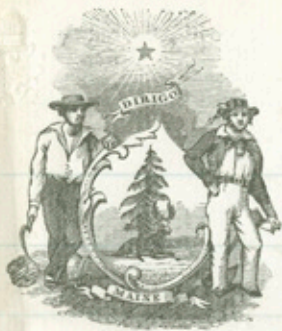


State of Maine.



Executive Department,

Augusta, Sept 1 1862

Gen Howard

My dear Sir

There are numerous members of B. Regt, about home with families telling all manner of lies about their poor, thus retarding & injuring the enlistment of men for our Regiments & to fill up yours. — Unless a stop is put to granting leave of absence to such men it will soon be difficult obtaining the requisite number of men for the wants of the service, as it is the recruiting business is greatly delayed & embarrassed & and more of pension in a lot of it.

Yrs truly
John L. Hodges
Adj Gen

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State of Illinois

Executive Department



John W. Brown

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There are numerous members of the
1st. Part. about town with their
telling all manner of lies about
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of course. — They are not
that the operating team of course
there is no it is known to all
I find it necessary to report
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the same is to be the result
business is great (they are not)
I find it necessary to report
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Sammington Sept. 4. 1862
Dear Sister Lizzie

We received
your note tonight & hope you
& the children will come
up Monday - Bring them all
if you can - for when you get
off as far as Augusta I
fear we will not see you
in there often - Mrs. Hamell
was here today and will
go to Augusta tomorrow to
remain till the present
disturbed state of affairs
is at an end - I wrote
mother yesterday by Hattie
Patten - but she must
have forgotten the letter - or
you never have learned
that Sarah came home
last Monday - Baby is no
better that we can see -

was very glad to get this
address & will write him
soon. Fizzie Patten is
with us. We are all packed
up for the war having meet-
ings every day almost &
will probably fill an Episto-
lar for 9 mos. this week. I am
to address the people of
Sting tomorrow. to get Volunteers.

We sent off two boxes of
fruit & bandages this morn:

I need not be surprised
to hear that Jackson has cut
off the R.R. between Baltimore
and Washington next. He is
very daring. Have not heard
from Perry since the 27th ult. =
His Brigade was then beyond
Washington Junction. This is the
most desperate & I believe
the last move of the Rebels =

now I put them down: I
am strongly tempted to vol-
unteer & were I in any
other profession I should
not hesitate a moment:
But I have not felt it
my duty yet - tho: I pray
God daily to show it unto
me:

Your aff. Brother
Rouland

R.S.

Mr. Samell goes to Washington
tomorrow. Will you please tell
Mother that we will leave
our cane for some time
with today. if we can & I
am getting hungry for a
Johnny cake

on the N.E. slope of the Centerville
heights. The next day I was selected to
make a reconnaissance to the
mount to the Little river campsite,
find out all I could & return. Be sure
& not bring on a general action.

Gen Sedgwick was to support me
with Sumner's brigade. We started
from camp about 12 A.M. Monday
and marched some 3 miles to the
north met the enemy's Cavalry pickets.
They retired. Then came their infantry
pickets. We pushed them with our

Stein missiles as hard as was
prudent. I went ^{then} to a skirting of
woods following our skirmishers &
was fired at two or three times, but
by permission of a kind Providence
was not hit. We found the enemy's
Cavalry & Artillery & their position
and then returned to our
camp. That night we waited under
arms, for our turn to retreat.
Started about 11 P.M., marched

all night, arrived at Fairview A.M. a little
after sunrise. Tuesday morning moved
off some two miles to the north
to Flint Hill & encamped. Towards
night three Corps. Sigels, Posters &
Sumner's started via Vienna to Chain
bridge. I was ordered to command the
rear guard. I had besides my (Kearny's) brigade
the 1st Minnesota, the 5th & 19 Regts, Regt.
a Regt. of Cavalry & two pieces of Artillery.

The evening began to shell us when
the sun was about an hour high.
Before the last of Sigel had passed.
I kept it up till we put a stop to it.
Just at dark we placed the Artillery in a
good position & supported it by infantry.
The rebel Cavalry came up in the
woods close by when the 1st Minnesota
fired at the artillery also. The enemy
fired just before I fled. Our Artillery horses
were frightened & upset a limber, broke
one main spring, another was wounded
with a Carbine & two more with pieces
of a shell, but none mortally. We

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COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY.

Dated *Washington D C* 4th 1862.

Rec'd, *Sept 5th* 1862, *o'clock,* *min.* M.

To, *Mrs C C Howard*

*I am well at Simallytown
Maryland*

C. C. Howard

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U. S. Gun Boat "Penobscot"

Off Wilmington N. C. Sept 5th 1862

Dear General,

I have been intending for the last few weeks, indeed, ever since I heard of your misfortune, to write you, but my duties, in part, and procrastination too, I fear, have kept me from it till the present time.

You must have had fierce engagement the day you was wounded. From the accounts that have reached me, I should judge it to have been one of the severest fights of the war, but you did nobly, and will receive the plaudits of a grateful country.

I have desired very much to see you for the last week. I want the advice of some good christian. I have entered upon a new life, and, by the grace of God, I trust, have come to a saving knowledge of the truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. — This state of mind has been brought about by no excitement, or influence of any kind, aside from my own conviction of sin, and prayers to God for enlightenment, and as I have no one here to commune with, and

there is so much I wish to say to a sympathizing heart. I have been induced to write you - as I have not only known you as a correct upright christian, but a gentleman of liberal views and feelings, just such as I most desire to converse with at this time -

One thing that troubles me now is creed. I have those feelings that would direct me to only know christians as such, without any reference to minor parts of creed, or "articles of faith". yet, as I feel it my duty to connect myself with some body of good people, at an early opportunity, and cannot fully, with my present views, and my limited experience, assent to all the points of doctrine in any, as I now understand them, I need the enlightenment of some person, who ^(as I) have no doubt, all believers have at some time) ^{has} passed through the same experiences and realized the same doubts as myself -

My whole desire is now to please God, and set an example before my fellow men, that may lead them to the same happy state of mind, to which I have myself been brought -

Dear General, I want your prayers for myself, that I may be kept in the right way, and devote myself to the service of God -

Oh! what would I give for good christian associations. But it is useless to borrow trouble about that. Per-

Our Father may make so worthless and sinful a disciple as myself the means of bringing others to accept himself through Christ, and I may receive what I desire when I now little expect it - - - - -

We are very pleasantly situated as regards our other associations. All the officers of this vessel being gentlemen in every respect, and so far our heavenly Father has blessed us with health. My health has very much improved since joining the Navy, and as we have a very healthy situation, I hope the change may prove to be a permanent one - - - - -

Should you write me, a letter will find me directed to this ship off Wilmington N.C. -

Hoping that you may soon entirely recover from your wound, and again return to active duty in the field.

I remain, as ever

Yours respectfully & truly
Addison Orel

Brig. Genl O. O. Howard
Portland

Maine

Head Quarters Burns Brigade
Sept 7. 1862

Dear Guy, West of Rockville, Md.

Papa wrote mamma a letter this morning, and was ashamed because it looked so bad, but he had to hurry too much to write well. His left hand will not go fast yet. Papa thinks there will be no battle here; the enemy crossed the Potomac above here ~~about~~ about 16 miles and have probably gone another way. We formed 3 miles lines with our troops & waited for the enemy, but he concluded not to come. Papa wishes uncle Charlie would come if he is well, and his horse "charlie" has not yet come. The horse "Tige" from Mr Addison is a beautiful and kind one. He generally draws the wagon, but papa rode him on the reconnaissance at Centreville. Papa found the horse of Gen Burns here and has ridden him most of the time. Papa has never ridden in the wagon since he left Washington. John Ivory & Mr Packard ride in the wagon, carry

Provisions & bedding & valises. The shafts have
both been broken short off by some unruly
mules, but papa bought new ones & had
them put in. Papa is now in Gen. Sedgwick's
Division: His regiments are:

69th Penn. Col. Owen
71st Penn. Col. Wister
72^d Penn. Col. Baxter
106th Penn. Col. Morehead

Give much love to Gracie. Papa will
write her the next letter. Love to all.
God is very good to me my son. I am well.
Be very kind to your precious Mamma -
much love to Grandpa & Grandma

Sept 8^m all well today - no letters -
Your affectionate Father
O. M. Mowbray

Home in a winter way
 of Kentville N.S.
 Sunday 7 Sept 1882

Dear

I am well & have
 been very much pained in so little
 that I think little of it. We planned
 him to visit the evening but he did
 not come yesterday. And will be
 with us & you - Miss Mary Grace &
 Annie. I wish he could have this
 suitable "paper" to play with.
 I intended to have printed
 a letter to Miss Grace but
 have not yet got a chance.

Much love
 Wm. H. H. H. H.
 City

Much love to Father & Mother.
 I saw Mrs. Kern & her son at
 Kentville. well & looking healthy.
 W. Whittington is on his way from
 Washington. Has not arrived.

Sept 8 1862

Head Quarters Howard's Brigade.

Sept. 8, 1862.

Near Rockville Md.

Dear Gracie

Papa wrote Guy a letter yesterday and must fulfill his promise to his little daughter to write her next. Papa is quite well to night. He is in a tent, has a camp-bedstead, a good mattress, blanket, rubber blanket. Papa has on his dressing gown and slippers. The weather is very warm and so papa keeps his tent front up. Uncle Charlie has not yet come up. Mr Whittlesey came to me with the black horse last Friday. Went away to Washington saying he should be back the next day but he did not come. There are a great many men here. General McClellan is only about a mile away. Papa is 20 miles from Washington. Can Gracie tell where her passage of Scripture is: "Love one another". Much love to dearest Mamma, Granama, Guy, Grandpa, Jamie & Isabella. Her brother is not near me now. I will find him when I get a chance. Good night to all. Your affectionate Father
O. B. Brown

My dear wife

I received your first kind letter tonight directed to ~~my~~ corner of 12 & K Washington. I got very weary going on, but felt quite rested when I joined Gen Sherman at Ayrton Creek. But I never underwent harder campaigning in my life than I did till I got to Tenally Town, sleeping on the ground, marching nearly all night for two or three nights in succession, taking what I could catch ~~where~~ I could catch it, and added to this the responsibility of important commands of troops new to me. and yet I was perfectly well, rode my horse, scolded stragglers, rallied men in ~~front~~ & watched the enemy every which way as well as if I had two arms. I have been greatly helped and helped I feel thankful to God for his goodness. After I got to ~~the~~ Centerville I came to the conclusion that General Pope lacked some of the first principles of a good General. I am heartily glad we are back to McAllister. He will not throw us away through sheer incompetency. He is the only man yet who has the love & confidence of this entire army. I don't see where Sherman or Whittier are. My

horse "Tige" is a nice one. I doubt not the other will suit me well enough. I can ride as well as I ever could and find no difficulty in managing horses. We do not go faster than a walk often. Gen Sumner called me up and said last night that he should have given me the new division just formed, but he heard that I said I would rather have a brigade in Gen Sedgwick's division so he gave it to Gen French. I did intimate something of the kind that I feared increased responsibility just now. but I was quite disappointed after all when I found it given away. I was not asked to take it. Now I feel it is all for the best. God knows what is best proper for me. I do hope I am with keep up some sort of a recollection of his paper. Tell my paper would love to resign & go home, but the dear little fellow with one day's joy that paper did not resign in this dark hour of his country. Much love & many kisses from your mother who is very
very well. how is she?
affectionately
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West Iron Range Brigade

Sept 10 1862

Dearest

Middlebrook Ind.

We took up the march yesterday at 12 noon proceeded by a crop road to the road to Frederick and then advanced five or six miles to Middlebrook. There are now but four houses here. Yet there is a very nice brook which probably gives rise to the name of the place. Chas. & Benjamin the now Scally Whittier arrived in camp just before the march yesterday. I was glad enough to see them. We have our camp to the right and a little to the rear of my line. have our tents up. Yesterday Charles & "Tige" put the black horse in the harness. Both work well. I expect my horse "Frankie" up today. Capt. Barker is quite sick in Alexandria & has not got his horses up with the division yet. Gen. McCallum is

now with the army in the field. We cannot help
feeling well about the matter. His
justifications saved Washington & his
system gives us something to hope
for - and for some indescribable reason
the army loves him. Tope's ratches
cause has brought McCallum's caution
into good repute. (Wednesday) After
breakfast. Lehas is still a little
lame. It troubles him to walk but
not to ride. We have just got the order
to march to Damascus, a place
this side of "Ford's Creek". I don't know
how far it is but not more than
ten miles at the outside. Give much
love to Lucy. I printed him a letter &
the next day one to Grace. I should
expect an answer to both. Hugh
Charlie has Janie's burning stuf. Tope
is now looking at it - while Charlie is
writing his name on it so as not to lose
it. Much love to little daughter & to Janie
with kisses. Tope mother is well
& also father. It takes a good while

Charlie, for a letter to get to me. I
hope it ~~will~~ ^{is} not so with you. My
letters are probably not so delayed.
I find I write now with comparative
ease, though not yet very fast. My
arm does not ache very much. I find
no difficulty in riding or in mounting.
I have taken her back and as my
private secretary and shall have
him write all other letters but your
& those that I don't want
inspected except by the one
written to. You must tell Lucy that
the Lord is Papa's shepherd &
Papa will not worry. The whole
army is pressing up the river and
so I suppose the rebels are ahead of
us in force. Goodbye my precious
wife till the next camp. And will
soon see you as

Yr Aff. husband
Otis

Portland Sept 10th 1862

Mrs Lizzie Howard

Dear Mine

Your letter of 4th inst
was recd last Evening - we were
very glad to hear from you
and learn that you and the
Children were well - and that you
had just recd news from your dear
Husband - I pray that he may be pre-
served to return again to his home and
his family in safety -

Should you conclude to come to
Portland to purchase your furniture
and carpets - we should be pleased
to assist you in any way we could
if you should need the money due
from me - you can have it as well
as not - we are all quite well
with love to your self and Children

Your Affectionate Uncle
E. Waite

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Boston Sept 10 to 1852
Mr. Lizzie Benson
Dear Sir

From letter of 4th inst
was never lost business. we were
very glad to hear from you
and learn that you and the
children were well - and that you
had just received news from your dear
husband - I pray that he may be per-
mitted to return again to his home and
his family in safety -
Should you conclude to come to
Boston to purchase your furniture
and carpets we should be pleased
to assist you in any way we could
if you should wish the money
from me - you can have it as well
as not - we are all quite well
with love to yourself and children
for Affectionate Uncle
J. W. May

Hamington Sept. 17/62

Dear Sister Lizzie

not hearing
from you Monday I hesitated
about sending your goods
but finally concluded to
send them to the Depot
yesterday & they will start
for Augusta this morn.

Gey is having a nice
time & has not decided
whether he will go
home with Grandma to-
day or not. What note
a little in his letter
received last night on
last Sunday morn. just
before the battle. They were
as well as usual then.
In haste Sub. affly. Yours
Rowland

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My dear friend
I have been thinking of you
very much lately and
wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you
are well and happy. I
am well at present and
hope these few lines
will find you the same.
I have not much news
to write at present.
I am, my dear friend,
very truly yours,
Your affectionate friend,
John Smith

finished, I did not notice the Post mark.
Wednesday and I got it at Leeds the
following Monday, the day before I
came down here. I know I must
have another one there by this time.
I am glad I came to Mrs. Lennox's. I find
it very quiet and pleasant. I have
been to supper since writing the above and
I will now finish my letter. I have been
reading "Hymns of the Ages" to-day. they are
perfect gems. I don't suppose you have much
time for reading. I do want a letter from
you very much. I wrote to Leeds yesterday
to have them send me letters from you if there
were any. I don't want you to think I am
working hard. I have been here since Wed.
and yesterday was the first day I had worked
any. I unpacked dishes. other days I looked
on merely and told what I wanted done.
Before this letter reaches you the house will be
I trust in quite good order. So do not
dearest, please have any anxiety about me.
but take care of yourself if only for my sake.
Lizzie

I don't suppose you have much time for reading.

Augusta Sept. 21st 1862.

Dearest.

It is now just four o'clock Sunday
afternoon. I went to church this morning
with Mrs. Hinson. but it is such a long
walk I thought I would not try to go the
second time. I did not get the telegram
you sent me but saw it in the Lewiston
journal which did as well. I suppose it
went to Leeds and was not remailed to me.
I shall get it the first of the week and I
hope a letter with it. you may continue
to send letters to Leeds. I shall be there
myself the last of this week and after that
I shall go to Portland and back to Leeds
before taking the children here. I have been
thinking all day how thankful I ought to
be to hear good news from you. for all do not
get good news. I am at Mrs. Lennox's, and
from my window I can look directly over to

the Arsenal. I recall with pleasure our stay there, how we walked over the grounds, and fished from the dock, and Mallett, and the little black pony, and 'old Ben' we have had many rides after them all. I remember how often you used to come up into my chamber to see little Guy, and tell him who injured about him 'over the river' and called him the young Lieut. But that wasn't war times, if it was all the battles were fought at home. I saw Miss Susan Brooks on the street. Everybody here is very kind and attentive to me, ready to help me in any way. Charles Chalkin brought me home to tea last evening. I was very tired as I had been at the house all day, then I had to go down town, and as I was passing his store and the house was there I told him a ride would be a great blessing. Gen Howard on went home in the train to Bangor. His wife, daughter and little son will spend the winter here. His daughter was engaged to Doctor Fessenden.

Some that was killed lately. They attended his funeral in Portland. Rev Mr McHenry^{nie}? who preaches in Mr Webb's church buried his mother last week. Rev. Whitlock Craig (Dr Briggs son-in-law) preached today. Didn't we meet one of Dr Briggs son-in-law on board the Boston ^{boat} once, and was he not a Unitarian then? I am under that impression. I have torn out this paragraph and enclose it to let you know this is the only thing I have seen published of Sedgwick's division - not very comforting. But your dispatch makes it all right. I am very anxious to get a letter from you. I think you must have had a very hard time since you have been in the field this time. I know you have had hard, responsible and exposed positions. I am anxious to learn how you stand it. I hope Charlie is quite well by this time. Much love to him. I haven't written to you very often of late. I must try to do better. Your letters are not long in reaching me. Yours last received was mailed, or rather was

first intended, but will say I was rejoiced that I had the privilege of meeting with so many good praying people and to be one to join in prayer for every to Almighty God for every good work. Howland took part in all the prayer meeting. He expressed his admiration of the sermons Mr. Howe the ^{Baptist minister from Augusta} ~~new Baptist~~ ^{preached one} from that Waterville one, then the next one and the Baptist minister from Fayette one, one hour for prayer for our country. Particularly, was taken up, in which Howland took part Thursday morning. Oh it must be that God has a people here on earth that are taught by his Spirit, when will they prevail, Lizzie has not returned from Augusta yet. Sabbath evening I have been out to church to day. The Reverend Mr. Fogg an old Baptist minister preached in the morning his sermon reminded me of Mr. Rogers of ^{the town} he dwelt much on the love of God, it was very interesting to me. Mr. Chapen was very interesting this P.M. Grace attended church with me, I left Guy at Farmington he was very anxious to stop and his uncle and aunt and Lizzie Patten, all were desirous to have him stay, in Lizzie's last letter to Grace said she should go to Farmington in the stage and take Guy home with her. Lizzie is trying to talk everything is perfectly healthy. I was glad you mentioned George Bates in your letter, Augustus Perkins's son by Perkins's daughter died last Monday with diphtheria a short sickness of a few days.

Brooklyn and placed her little ones in the lot with her husband with much love. Tell her I share to your help & remembrance of the other side. Mother. Blessings on Charles Howland. I'm glad to hear you are good now. September. I have been a beautiful month all kinds of vegetables are when they grow nice by tomatoes money men to me. C. Howland. Dear Son, I have reason to return thanks to God, that my sons have been saved from the terrible weapons of war while so many have fallen a sacrifice to this awful rebellion. I have received your good and long letter finished on the Sabbath at the commencement of the last week, battles, Otis's dispatch has reached us, so that we know you are both safe. I have written to Rodolphus this evening and shall not attempt only a beginning of your's, I was at Farmington when I received ^{your} letter as you anticipated so that we enjoyed to gether Monday eve I went to ~~the~~ the Association commenced its session Tues 2 o'clock P.M. when I went into the church the services had commenced there was a Social Meeting prayer and

we have had letters from Sarah since her arrival at Brooklyn and placed her little ones in the lot with her husband with much love. Tell her I share to your help & remembrance of the other side. Mother. Blessings on Charles Howland. I'm glad to hear you are good now. September. I have been a beautiful month all kinds of vegetables are when they grow nice by tomatoes money men to me. C. Howland.

about an hour was devoted the reading of some of the letters of communication from various churches of that association and then the regular service began with singing ^{and} prayer and an introductory sermon by the Reverend Mr Pepper of Waterville, from the text "it is impossible for God to lie" it was a very able sermon showing the Bible to be the word of God and criminal^{ty} of not believing it, at 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned until 7, even when it commenced with a prayer meeting and some letters read and then a sermon by Mr Kelton of West Waterville his was a very able and interesting sermon, it is now time for me to stop good night, Sabbath morning Sept 28th.

Dear Charlie last evening brought us your good long letter written on the Sabbath, for which I hope I am truly thankful, yours written in pencil was received in due time as also the dispatch

from Otis, my letter commenced one week ago I certainly expected would have gone in Tuesday's mail, but the past week has been one those unaccountable weeks of mine, of which my life is subject, Corak's sister broke her arm and she must go home, we had an appointment of soldiers aid society on Tuesday's P.M. and it has gone on from day and evening, and now another Sabbath our soldiers aid society is prospering more than I expected, we met Friday evening and found there had been about twenty dollars collected besides many other comforts we hope to send off a box this week, O! how much I hope these donations will go where they are designed, they are sending all the time now through the Sanitary Mission, Mr Chapin is thinking of going to the hospitals as nurse, there are proposals from government to men for nurses I think he will be a good one. I shall not attempt to give you a detailed account of our Association as I at

now I hope you will
get on well "letting up":
your aff. Brother

Rowland

Farmington Sept. 22/62

Dear Sister Lizzie

Gus wishes
me to answer your letter
which he received tonight &
tell you that he would like
to stay here awhile if you
are willing: He thought he
would go to School this P.M.
& seems to have enjoyed it:
He is perfectly well - sleeps
with Lizzie - rides with
us now with Mr. Backus
& plays with some little friends
that he has made - He wears
his plaid suit to School &
his old clothes at home - We
love to have him here but
he can go to Leeds any
day you may wish it:
He enjoyed your letter & I

read him all about his
Papa in the papers = How
grateful we should be to
you that our dear ones
escaped when so many
fell in that terrible battle!

Larah writes that she
made her journey well &
has deposited her precious
dust beside the other precious
ones who rest before =

Mr Patten is here - all
would send love but
are absent - Mr Gilchrist
went thro' here today - He
saw you in Augusta ^{P.O.} & you
called him Mr Brown &
at the moment he did
not recognise you = wished
me to apologise - says he
ordered some vegetables sent
you from Arsenal Garden -
Mrs Larnell is here

Leeds Sept 23rd /62

Dear Mrs Howard

Your dispatch
came to Scrimster on Friday but too
late for the mail. They were going
to bring it here that night with
a team but Mr. Hick thought
it too bad for you to pay so much
and told them to leave it with
him and he would send it to you
and he did but by mistake directed
his letter to North Leeds and we did
not get it till Sunday. There was
no way to send it yesterday.

We thought it not worth while
to send Mr. Hick letter.

Your letter

to the children came safe. Grace was
very much pleased to receive her's.
Guy has not yet returned from
Harmington. He begged so hard

to stay and his uncle and the rest
wanted him to stop so much
that his Grandmother concluded to
let him remain over Sunday

Yesterday a letter came to you
from Rowland asking you if Guy
might not stop there till he went
to Augusta. His Grandmother
thinks he can stay till we hear from
you then we will let him know

Grace and Jamie are both well
and seem happy and contented

Grace says tell mama that
Isabella says that I have been a very
good girl and she sends you one
sweet kiss and will be glad to
see you. Jamie says a great deal
about mama's shoes which hang
up in the bedroom. I washed what
clothes we had dirty yesterday

Guy's letter was sent to him on
Saturday. Received a letter from
Charles last night were very happy

to hear of their welfare
Mrs G. sends her love to you
I'm sure yours with much love
Isabella Curtis

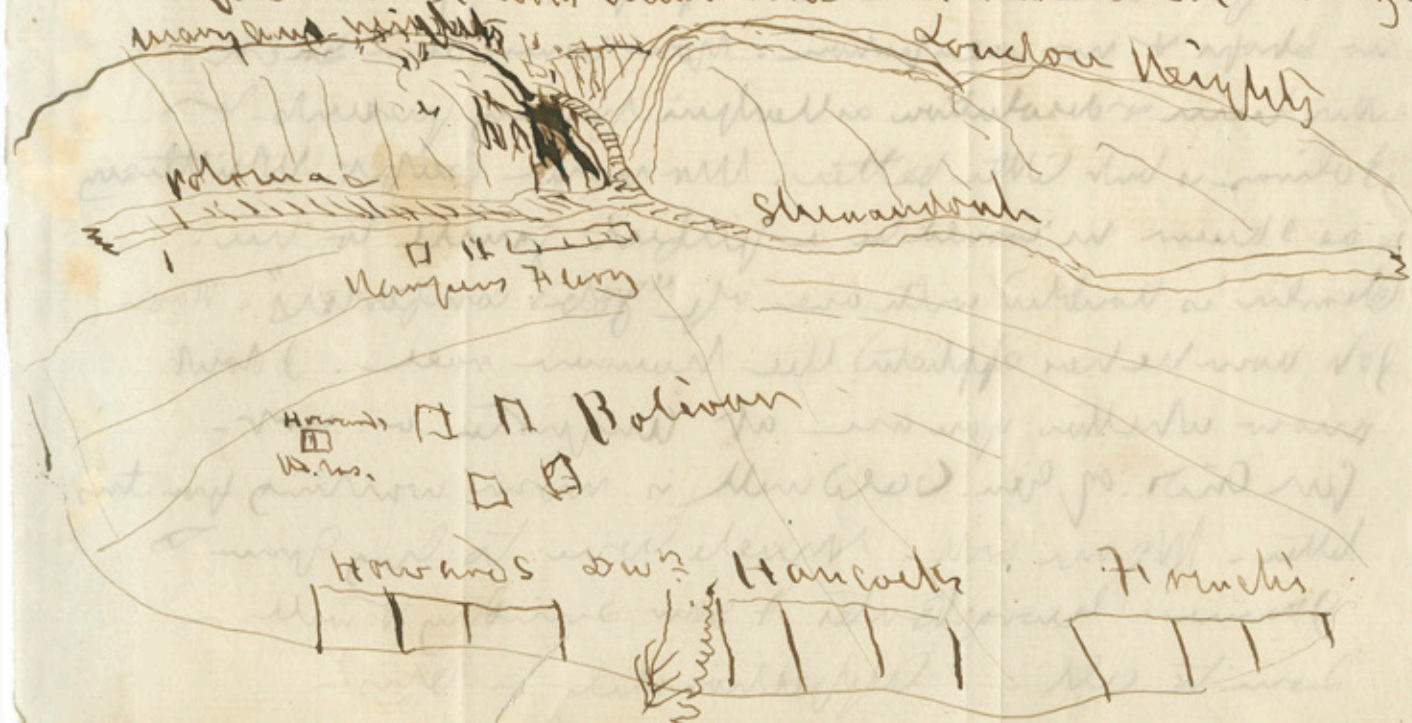
Headquarters Howard's Div

Sept 23. 1962

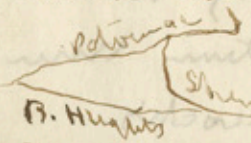
Harper's Ferry, Va.

District

Yesterday Gen. Sumner marched his corps from the battle ground at Sharpsburg to Sandy Hook and here we found the H.W. Bridge & the Pontoon bridge destroyed. After waiting for Gen. Sumner to select his encampment for about an hour, we then got word to cross the distance by a ford just above Harper's Ferry. The water part of the way was a little more than three days. My division crossed first. The Hancock's formerly Richmonds in which is my old Brigade, & the 11th. French's. This country is as rugged as the highlands of the Hudson & the scenery very peculiar. It looks much like that near West Point.



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I have given you a little sketch just to show you
the relative position of things. Harper's Ferry is
right where the two rivers join & the building,
or the ruins of them were the Army & its
dependencies & little else. After you get up from
the river on this bank is quite a little village & I
should think a pretty one before the war.
Passing the village westward about a half mile
you come to what are called "Polioan heights",
a hill running from river to river and making
with the two rivers a kind of triangle thus:



My land quarries are near a little ~~black~~ brick
house in which a Mr Sayle &
wife & daughter and two old people live, the used to
work in the shops here under Major Synington.
All the people I believe only one man
were for the Union. Poor people, they have now
no shops & no occupation. You never saw such
utter ruin & desolation as Harper's Ferry presents. &
Polioan is but little better. Mr. Wm. Capt. Whittier
is as I knew he would be a perfect jumble to me.
Glen is troubled with one of "Job's comforters" - Now
Job, now he has afflicted the human race. I don't
know whether you are at Augusta or not.
Our Aunt of Gen. Caldwell is now waiting for this
letter - We are well - Much love to my dear
family. Henry & Betsy & saw Sunday & will
soon to all. Affectionately - This -

Alexandria, Va.

Sept. 25. 1862

Dear General,

I wrote you from the General Hospital at Point Lookout Md., directing to Maine, not knowing or suspecting that you had so soon rejoined the Army.

I had understood that you were to have a new Brigade & I asked the favor of being your Quartermaster if one had not already been assigned you -

I do not desire to serve any longer in the Brigade in which I now am if I can help it. Gen. Ingalls has promised to transfer me to any vacant Brigade I will indicate -

There is no General in the

Army with whom I should so soon
serve as yourself -

If you have a vacancy of want
me, I am at your service -

I am at present off duty, & settling
up my accounts, which got behind
during my sickness. If I can
avoid it I do not desire to return
to Birney's Brigade at all.

If it is out of your power to
have me yourself, perhaps you
will recommend me to some Com-
mander of Division wanting a quarter-
master. I should like very well
to be relieved from the severe duties
of a Brigade, from which my health
suffered somewhat, on the Peninsula.

Please answer immediately & address
me at this place Care Capt. C. B.
Ferguson, A. G. M., U. S. Army.

Very truly

Brij. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Your friend

W. H. Owen
A. G. M.

very poorly. He has a slightly
obscure of getting up. Gen Sedgwick
has gone to his home in Connecticut.
The Major's mother & sister are
with him at Leedsville. Gen Barlow
is getting better. Gen Richardson's case
is yet critical. I feel a troubled
anxiety that this war should be
brought to a close. I have learned
that Gen Pope has the reputation
of being a fine, accomplished swimmer,
& he certainly is a braggart and a
foolish. I feel troubled that I
should so unadvisedly have
endorsed him. I am now glad
he has gone overboard & hope
God may spare us from such
men. Good night, God's blessing
rest with you my dear wife,

Yr affectionately

Chas

Write home to mother & father
& kind regards to Deborah

Westminster Barrow
Nights Sept 26. 1862

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Dearest,

I wrote Amy a letter
today and this evening I had the
happiness to get a letter from you.
After you had seen the dispatch in
the Lewiston Journal, Mrs Whittelsey
saw or heard of the dispatch the day
I sent it. I am glad you all got word
so soon, for I feared that my
messenger ^{to Hagerstown} was not a good one as he
had a bottle of whiskey with him &
swore a great deal. Mrs Whittelsey
spoke of your being in Brunswick
& commends your cheerful faith &
wishes she had as much. It is
a singular Providence if you two
were together on the very day of the
battle. Gen Sumner visited the
Division today & complimented us on
our good & healthy appearance. I notice
that "Cartton" of the Boston Jour
nal speaks of our connection

with the Division. I did work
very hard that day to keep the
men together. Gen Sumner tried
a movement & nobody knew
in the beginning what he wanted
to do. He faced my troops before he
let me know & they were broken
or nearly so almost immediately.
I worked so did Gen Sumner &
the rest us. We didn't go far & many
of the regiments didn't break up
at all but oh how many of these
brave men were left dead on
the field. Was in the Lord
merciful to me & mine. I was
glad indeed to get your picture, if
you did look a little sorry and
about that tooth. My arm does
not trouble me. John Perry helps in
my tent helps me wash & dress, put
on belly, spurs &c. Wheeler took
quite a long walk today, he seems
to be quite well. ~~Walter~~ Joseph
Smith. who seems very well.

Commissionary Sergeant I was appointed
made Capt. in the Com. Dept. I have
been with Gen. Sedgwick ever since, he
is with me. Capt Bachelder of N.H.
is my Quartermaster and Squire.
Whittier & Lebas my aides. Squire
Steel is my Det. officer. We have
a very pleasant camp. Mr. Packard
got over-worked & sick & started for
New York to recruit his health.
If I get time I shall write Annie
tomorrow. Papa sends lots of love
& kisses to all the children. We
have our circle of prayer, all the
loved ones at home are remembered.
Pray for us darling, that we fall
not into temptation. Pray for happy
children. Major Sedgwick was
as he supposed mortally wounded, while
lying on the field under fire. He
wrote in his note book his good bye
to his wife & family now in Germany
and said he had prayed God to
forgive him his sins. He is still

came away. And Isabelle, how is she
and does she hear from her wounded
& noble brother? I hope ^{we} has got
well before this. And Grandpa
we can't forget him. Is he reading
his paper or working in the
fields? Perhaps when you get
this you will be already at your
new home in Augusta. You must
then tell me how you like
it & what you see. Do you think
that you and Pracie love each
other as much as you ought. You give
me Papa's love he will write her
just as soon as he can. Papa was very
happy to get Mamma's picture
if it did look a little sorry. And Jamie.
I wonder if he will look at Papa when
he comes home; you know he wouldn't
when he went away. Give Papa's
love to the boy & a good kiss. With
love & kisses to all and a prayer
for God's blessing upon you I say
good bye - Your affectionate Papa Otis.

Went Martin Vernali Dir.
Happen Ferry Sept 26. 1862

My dear Guy.

Mamma wrote
Papa a letter and told him she
thought you and Grace would be
pleased quite as well to receive
a written letter as a printed one.
Perhaps so, now that you are almost
old enough to write and to read
writing. I heard that Susan was
married to an engineer Soldier & gone to
St. Louis. I cannot remember the
man's name. He is not now in the
army, and is I hear a good man.
Papa now commands a Division, is three
Brigades. four regiments in ~~the~~ two of them
and five in the other. Gen. Sherman has
the first Brigade, Gen. Davis, the 2nd
or rather Col. Lee of the 20th Mass.
as Gen. Davis was wounded and has

gone away. Gen Burn is still at home
with his wound and Col Buster of the
9th Penn. Volunteers commands his
brigade: it is the one that papa had
till the last battle, called the battle of
Antietam. Papa has also two Battalions,
Lieut Kirby with his six guns &
Capt. Tompkins with his six guns.
Do you remember Mr Kirby at West
Point? You must remember him!
Sedgwick. He was wounded like papa
in the wrist and also in the neck.
Papa was again where the bullets flew
pretty fast. So was Uncle Charlie, but
God was able to take care of us and
did so. Papa likes his horse "Charlie"
now on all occasions. He is as nice
as ever a little more quiet than
we used to be. Papa finds no trouble
in getting on. Somebody must have
whispered in "Charlie's" ear that
papa now had but one arm. May be
he looked & saw it himself. He looks

cross at strangers and I feel afraid he
don't like little boys, but when you
want to feed him with something he
likes to eat he will overcome his
mighty prejudices. Mamma went
away to Augusta & left you all, in
order to fix up a place to put us in.

Papa wants the war to be over,
so that he may come home & live with
you all. He hopes to spend many
happy days with your dear Mamma & his
little children. They must be good
and learn all they can while they
are young. Papa wants his children
to be the followers of Christ. May you
must have a fixed purpose to do right. &
God will help you. Uncle Charlie is
still a little lame, but I think improving.
"The weather is still very pleasant,
but the nights are cold & the ground
very dry. Much love to Mamma.
How is she, pretty well? Uncle Charlie
thought she was very well when he

Since yesterday. The days are warmer
the nights autumnal. Charlie is
quite well. Capt W. the same.
Mr. Johnson is trying to fill up the old
Regiments. The enemy are very
quiet in the vicinity of
Winchester. Much love to
Mother. She will feel a little
lonely I fear after you go.
and she must fail to visit you
at Augusta it will do her good.
I saw Mr. Ames & Prof. Chamberlain
the other day with their new Regt.
They were not engaged with the
enemy. Tell Mother Dr. Norton Howard
Sept. 10th he comes to see us
frequently. He is the son of my
father's cousin Charles & seems to be
an excellent young man. I think we
met Mr. Cony on the Boston bank. But
he never was a Unitarian. The Dr. used
to incline that way. And bless &
strengthen you & am
yours aff. Wm. W. W.

"West Meads Towards D.C."
Bolivar Heights near Newber's
Ferry Sept. 27, 1862

My dear little daughter

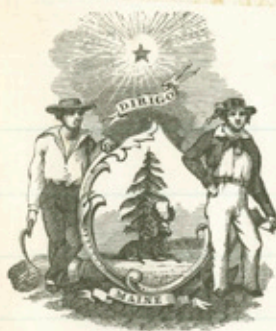
I wrote you
a letter yesterday and Mamma was
last evening and as I have some spare
time this morning I will say a few
words to you. Mamma went away to
Augusta & left her three little children
and papa don't know whether she has got
back or not. If she has not perhaps
Mamma can send this. Papa & Uncle
Charlie are now together in papa's Regt.
Much is pretty well & so is papa. Papa's
arm aches a little now and then, but
never enough to make him cry. Tell
Mamma that papa feels like crying this
morning, for when he went to the top of his
trunk where his letter & miniature were
put and could not find them. All the search-
ing and shaking out of coats & shirts
have done no good. they cannot be found
what he said

Perhaps it can be found yet. John Jones
and Mr Packard lost papa's nice
dressing case out of the wagon. John
kept it out of the trunk on the
bench so that he could get at it easily, &
when he did not know it, it was jolted
out. Papa has bought another but it is
not the one Mamma gave him. How
the apples got ripe? What does Gracie
find to do every day? Does that little
shabby boy Jamie remember his papa
think you? I have some more questions to
ask. Does little Lizzie Adkins ever go w/pt
play with you? Tell me all you can think
about Grandpa, Grandma, & Isabella. If you
can tell me something really good about
any, you must write it to me. I think
Jamie must be able to talk a great
deal by this time. You can hardly
think what a terrible battle we had.
Papa hangs for peace. He wishes the
rebels would stop & go home & not
destroy this country any further.
Love Mamma

prayer for papa every day & pray her
little stranger. "I feel for Christ's sake
you are the Holy Spirit" ? How
much papa wishes Gracie to be
very kind to Mary & Jamie, and
cheerfully obeying to Mamma.
When papa comes home work we
then have a nice & happy little
home? Papa hopes that time is not
far off. But he must do the
work that God gives him to do.
Perhaps you will be down to Augusta
at your new home, when Mamma has
put down the carpets and put up the
curtains. You must tell papa all
about the new home and what little
friends you find there. I hope you
may find as good and lovely a teacher
as Miss Lottie Adams was. Much
love from your Papa

O. B. Howard

My dearest wife



State of Maine.

Head Quarters,

Adjutant General's Office,

Augusta, Sept. 27th 1862.

Genl. Oliver O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

You are aware that I cannot in my official capacity require of you for publication in my annual report or other use the whole, or indeed any portion of your military history since being commissioned under the United States Government. Yet justice to yourself and your family and friends, as well as to your State, demands the same public recognition of your services by this department that will be accorded to those serving under the authority of the broad seal of the Pine Tree State.

The accompanying circular letter addressed to the commanding officers of all regiments and corps in the service of Government from this State may afford you some indication of the general character of the information required.

In your case it should be confined principally to events of a nature personal to yourself, except so far as your command is concerned.

It should not be limited to last December but may properly embrace the entire period of your career since first entering service.

A full response hereto early in November for the State printer will insure its publication with my annual report, and greatly oblige,

Your obedient servant,

John L. Hudson Adjutant General

remember me to Mr. Whittier
Sarah sends love to you
all. please direct to me,
W. H. Lee

Staff for Berney
1st Div 8th Corps
New Fairfax Seminary Alexandria
Va.

With love I am your
Affectionate Cousin
Perry

P. S. Capt. Lohman is Lt. Col.
3rd Me. But still Major
and I am going to be Capt.
of Co. E. but do not want
to go back to such a mean
Regt.

Head Quarters 1st Div 8th Corps

New Fairfax Seminary Va.
Sept. 30th 1862

Dear Otho

I see by the papers
that you are in command of
Gen. Sedgwick's Division during
his absence. And it is the
general opinion here that
you are the man to fill his
place. As I suppose you will
soon have a Division.

We have been here since
our return from Centerville
Gen. Berney has two Brigades
(Berry & Robinsons) of infantry
one of Cavalry & 5 Batteries under
his command. Gen. Stoneman
was assigned to the Division
but when he reported was
ordered with our Brigade (Berry's)
to near Poolsville where he

had been ever since

I suppose you have heard that Sarah lost her Bobe and that she took Timmer & the Belus cabin to Brooklyn and lived there beside their father in Greenwood. She was in New York a week and came on to see me and is now here with me our Aunt Liza is in Bishop John's house it is a beautiful place Mrs Beechey & her daughter is here & Sarah & Frank I am enjoying her visit much and hope it will do her good. She seems in good spirits. She will remain a few days longer and visit Maria at Philadelphia for a week or more before she returns home. Now I will close to the business point of my letter at the Bottom of Chantilly

the day I saw you at Centerville I had my Black horse shot and in presenting my claims to Government for payment I find that there is no official notice at the Adjutant General's office that I have been duly mustered into the U. S. Service and so cannot collect the pay without it. I informed them that I was mustered in by you at Clermont the 31st July 1861 and took affidavits to that effect which I think was the case and if you remember it and will send me a Certificate to that effect I can get the pay for my horse. If you will do so at the earliest moment you will greatly oblige me as I am pretty in want of the money to buy me another horse. Give my love to Charles also