

uncle Mr Stanwood of Boston
was here, a week ago Rev. Mr
Means of Roxbury and the
week before that Mr. Dr. Childs
The two latter entertained us by
some very interesting remarks.
a week ago we were astonished
by two ladies dropping in upon
us Mrs Harris and Mrs Parrish
They are Secretary & agent respec-
tively of the Ladies Aid Society of
Phil^a and are going about among
the soldiers trying to do good.
Mrs Harris about your size only consider-
ably older Mrs Parrish is not quite
as large as Mrs Dymington. How
indignant Mrs S - must be in
those times. I would rather fight a
battle than meet her in politics.
Give much love & many
kisses to the children and
our kind Father here in all
in His Holy keeping. Lovingly
Your own Otis

Headquarters 2nd Corps.
February 4. 1863

Dearest,

Dr. Wiggins has resigned,
was here yesterday and took three
hundred dollars to carry to you.
I have drawn my pay up to
the close of January. I received
notice of my commission or rather
appointment as Major General to
date from Nov^r 29. 80 I drew the
back pay due from increased rank
now I hear that the Senate sent
back the names of all the
nominees to the President with-
out confirming them. But as I
have the appointment and no
news official to the contrary I
shall continue to sign myself
as Major Gen. The books is still
in my hands. But I am expecting
a breaking up of Grand divisions.
which will be likely to give me

my division again: a thing not to
be regretted, for if I leave I must
lose Gafers. Whittlesy, Bulloch
and Owen. A recent order makes
those officers first. I don't
know what made people report that
Capt. Whittlesy was going to leave
us. Professor Backlund promises to
do everything he can for him
during his absence. Some Furloughs
are now being granted to officers
and enlisted men, a few to each.
Do you think you and Lang or Lucie
could make the journey to Phil?
to meet me by and by? I have
thought Maria's condition of "expec-
tancy" would be a hindrance to
our going there. So we would take
rooms at a hotel and pay visits.
Mrs. Luebe with her little charge
would be delighted to see us. I
fear the journey would be too
much for you. but you will know

best. You can take your time to
come on and if you had to wait
a day or two for me you would not
mind it. Brother Lang and Lucie might
come and it might do them good, but
the care would be greater for you. Now
do not feel that you must come, but
consult your health, strength &
that of the children and your own
feelings and wishes, darling. I
could be with you about seven days.

I sent you by Dr. Wiggins the photo-
graphs of Mr. Mrs. Miss Alwood.
He is with us a great deal & we
have a great love for him. He
continues to distribute to the
Soldiers books and tracts. On Sun-
days we continue to have
services in my tent. They are
a kind of prayer meetings. Mr.
Alwood is often present and two or
three times we have had strangers
here. Last Sunday Mr. Stinson's

Mr. Farwell. These pieces
seem to be rather trivial as
tho' the editor feared the
influence of Otis' letter upon
many of his own party who
should read it and so sought
by a strenuous effort
to counteract it.

Otis was relieved from the
corps, yesterday, ^{by the Grand Divⁿ being broken up} and I was thereby
relieved from arduous duty as
adjutant General what I have
been attending to for more than
a week. Give much love to
my mother. Their pictures stand
near upon their father's table looking
at me or else at two big apples
on the same table. Uncle Nick's
kups ^{as} will furnished with apples
3 bbls. in this tent for safe keeping
from thieves & the frost. Otis went
40 to sleep but just made us all
laugh by a remark. - He said down to the tent
to write at any rate say that is good so
could night & a proper for you from G. H. H.

Headquarters 2nd Divⁿ
Near Falmouth Va.
Feb. 8 1863

My dear Siggie

I have for some
time intended writing you. Those
remembrances of little Louie and
his mention of me are irresistible.
I hope you will try and make
him understand that "Uncle John-
lie" loves him very much and (John)
cannot bear the thought that he
will forget him. I am glad
he has got safely thro' the
snipers - They are quite fatal
to the soldiers who are leaving
them out here. today

Otis visited the hospital, in
company with Mrs. Owen
sitting round in our ambulance

Mrs. O. has been with us
about a week - Come out to
run up the Captain's spigot
outlet. She is a very kind
& pleasant lady - Youthful
appearing so much so
that Mr. Ellison thought she
was the Captain's wife instead
of mother. Her other son
has recently got appointed
Capt. in the Commissary Dept.
Mrs. O. was chiefly instru-
mental in procuring his
appointment - visiting the Pres-
ident in person for that
purpose.

Otis got pretty tired in
going to so many ^{hospitals} - This with
the other duties of the day &
a meeting here this evening
has made him go to bed
earlier than usual. He has

just got fixed down for the
night upon his Couch wrapped
in his Robe with a soldier's over-
coat over his feet. He was just
talking with Uncle Hides
who sleeps here now that Mrs.
Almond has gone away with
his tent. Uncle H. sleeps upon
the Carpet upon the ground by
the side of Otis' bed - He has
a mattress which he puts down.
He took part in the meeting to-
night by offering a prayer. One
of the soldiers (at Hager's) arose
& spoke very well.

Otis rec'd another copy
of the "Age" tonight. We had
got one before sent by Mrs. ^{Batterman} ~~Ellison~~
~~last~~ of August. This has
another article rather severe
upon your husband as a
letter-writer. It was sent by

son staid with me last night, seemed
to enjoy sleeping on my carpet
wonderfully. He thinks our mud
is rather deep. Charles & I visited
the 2^d Me. yesterday. Dr. H. H. H.
and have been much of a Sarge. is now
brave & strong. Capt. Jno. Kern
of Leos is very fleshy and seems
to enjoy military life. I hope
my friends in Maine will
not feel called upon to answer
Mr. Pike's strictures. I wrote
before the Proclamation came
out. It seems to me that Mr. Pike
shows more hostility to the govern-
ment than to me. I do not
even feel offended. I trust we may
conduct ourselves according to
the will of God, this year & that
He will grant us His blessing
Many kind regards to all my
friends & families at home &
God bless you all Affectionately
Yours & husband Otis

David Sumner 2nd Div
Feb 10. 1863

Dear Sir,

I got your letter mailed
last night. I hope poor little
Gannie's lameness & her ache "are
all over by this time. I should
like to go home, but I feel that it
is due to the poor men who have
been kept away from their families
so long to stay. I find my left
chest developing so fast at the
expense of the other that I believe
I shall go to Phil^a for a few days
to get the arm fitted. I may not
be able to wear it all the time
but it will keep up the strength
& muscles of the right side, if I can
use it even a part of the time.
I should be made happy to meet
you, but not while the children are
suffering to leave or to take. If

it was as good weather with you
as it is here just at present. You
might let Jamie be your bear -
I am almost afraid to ride you trailing
alone in these days. But not to
disappoint you - if you can make
it all right & proper & safe to meet
me with or without the children,
telegraph me thus: "Gen. W. H. Howard
2nd Div 2nd Corps, Near Falmouth Va."

I leave Augusta this A.M. all
well - Mrs Howard". If you
leave Boston by one of the Boats.
You will not be far from N. J. Ferry.
Take care, not Camden & Amboy. When
you get to Phil^a, if you do not meet
me at Depot drive to "the Continental"
take a room and await me there.
We can go thence to see Maria &
Mrs Child. The Continental
is on Chestnut Street. You must
write also for fear the telegraph
might miscarry. I shall wait two

weeks for the telegraph dispatch -
Any time between this & two weeks
I can go - Give much love to
~~our~~ little children. I was much pleas-
ed with Uncle's letter. Capt. Whittesey's
little boy wrote him & pointed him a
letter and ran the letters all together -
Uncle left very wide spaces between
her words. The weather was exceeding-
ly pleasant yesterday. I fear I shall
be able to get ten days if I push it
off very long. I am still on a
military commission - for the
trial of citizens for aiding the rebels.
We went at the Phillips house -
3 miles off. Gen^l Pleasanton & Brig
Ad. Howard & others. Capt. De Russy
Judge Advocate. There are old Army
officers. Pleasanton & De Russy
were in Florida. When, went on
with me yesterday (Tuesday) and met
Capt Henry Wien who is now aft.
Adj. Gen^l for Gen^l Gregg. Mr Gillette's

(Sunday 18th) I was too tired last to continue. Capt. Owen having sprained his ankle and it taking so long for it to get well Mrs Owen his mother came to see him. Capt. Balloch being away on his twenty days furlough, she has occupied his tent. Of an evening Mrs Owen, Capt Owen, Capt Whistony, Charles and myself constitute the company gathered before my fire to hear Capt. Whistony read the paper. He is an excellent reader. Such was the assemblage last night. After we got through Capt. W read the 50th chapter of Is. and led us in prayer. I went to bed thinking of home and particularly of my patient and loving little wife. I rather expect to get a word by telegraph from you this week. I hope my Grace and Jamie are entirely well. I am anxious to hear. I do hope you are not broken down by "Janie's" and my little sick. I feel as though I would

like to meet you in Phil^a. and rather long for no providential hindrance. But in all things we must say "I feel" "they will not mine be done". I have not heard from Wm. Perkins for a long time. "The mother's expectation" may or may not have been realized at his house. I don't know, for my department of information is rather limited. I am glad you heard from Mrs. Noble. I feel more real appreciation of her help, since I was there. Charles & Harry Stinson went on a visit to the 5th Me yesterday; found the Regt. on picket and had to make a journey, reckoning both ways, of some twenty miles or more. Mr. Gilbrook's son is at present with Gen. Owen, as volunteer Aid Staff. He helps with Gen. Owen & Capt. Hiram Hayes Jr. Mr. I had no place for him. My staff is full and when not on fire much, there is hardly work enough for what I have, to keep them busy. I perceive that Mr. Rosecrans rather

Head Quarters 2^d Div. 2^d Corps

Camp near Falmouth Va. Feb. 14. 1863

Will Maj. Gen. Howard accept this
 patcher as a slight expression of their sincere
 respect & of their congratulations upon his well-
 earned promotion. Its material, tho pure and
 precious, is but an imperfect symbol of our
 friendship. It is for daily use; and if, in
 after years, amid the joys of home, it shall
 often recall those who are now proud to aid
 your efforts in our Country's Cause, it will as
 often assure you of our unabated affection
 and interest in your welfare.

E. Whittlesy A. A. S.

W. W. Owen, Capt. a. g. M.

Gen. W. V. Balloch Capt. & C. S.

J. Franklin Dyer, Surgeon

C. H. Howard, ad. C.

A. J. Wood, ad. C.

H. W. Stinson.

W. R. Stale.

is it, I think you could hardly have excelled it before the loss of your right arm.

I supplicate the Lord for our beloved country in the contest now waged, that He would qualify and dispose us to look up to Him and be with us, would prepare us for and make us meet to receive His divine benediction.

Affectionately

A. Howard

Joppa Village, E. Bridgewater,
Mass. Feb. 14th, 1863.



Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

It gave me much pleasure to have your kind reply to my letter, which I received on the 9th, and I was glad to find myself not in error in regard to your genealogy. Receive my thanks for what you wrote me. I remember your grandfather, Capt. Seth Howard, and of his calling to see my mother, his cousin, on a visit he made to West Bridgewater, from Leeds, Maine, where ^{he} had a splendid farm. John Howard, the first American ancestor of the Howards of (ancient) Bridgewater, Mass. who died about A. 1700, had sons John, James, Jonathan, & Ephraim, and daughters Elizabeth, Sarah, & Bethiah, and through them a very numerous posterity. Jonathan had a son Seth, the grandfather of Capt. Seth Howard your grandfather. Two of the first named John's sons, viz. Jonathan and Ephraim, were my great-great grandfathers, from the circumstance that my grandfather Eliakim Howard married his 2nd cousin, Mary, daughter of the first named Seth Howard. The ancestral letter adverted to, was

carefully handed down—as a kind of heir-loom—in the line of direct descendants from John oldest son of our first American ancestor John Howard. It was addressed as the superscription reads:—

"For her loving son John Hayward. In case he be dead, to George Hayward, in New England."

Its contents are as follows:—

London, August 16th, 1652.

Loving Son,— Having a fit opportunity by a friend to send to you, I could not out of my motherly care to you and your brother, do less than write these few lines to certify you that both I and your sister are in good health, praised be God! and that I earnestly desire to hear from you both—how you do, and in what condition you are both. Your sister desires to be remembered to you both; and she and I have sent you some small tokens of you. I have sent George three bands and an hand-kerchief, and an hand-kerchief for yourself; and I have sent you a shilling to pay for writing a letter, if by long silence you have forgot. I wonder, son, you should so forget your mother, whose welfare she [desires] more than any thing in the world. Your sister hath sent you a book of

your father's to you, and a Bible to George. Did we conceive you were alive, I would have sent you better tokens, child.— With my blessing to you both, desiring to hear from you and George—[whether] you ever intend [to return] and how your cousin Sarah doth—with my daily prayers to the Lord for you, I rest

Your loving Mother

Mary Hayward. »

Such is the letter, though handed down for so long a period, before it was printed in 1847, several words became obliterated and are replaced by those in brackets. And the sentiments, do they not do honor to their pious author? The tone of religious feeling which the letter breathes throughout, I think we should agree in saying, would do honor to any mother in any age.

Counting from her, your father was of the 6th generation, he and I were second cousins. No further back can we reckon in the Howard ancestry. Her son John always wrote his name Howard and so did all his descendants till after A.D. 1700. But always in ancient Bridgewater was it pronounced Howard.

I admire your writing with the left hand. So good

me, while I remain
as ever, Your friend
J. A. Smith
Lieut. Corps of Engineers

Mrs A. C. Howard,

West Point N. Y.
February 15th 1863.

Mrs. Howard,
Dear friend,

It is a very long time
since I have heard from you, or
your family, so you will, perhaps,
pardon the liberty I take in writing.
I am very often asked about yourself—
your family, and your good husband,
I can only answer them that I have
seen none of you in a long time, and
that your brother Rowland Howard
had told me you were staying in
Augusta. Since I saw you I have
been in the field, (during Pope's campaign
in Va.) was quite severely hurt, and had
a very severe illness, from which I
have not yet entirely recovered,

and fear I never shall. I was at home quite a long time, and then was ordered here as an instructor, on account of my ill health. Things at West Point are somewhat changed since you left. New families have come and others gone. Miss Clara French was married to Lieut. Pennington of the Artillery, a little more than a week ago. Miss Jennie Gray still lives with her mother near Buttermilk Falls, and desires to be very kindly remembered to you. She is the authoress of a book which has just appeared, but which I fear will meet but little favor.

Our friends. Prof. French and family desired me to remember them to you, with many expressions of regard. How are your family? Little Ray, Gracie, and the little

darling, that was so shamefully cheated out of his true father? It really makes me feel ashamed of myself, every time I think of the funny circumstance, connected with his baptism.

The Sunday school still prospers, I am still the Superintendent it is much larger than when you were here. The prayer-meetings are also still continued in the Corps. I always attend them when I can. Cadet Townsend, of whom I presume you have heard, died here a little more than a month ago; he was in the first class.

Please remember me to my kind friend, your husband, also to Charles H. If I knew their address I would write to them. A kiss to the children from

Monday Oct 16th 1860

Dear Mrs Howard

Intending everything and accomplishing nothing, has been the record of the last year. Writing to you has long been on the list of "to be done's," but epistolary claims, of all others, have been the ones ofttest sent to the wall. But I must not consume this square bit of paper and time in apologies. - Lillie Gibbs came on to her sister Clara's wedding and told me that she had had a charming evening from Genl Howard on his way back to the seat of war. Since then none of his friends here, I believe, have heard from him. If you ever forgive me and write, and tell us all about yourself, I shall feel truly grateful.

2. Tell me about the children, especially, there have been several additions to the population of the Post lately. Mrs Wheeler has a 3^d daughter, Mrs Berib a son, Mr Mendell a little girl, & a Mr A. J. Smith a son. I am sorry to say that Mrs Mendell's child is very very ill, and but little hopes are entertained of its recovery. - One very sad piece of news, which has made us all really heart-sick, is that poor Mrs Loring's son in a fit of insanity attempted the life of her husband. This occurred a week ago last Saturday. She was committed for assault with intent to kill, and taken to Newburgh. Her friends refused to accept bail, but has consented within a few days - Rich & I understand now ^{all} in Albany. She is to be tried, I hear

3 But I cannot doubt that her insanity on
that subject (jealousy of Joe) will become
so apparent, that the case will be dismissed.

I believe that is little else of N.Y. news
to interest you. Mr. Watson was with Mrs.
Bevis during her confinement, and asked
with much interest after you. Mamma is
pretty well. Major Rogers I hear is pro-
moted and awaiting orders which will take
him into the field. Sister and the chil-
dren are pretty well. Grace Bernard is ill
with Erysipelas but I hope doing well. The
other children somewhat ailing and poor
Robert having a hard time as usual.
They talk of a new Presbyterian Church
at Butler with a handsome good deal of

4 money subscribed for it.* The present min-
ister, Mr. Russell seems to give satisfaction.
Jerry Grey has just published a novel -
"Facts or Cupid in shoulder-straps" Such a
farrago of stuff you never read I am
sure. - John Bevis has gone to N.Y. settling
up affairs for himself: he is, in dist, en-
gaged to Marnie French. I wonder if any
one has ever told you of the De Janon baby
going one two years old? a splendid boy.
But Minnie's baby - little Kate is just
the sweetest specimen of baby-hood you can
see. She was with us 2 mo's this Fall. Give
her a kiss to the little ones, & believe me
Truly loving friend Blanche Bernard.
* Edward Kinsley gave \$5.00 towards it!

P. 1. I enclose another letter from Rev. Amos A. Wood giving that ancient letter spoken of in his book. Please keep it for me.
Love of ^{my} Country or turn me from
the duty I owe her under God.
I have been reading some Rebel
papers and find renewed evidence
of what I had believed before,
that our enemies are terribly in
earnest and a large portion ^{of them} think
as did Paul, that they are doing
God service. Now shall we be
less in earnest while we expect
the blessed moment, when Jesus
the Lord shall strike them down
and turn the hearts of such as
He wiles, so that ^{they} shall perceive
that they have been fighting against
God? - We are pained to see that
there are so many traitors at home.
Still it is more natural than to have
all united and true to the best in-
terests of the world and the Kingdom of
Christ. Perhaps a want of success
ought not to discourage - it certainly
ought not to surprise us in view

of the wickedness and pride of our nation. How can God bless
us till we become more humble? He cannot admit an individual
soul into his Kingdom
till he becomes as a
little child; humble,
meek, trustful. Of a sin-
ilar spirit must be the
nation that receives his
continued and highest
favor. I hear from
Sydney and Ireland
often. The progress of the
faithful and one great
source of hope to us.
Here in good country a
fresh - harvest is
seen that of a great
war. I hear from
the Brigades in Va.
With love to those who
love me I am, dear mother,
Yr. Affectionate Son C. H. H.

all day yesterday and last night, we
have a cessation this morning and
some indication of fair weather again.
I scarcely went out of my tent; at
most only into the neighboring ones
here at Hd. qrs. I have not been
upon my horse since last Saturday
night when I returned with Mr.
Strinson, as I think I wrote
you, from a visit to the left of
the Army and the 5th Maine.
Otis asked me this morning
whether I would not like to
go with him to Philadelphia
as he intends to take a leave

of ten days soon. I told him I would be compelled to get some clothes if I did so and that perhaps I had better not go. He said I could go if I chose and I will consider the matter meanwhile.

I heard this morning that Gen. Sumner was hoping to have a command in the West and that he said he should try and get this Corps (2nd) in such a case. I would prefer to go West for the sake of seeing the Country and having a change.

Mrs. Crow went to Washington Monday, Capt. O. with her. He has returned and she gone home to Brooklyn N.Y. She has no family but her two sons in the Army so will visit her friends and not keep house.

Capt. Ballou returned day before yesterday where tent Mrs. O.

had occupied. He comes back very happy after his visit to N.H. the first for two years nearly.

Gen. Caldwell (whose Brigade formerly Howard's) is in the 1st Div. of this Corps) has just returned having been absent since the battle of Fredericksburg where he was slightly wounded.

Otis has written for Sizzie to come on to Philad^a, but wonders that he gets no answer.

Our Army constantly feels the presence of Hooker as an energetic and stirring General. He will yet, I confidently believe, strike a hard blow at the Rebellion. You know I am not inextricably attached to any General or any man; but I pray and trust that nothing whether it be moral or physical power, can sever me from my

Adams and Dixie
Near Falmouth Va
Feb. 19. 1863

Dear Sir

So many mails have
come this letter from you that
I am considerably worried about
it. I can't read by any of the
papers that show stories from
Woburn you up. Mrs. Stinson
relieves me a little by writing to
Harry that you are going to
send a line. but she says no
more. Perhaps you & she are
coming on this train in the box -
but I fear that the children or
yourself darling have got sick
so as to prevent your writing. I
have applied for a leave of ten
days and shall be more than delighted
if all things are so that you can reach
me in Phila. I shall probably start
in about three days from today. Say

Saturday or Monday. I hope I
may get your telegram before
that. Give much love to
my home & Jennie the
little trio.

May God bless you all
my kind regards to
Mrs. Clark & Lotie.

Who remembers me
kindly to Mrs. Shuman
Charlie has a slight attack
of dysentery, but is now better -
a little sober about it. I

think I may take him
to Phil^a with me. Capt
Balloch has got back &
has been Caldwell. I am
waiting for Mr. Hancock's
return & your telegram.

Col. Sewall has resigned & is
going home for good. Capt
Whitney is quiet, busy, content.
He has not resigned. He has health

a leave for 15 days, went
home to Waterville and got
married. He has just returned
to camp leaving his wife in
Washington. I will not
write more tonight but
I do hope you are
all well. Poor little Jamie
I want to hear that he is no
longer lame "Jamie lame" "Jamie
can't walk". Kiss him three
times for Papa.

Much love to yourself, darling,
May God bless & keep you well &
strong. Paper hangs for the
barriers
Sincerely
Otis

edition sold out in a
week. It is a Romance
& brings in a good deal
of West Point life -

Miss Florence says it
is too light and that
she don't want her friend
to judge her by that book.

It is interesting, however,
to those who have lived
here or who know the
author - and I hope
it will be quite a source
of income -

I have decided to remain
over the Sabbath when I
will return to N. Y. &
finish my visit to Johnny
Weir who made me very
welcome & with whom I was
very happy before coming up
here - We are to be back
Washington next Friday -

I do not hear from John & Mr. Sweetser
yet - but I hope to hear from them soon the
better when I return - I am affected by
the cold - J. H. H.

West Point N. Y.
Feb. 28 1863

My dear mother

I come to
this place day before yesterday.
Lt. Smith took me into
his quarters in the Cadet
Barracks (Officers part)
It is very pleasant for me
to be back here & see so
many old friends and
to look upon the sundried
spots about West Point.
The Professors are very
cordial. I called upon
Prof. S. Weir, French and
Linschuh, the first night.
Prof. French is sick with
fever - but getting better.

I attended the Codel
Prayer-meeting which
is established - Attendance
not so large as when I
used to be present Every
week - but I was grati-
fied that the meeting
was kept up at all.

St. Smith takes Otis,
place in conducting the
Sabbath School &c. He
is from New Sharon Me.
& is a fine young man
as well as, firm friend
of mine & Otis.

Last evening we went
down and called upon
Mrs. Grey & Miss Jeanie.
The latter has procured the
means and had a house
built upon a plan of
her own - It is a neat

Cottage - with a tower for
an Observatory - this to
get sight of some of
the beautiful views up
& down river. Their
new house is near the
"Little Church" or "Church
of the Holy Innocents" as it
is named - which Prof.
Wier built & gave to the
poor & the Public.

Mrs. G. has been sick
but is getting better.
Miss Jeanie has written a
book & had it published -
called "Poetics" or "Reflex
in Rhoneda - drops" - She
did this to get money
to support herself & mother
& build them a house.

It is very successful
as to selling - The first