch. David grows a filibuster. Laws of nature hopeless. Her mother is as good as ever. I send a much love. Our meeting was well attended, but rather stiff. Among us is rather a few among the elders. Above thirty were present here. Yours truly,

[Signature]

Harrington, July 27th

Dear Bro. Hammond,

I cost light 2 cents if you win Portland very much. Two log copies last week the latter made up a clean as a producing "motive" if that is more elegant. But the point is I think if you very much as I do of the "Separate" hope you are happy but have no terrible demonstration of it! But as to you, I do hope to see you again in the flesh, you I have plenty. Mr. Hendley wrote me a note apologizing. In regard to the way you misplace, being nearer friends, & more jealous of my reputation. I told them in my remarks at meals at the Portland meeting. As regards
As a Chosen people - be truly firm - strong. Fight the last with us & take us all along some of our dear friends in that town feeling Jesus - the mark there - unlike here. Seems to have been stopped when you left, but the day to come successful if you desire to come again. About 80 are talking of joining the 3rd Adams Church - 63, there joined as since you were here. I have this week stated for the War - dear brother the best we have. May God go with them - Dr. Alexander - Wayne, Gleanen, how we are among the 20. Thank God that we live in an age when even Montgomery is preferable. You, dear people, for the cities of our God.
Berkley Va., July 25

Dear General:

After all the trouble, I have at last succeeded in getting the various accounts together so as to make up the memo for you. Enclose please for your file and you may send me when it is convenient to you. Carmo says that I have at last received the additional straw that I have to use for so long, once thinking that perhaps you would be glad I have ventured to sign your Rept. Officially. I have no means to tell you of any notes. The Army remains me a perfect qui. I have a letter from the "gallant" Colonel today.
Barker suggests that the storm "Cat-hance" as his first military operation. Grammes has been appointed a 2nd Lieut. and is now Adjutant of the 61st. Scott has not returned as yet, but will soon. Miles flourishes well in his new position. His only trouble now is want of recruits. I think the Doctor will resign soon unless he can get a short leave. My health is as good as ever. Letter from Capt. Moore today. He is at Fort McHenry and is doing well. The weather is very hot, and we are now troubled with flies. It is a perfect Egypt. Regards to all. God bless you and yours.

Sincerely from Frank
Geo. W. Killick
Capt of 61st Vol