

Third Division 11th Corps
April 1863

Dear Sir,

I started yesterday morning
about 9 am. for my new command.
After riding some 8 or ten miles - I
found the Corps - called on Genl Schenck
Helffing (if you cant pronounce, just
think of me) - got an orderly who
directed me here, to Stafford Q. H.
Mrs. Mary D. and myself with
Michael & Mr Donald and a
span horse made the ride the
road and water - John - Mrs Gil
came with an ambulance & baggage
I found her. Shurtz here in Charge
of the Corps. He is the eloquent. Carl
Shurtz, friend of the President.
My Div 4 Commanders are, Gen McLean
Gen. Steinwehr, & Gen. Shurtz -
We will soon to all & wishes you
soon - Lovingly - C. S.

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too great, but the objection is
that he has to pass daily so much
of "down street". I do hope he will
use his little heart and give him
the will and the power to do right.
How with heart will she keep on
when she is! I shall expect to hear
about the "fair" or "love" in behalf
of the soldiers at the State House.
Perhaps you only went to the house &
did not attend the Fair. The President
of the W.B. is expected here today.
Perhaps I shall see him. Mr. Alwood has
found his way to my new quarters
& is writing at my table - Many kisses
from papa & wish for Minnie's happiness
Lovingly - Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Stafford Bt. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

April 3^d 1863.

Dearest.

I wrote you a tiny letter
yesterday and perhaps will not do
any better today. I had not finished
the above sentences before I was interrup-
ted and it has been two hours since.
I am learning the regiments and
officers. This command is completely
new to me. I will enclose a list
of the regiments as I have had
them drawn up. I presume you
& family can pronounce the

German names about as well as
I. I am going to move Hd. Qrs. to
the vicinity of Hooker's station
tomorrow. The Syfken came up
from my old camp says Maj. Whittle
says, Capt. Owen, Capt. Balloch Lt. Steel
and the Dr are very blue and want
to come along. Lieut. Hibbon our old
West Point acquaintance succeeds
me in the command of the Divⁿ.
Maj. Whittier says to him at tea -
"if not disagreeable to you I will
ask a blessing as we are accustomed
-ed to". Hibbon yields and the blessing
is asked. There is some chance of
my getting the Major and Balloch.

and I have made application from
Lieut J. B. Smith, West Pt. in order to
make him my topographical engⁿ.
(Saturday morning) I had a very satisfac-
tory review of Lieut. Sebastian Schanz's
Divⁿ yesterday. This morning at 9, I
am to start for Lieut. Hooker's Hd.
Qrs. to try and effect some important
changes in ~~the~~ command. The Germans
are considerably jealous at my being
sent here. But I believe all will grad-
ually gain confidence in time. I
hope you are well darling this
morning - and May, Grace & Annie well
and happy. As to my going to school
except the view I doubt the distance

an over-coat. I saw Gen. Selt Williams tell any of his friends that you may see and that he never looked in better health and spirits. I believe his departure ~~proves~~ ^{proves} very much to his satisfaction. The snow lies thick upon the ground this morning. The roads had become very fair but again we will have mud. I am glad of this storm for Mr. Stoneman was going to have a review of the entire cavalry corps. the President of U.S. being expected here today. Oh, truly we might remember that there is a God in Heaven & obey his commands. Much love and very kind regards.

the children
 was a few to
 around of
 joining
 Dear Sir,
 I received a letter from you
 last night and was very glad to find the
 children doing so well. Jennie must keep
 off the stove now. Mamma says he is
 a go-ahead boy. I don't doubt it. I
 hope you take him up and tell him
 about the Davious. My has never
 gotten over his first impressions. We
 are apt to underestimate a child's ability
 to understand. By trying, as you doubt
 less do, you can lead him gently

to the Lord. Now spoke of Jamie
Lacy. I am not going to defend her. Only
I feel badly that you allow yourself to
entertain such thoughts. If you don't like
her you need not see her but I wish you
did not feel so. I do not let Charlie see
what you write about her falseness or
faultiness. for fear he will be vexed
by you. I have written no article
for the "Puff". My impression is that
opposition would be likely to drive
Charles into a proposal. I see no
indications of her having set her
cap for him. I have talked with
him very candidly. He says he
used to get a chance to visit

your letter but now he does
not and thinks he must write direct
-ly. Chaplain Geist of Mass came
in to see us this morning & had a
long talk. Maj Whittsey is ordered to
report to me tomorrow. I think I shall
make him company of Musters.
I am living in a house just now.
meant to have got into camp Saturday
but failed to obtain new tents. It was
very fortunate for a terribly cold snow-
storm came on last night. Took to her.
Hooker & back yesterday a distance of
some six or seven miles and the wind
blew very hard & cold. I found I should
take a severe cold as I was without

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Apr 9. Va., 1863

Dear May, Paper sends you a very



Sketch of the Headquarters tent.

You will see the foundation is of logs, but you cannot see the beautiful moss between them; and you cannot look inside and see my nice stove, table, desk, bed, carpet, new chairs and other things.

I wish you could look in. We moved here last Tuesday. The pioneers came before us & fired my tent very nicely. They are almost all Germans. Miss Whittier has now come to us - yesterday we all went to a review of a very large number of men. I think

Some 60,000 or 70,000 men, four Army Corps -
Gen Sedgwick's the 6th - Gen Couch's the 2nd -
Gen Meade's the 5th and Gen Sickles the 3rd.
It took a very long time for them to march
past the president. There were two little boys
sons of the President, at the review, one of
them was but little larger than you &
rode a very handsome pony. I think
he borrowed the pony. He rode about
as well as anybody I saw. I should like
to have had you there. The President reviews
the Corps tomorrow. Give much
love to Grace, Jamie and Mamma.
Sister cannot write now - the
hope you are all very well and have
the blessed Season very much.

Yours affect. Papa
O. O. Howard

which grows me today -
but when, comfort &
strengthen you for your
long trial Sincerely,
Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,



Near Brooks Station





ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Apr. 10 1863.

Dearest.

John says as he sees me preparing to get up: "It isn't six yet." "Well, so much the more time to write a letter before breakfast." I wrote him yesterday, but I haven't written you since we moved from Stafford C.H. into camp. I wish you could see how tastefully the pioneers have arranged my camp and what a beautiful tent they have fixed for me. They made a fence surrounding the H.D.'s camp

with a beautiful gateway turned
with evergreen: it is stuffy shaped
something like this:  - you go
through that gate and enter a handsome
street. on the right and left on the ends
of the stuff and straight before you
is my tent with a flag pole and a
sentinel in front of it. You will see a
crescent over my door of evergreen, that is my
corps badge; you enter the tent. if you don't
stop to look at me writing at the desk at
the further ^{end}. you will see over ^{my} sign-
board this:  - The words of today are
Sinner what must I do to be saved? &c.
also. Acts 13. 38 & 39 - Romans 5. 1 and 8. 1
This arrangement is called the Silent Com-

forter. and is made for every day in the
month. Hansson for an almanac & preacher
to my visitors and gives me much comfort.
on your right you will see a house - wash
shove  1: on your left in the corner
some shelves. used for wash stand  - Then
four chairs. then trunk - & bed in the ^{2nd} corner.
on the right after the stove comes the
igniter table - then the clothes horse: they:
 - shoes, boots & under the horse
some bed is rolled up neatly in the
corner - up high is the hat rack -
 - My back has been towards you
now I think I will turn around
and give you a kiss, if you have
looked long enough. The Com-

Some chg store wood and
shingles - Dadie helped
about the latter & said
"Papa must pay Dadie"
Guy wants to get enough
to buy a drum, but he
put 3.00 in the contribution
of the L.S. today - All the
L.S. got verses of Scripture
& poetry with some read
in each to recite at L.S.

Concert - Tonight it was
"Angel" & Guy recited these
verses "He will give his
Angels charge over thee
to keep thee in all thy
ways" &

"Dear Angel, ever at my side.
How long thou must be,
To leave thy home in Heaven
To guard a little child like me."
I preached this A.M.
from Phil. 2. 21 - "For all

seek their own & not the
things that are Jesus Christ's" -
in "Selfishness" - P.M. on
Isa. 58. 3. Behold me, ^{the day of} your
fast yr find pleasure & eat
all your labors" - "How to
keep Fast Day - (next Thursday)

(1) To avoid mere amusement
(2) " " labor

(3) To be mindful of our
sins & danger as a people

(4) To seek God's blessing
on the unknown & blood-
stained future - in short

to keep an acceptable fast
to the Lord - May He help
us all to do it - Since
meeting Alice has been reading
to me in the Fast Primer
& she & Guy have spelled in
the same class - He taking the
hard words & she the easy
ones - Ella says tell Otis

father. The weather has been
very pleasant for a few days
past with us. Today I have plucked
some "May flowers" which are
in a glass before me - My
kind regards to Miss Shaw, to Roland
& family, to Capt. Munner & family -
When is Oscar now? I must be
near George Bates I think ^{is} he
is in the 12th Corps? Fizzie writes
that that the children have
bad colds. We hear from Rowland
occasionally. I hope you are
very well and have enjoyed
the Sabbath very much - Pray
for us Mother as you have done -
Your affectionate Son Olin

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Near Burke's Station ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.
Apr. 12th 1863 1863.

My dear Mother,
Father has
gone to Washington, went yesterday
and I thought you might not
get your usual letter from
camp. I presume he has told
you about the President's visit &
how Mrs. Lincoln paid my
humble tent a visit. She was
very pleasant and ladylike, but
I don't think her quite so much
of a woman as my own mother.

We had a very pleasant religious service at these H.Q. today at 11 AM. and good singing - and quite good preaching from a Chaplain. The force at Corps Head Quarters consists of a pioneer company of about 50 with axes, shovels & other tools - a Provost band of 90. I take convalescents for this duty - a small detachment of mounted men, and the servants. There are thirteen or fourteen staff officers. My Corps is a good one and I do not think it will tax my strength much more than a Divⁿ. There

is additional responsibility and therefore greater need of trust in God. But I believe "The Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want." Charlie has been promoted to a Captain and I expect he is fitting himself with new marks of office. You ought to see how nicely these humans have fixed my tent. It is nicely walled with logs with green moss between. and when my bed comes, the inner part is lined with boards. I have a nice little stove & a clothes horse - made by the pioneers. Give much love to

At 11 we had services - present all staff
officers, Dick Lee's - Provost Guard -
Obedience, Pioneer & Servants. A chaplain
conducted the service - He was not
quite cheerful enough, but he was
sensible. At 3 P.M. I attended service
at the camp of the 17th Regt. Gen.
McClellan is much to Major Taylor
who was on Gen. Sumner's staff.
I have applied for Balloch - already
from Maj. Whittlesby - Give much
love to our dear little children. Don't
overwork. My precious wife - trust much
of it with her. Look forward hopefully
thoroughly for all will be well.
Loveingly - Otho -

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Near Brooke's Station ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Apr. 12th 1863.

Dear,

It is a beautiful Sabbath
morning. I have had a bath, break-
fast, made arrangement for services at
evening. read some in the News paper
and two chapters in the Bible - then
with Mrs. Whittlesby & the Sypher took
a short walk, gathered a bunch of
"May flowers" and returned to tell you.
I believe I would have got a letter from
you last night had you directed
Head Quarters 11th Corps, for it takes a

a long time to get anything by
mail unless it be sent directly
to me from the 2nd Corps. by an
orderly. (Afternoon) I have had the
happiness to get your letter written
on the 5th. Sorry for the children's bad
colds, and family crowd and ~~very~~ sorry for
the poor mamma, who has to get
up so often at night. I think you
are too self-sacrificing thinking for the
children - because you must lead
a healthy, happy life yourself, to
effect what you so much desire.
Now you must have amusement,
and refreshment yourself in order
to afford it. It is not lost time

when you take a short walk or
read a pleasant book or chat with
a good, kind friend. I feel that it
is as difficult for you to do your part
in this war as it is for me to do
mine, but it is a work that had been
imposed. With it sweet to have one
place to rest & to know that we
will not burden beyond our ability to
bear. I find all things moving on
well here. The President & Gen. Hooker
came in before the review of my Corps.
Mrs Lincoln came to look at & admire
my tent. My salute & review ^{was} ~~was~~
perfect. Corps all on the same
slope in masses of regiments

Auburn Apr 14. '63

Major. Geo Howard

My Dear Friend & Brother,

Will you let me
tell you a story about the af-
fairs of our Society. You
are perhaps aware that our
new church edifice was built
by an earnest and almost
universal effort of the people,
men, women & children giving
for it, in sums ranging from
twelve hundred dollars down
to two dollars - that this was
done where ours was the only
society in operation on this
side the river, & where we had
reasonable hope of filling up
from the surrounding com-
munity - that it was done
upon the principle of having

no individual ownership &
low per cents, so as to gather
in the largest possible num-
ber, & to do a good work for
our Master, as well as for our-
selves & our children.

But four new societies
have come up, ~~the~~ growth
of our community is slower
than was anticipated, and
besides, the ten thousand
dollars we have paid, we
have a debt of three thousand
dollars, and smaller resources
than when we started. The
same set of men who have
just paid their last instal-
ment must do the rest.

It is a time for paying debts
and we know not what shall
be on the morrow. Mr. Pickard
who gave \$1000 at first offers
to give \$500 more if we will

finish up the rest. The value
of the offer depends on his con-
tinued life - which is more & more
uncertain. I have under-
taken the work of raising the
twenty five hundred. I feel
that almost every thing in-
volved in the prosperity of the
society depends on my success.
If we cannot pay the debt we
shall have years of great dis-
comfort & disadvantage. But
I mean to have it paid, though
our people with few exceptions
are so poor & so embarrassed
that it will be hard work.

You see then what I am
coming to - that if you can
find a reason in your briefs-
idence among us, & in your re-
lationship to us as a brother in
the Church, for giving us a gift
- more or less as you judge fit -

it will be very gladly and gratefully received - by your humble servant if by no one else - and so I leave the matter into your Christian kindness and wise judgment.

I was very glad to hear from you through Sam Hicks. Your sister's fellow soldiers are remembered in our daily prayers. It is hard to wait for decisive good news from Charleston and elsewhere, but perhaps God is preparing us to keep the Fast Day so that he can bless us. I think the northern people

are gaining, at least, a deeper
sense of the value of their na-
tionality & of the necessity of
sustaining it. I hope they
are finding out that they
need the Divine favor.

We are having a good deal
of sickness & have lost some
of our best church members,
though not persons who were
conspicuous in society.

Please give my kind
regards to your brother, to
Capt. Whittelsey & Navy
Stinson. Our ladies
have just raised \$200 by a
sewer, to help the Maine
soldiers.

Yours with affectionate
& Christian regard
A. C. Adams

Head Quarters 11th Corps
Apr. 26. 1863

Dear Sir,

We are all here still.
The weather is better this morning
for campaigning. We had yesterday or
the night before a hard rain as
ever saw. We should be ought
to be very thankful, we had not
started from camp. Our brigades
sent three days ago some 30 miles
from us. The roads must be now
nearly impassible. They will dry
up in a couple of days if we
have no rain. You must tell me
all about the fair. I thought I
ought to write Deane a letter this
morning, but concluded to write
Mamma first. Papa read a paper
this morning that made him speak
of Anne's injury - the food is very short
here &c. She repeated it when I was

at home with a fever. I am very
sorry the children all have such
bad colds. Jimmie has the cough -
I didn't know he was subject to
it. I hope it is only temporary. We
much love to him. Capt. Ballou & the
little German boy called 'Bony' were
down here to live. Mr. Barker
formerly Col 68th Me. seriously
wounded at Antietam has been
assigned to my command or will be
today. He is here a brave man
& complete officer. Murky has
come back from Washington, is
now Captain Howard. Harry Stinson
went with the Brigade I mentioned.
I shall expect him back tomorrow.
perhaps today. I enclose a hundred
dollars. I sent a hundred in my last
I do hope you are not too weary
this morning. I will not be
when this arrives -
Love to all. Lovingly. Otho

Office of the Noble County Military Committee
Baldwells April 20, 1863

To his Excellency David Tod,
Governor of Ohio,

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At a meeting of the Military Committee
for Noble County Ohio held on the day and year
aforesaid it was ordered that the Chairman
and Secretary certify that this Committee
Recommend Rev. Randall Ross, formerly of Sha-
lon, in said County but now of the 62nd Reg,
Ohio Volunteers as a suitable person to
raise, and command a Regiment of Colored
Soldiers for service in the U.S. Army.

And we further certify that from an
acquaintance of over ten years, with said
Randall Ross, we know him to possess
sufficient intelligence literary acquirements
and general knowledge of human nature, honesty
and patriotism, to eminently fit him, ^{for} the position
recommended

John M Rowan Chairman
W.H. Grazier Sec,

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Apr. 20th

1863.

Dearest,

I received a short letter from you after the fair - You were very tired. I don't like to have you get tired. The months are hastening on. It is already the 20th of April. I am hoping that you have good courage and much strength. We are still here and it is raining again. It is singular how late the season is, but perhaps life will be saved by it. I want a more implicit & specific reliance upon God. Rev. Mr. Quint preached for us yesterday here at W.D. Co. He gave us a good, nice talk on the necessity of believing on testimony. Rev. Lee, Mr. Ames & Mr. Chamberlain. Also Dr. Howard & Rev. Mr. King of the tenth

Mr. Sam Jackson has met with
a sad accident. How much
love to my dear & Annie
I hope they are well
Kind regards to Mrs. Stinson.
Harry is still at Kelly's

Good - I hope a revival
my regards also to Mrs. Clark
& Lottie -

God our abundance of love

& encouragement to you

My darling with a prayer
for you -

Travelling
Olive

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Apr 22nd

1863.

My dear little daughter,

Papa
thinks it is time for you to have
a letter. Say. May must have received
his and read it before this time.

I would like to look in upon you all
this morning. I think you must just
now be at breakfast. Fannie just
at Mamma's left, bothering her while
she is pouring out the coffee. Yourself
on her right with a bright happy
face and very directly opposite
ready to laugh, or to tell a
story. Uncle Rowland says: 'May
hasn't time to write him a
letter'. May must be very busy.

Do you still get impatient when
you get tired and very very hard!

or have you got older and wiser?
One time Mamma said you
all had bad colds - have you
got over them - Jamie was crossy.
him. Deems, tell Mamma has just
been sent to command one of
Japan's divisions - they wanted to know
if a commander of four Regiments
was a Brigadier here...! A Commander
of ^{two or} three brigades is a Division Commander
and a Commander of three
Divisions is a Corps Commander -

Papa is now a Corps Commander.
With Jamie's blocks or the dominoes
you

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| 1 | 1 | } | can arrange three brigades & |
| 2 | 1 | | call it a division - make |
| 3 | 1 | | three divisions & call it a |
| 4 | 1 | | Brigade Corps. |

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|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | } | John is glad you |
| 2 | 1 | | remember him - He is very |
| 3 | 1 | | good to Papa. I don't know |
| 4 | 1 | | how I would do without |

him, unless I got home when Mamma

and my little children would
take care of me. It will be very
nice when the war is over will it
not, so that I can go home
to stay. How are Mrs. Clark &
Lottie - quite well I hope?

And do you go to school
to Miss Wardlaw now? I
do you love her as much as
you used to? I should think
Mamma would be jealous -
I suppose you see Mrs
Stinson occasionally - tell
her we hear from Harry
every day at Kelly's food.
We hope he will come back
soon - Much love to dear old
Mamma, little brothers Amy & Jamie
I hope you all pray for Papa
Your affectionate nephew
O. Howard

It is not known if the same is safe

Portland April 22^d 1863

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I now Enclose Certificate of
5 Shares Canal Bank Stock also \$500 of
State of Maine Bonds - these Coupons will be
paid when due, at any good Bank in the State
they Charged interest on the State Coupons
from 1st of March \$4.62 which I did ^{not} before
reckon, as nothing was said about it when I
bargained for it - the amt I paid Mr Morrill
was \$1.38 - Making \$5.00 due to me which
can remain to suit your own convenience
- I could not get these Certificates so
as to send them before to day -

I was glad to hear of your Husbands
wellness and that he could write to you with
cheerfulness - May the Lord be with him
and protect him through all the dangers he
may ^{be} called to pass - and again return him in
safety to his Family } your Affectionate
Uncle } E. M. White

He is a good officer and I feel sorry for
him, but la fortune de guerre. Gen. Barlow
has a brigade under Gen. Steinwehr.
He has got a plan for his wife to join him.
She has not the blessing of children and
so she can come. But I would'nt exchange
one lot. So you will say by the divine
blessing, by next June - God bless you
Hymen and give you forthwith much
joy. I wrote to Lizzie the last letter. Give
them much love from Papa. They must'nt
play too hard. Remember me to the
Chicks, Sister & Miss Abby. Has Amy
begun to go to school over the
River yet? You will probably see
by the paper that I have been
permanently assigned to this Corps.
This will promote Capt. Howard to a
Major & Lieut. Stierman to a Captain.
I have a beautiful camp - Did'nt
you see it as you came through the
gate? I hardly think Uncle Hicks
will come back. There are so many

men for him
that I don't think he would like him
much more & I can't
bring to my friends
in
the West.

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Apr 24th

1863.

Yesterday I received a
letter from you and so did
Charles. We have just got this.
Another severe rain storm - since
I wrote the above words, it has
begun to rain again hard. Father
put on my trust driven by
a North West wind. It will prob-
ably be a clearing off shower. The
rains thus far have hindered the
possibility of moving effectively.
but I believe Gen. Hooker has kept
a large force of the enemy opposite.
I caused them of late to reinforce.
All this business every purpose, if
provision are running as low as
is claimed in the rebel country.
I expected we should make

Some moments before this
Harry Stinson with the 1st
Maine Brigade is still up
Kell's post. I hear from them
every day. I feel as if it is especially
providential that Abby who is with
you. I think she is a real good woman
and will be a kind friend. I am glad
she can sew. I hope the Lord will
carry you through this great trial
safely and in joy. All I am fearful in
you are is over-work, too much self-
sacrifice for the children - for example
lying in uncomfortable positions or not
well covered, in order to give them comfort.
The mother must take care of herself
for the sake of her children. Don't you
think so? Her mind (?). The last words
on my tablet this morning are: "My times
are in thy hand." Ps. 31-15. This will
apply to both of us. I don't feel so very anxious
about you as I would did I not feel that
I had committed you into the hands

of a loving Heavenly Father. Heavily
seldom says anything of Miss Jeannie. She
would be very reluctant to accept him
without the positive approval of herself &
Eliza. Charles said in a letter that he found
strong opposition in some quarters there.

I told him in the beginning that I should not
bother him. I have got a fixed notion that
girls change. Sometimes they grow into hard
cases & sometimes they make the loveliest kind
of wives and mothers. He has made up his mind
that he has allowed his friends to influence
him too much and the very next pretty
girl he falls in love with. He will laugh
at ministers & generals as also at
ministers & general's wives - and soon
he will exhibit a happy household
like the rest of us. I wouldn't give a
fig for a wife somebody else selected
for me. wouldn't you? I tell her. I am
very much. Now I shall have you back
to his brigade. Let see who commands
the Brigade feels very badly to be displaced

Portland Apr 24 63.
Dear General

I take the liberty to write you in behalf of gentlemen of this City upon a matter which they do not wish to make the subject of an official Communication. It is their opinion, & they represent the leaders of the Republican party throughout the State that the Copperheads as they are called confidently expect to carry the State in the fall elections, and that loyal men of every name must put forth their most earnest efforts to defeat them. It is a most sacred duty not only to the State but our Country - To

insure success + the defeat of
secession here in our midst, it
is the desire of Republicans to
advance a Union Candidate
for Governor upon whom they
can unite the whole loyal
heart of the State + the votes of
every man who loves liberty, his
country and the right.

I am assured that the best
and most influential men
of the Republican party unite
in naming yourself as the
man who in their opinion,
can best thus unite the
people + secure the state.

Many in this vicinity are
anxious to know what are
your views upon this subject
and if you would accept
the nomination. The expression

of your feeling and opinion
if you see fit to communicate
it to me, would not of course
be made public, but would
be seen only by a few who
have influence and control
in political matters + who
desire thus to hear from you
that they may be able to
act understandingly.

I hope you are well + I
pray that God will abundantly
strengthen you for your responsible
duties, + bless you spiritually.
Please give my kind regards
to Charles.

Yours very truly
J. B. Helman.

United States Military Telegraph.

Received Apr 25-1863.

From Col. Quarter Army Potomac
To Maj. Genl. Howard
Candy 11th Corps

The Maj. Genl. Candy directs me to inform you that your Brigade at Kelly's Ford will have knapsacks and complete equipments with eight days rations in knapsacks & Haversacks as heretofore directed in Circular as early as Tuesday noon. You can make this arrangement as you may think proper by relieving them or sending their knapsacks to them. I am also directed to inform you confidentially for your own information and not for publication that your whole Corps will probably move in that direction as early as Monday A. M.

P. F. Parston

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Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Apr 2nd

1863.

Dearest.

I drew my pay yesterday
and enclose you a check for 300 dollars.

You can put Mrs O. O. Howard on
the back and get it cashed at
the bank at your convenience.

We are all well but John. John
has a bad cold and cough. When
he puts his head down it aches. I
feel very sorry for John. but he keeps
around & is getting better. He is a
most excellent & faithful man.

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First. Griffith who was with us
when I commanded Burns brigade
has joined me as A.D.C. He is a fine
man, his wife lives in Phil^a. This is
a beautiful morning. May our
Heavenly Father comfort & bless you
Many kisses to yourself the children
Sincerely
A. C.

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Washington April 27th 1863
 Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

As the President of the Washington City Young Men's Christian Association, it becomes my pleasant duty to inform you that at the Anniversary Meeting held on Wednesday the 22nd inst. you were constituted a Member for Life of the Association by the contribution of the following gentlemen.—

Rear Admiral A. H. Foote

Dr Peter Parker

Wm Ballantyne

Rev. J. S. Butler

The Association has for over a year sustained an active Christian Minister as Missionary to labor among the Seamen, Quartermasters Men, Ports, Guards &c. who are not otherwise provided with religious services, and his labors have been very acceptable and greatly blessed; it was to sustain this Mission that a contribution though unasked was made at the meeting.

May the rich blessing of Heaven rest upon you, and may God shield your



heart in the day of battle, and give you
victory

With great respect General
I am your Obedient Servant
J^m. Ballantyne

April 27 1863.

General O. O. Howard,

Camp 11th Corps,

The Commanding General

directs me to say that

he desires to have you

meet him at Morris-

ville at 2 P. M.

Thursday, Tuesday

Respectfully

Yours truly

V. Williams,

Act. Asst. Surg.

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Office of Chief Quarter Master,

Eleventh Army Corps,

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11 OC PM Apr 27 1863.

General

The order now given in accordance with your understanding of the order of march the wagons for forage have gone as follows - not to my personal knowledge but from reports of officers 1 wagon for Stemmer - 4 are on the way - for 1st Brigade 2nd Brigade 2 Div wagons have been forwarded 1 for the 2nd 4 for first Brigade - also 3 for Battery 2 Brigade 4 wagons are on the way & will if possible be through to night - the 1 Div following in the rear has had very bad roads to contend with - They were ordered to send the wagons ^{and 3 wagons are still on the way will go on to night} with forage have not yet reported - except that the train is stuck at Potomac Creek part have crossed and they are crossing as fast as possible - We have been delayed by the 5th Corps until dark - and hence the delay of the forage wagons which should have been with their respective commands

Respectfully

Wm. H. Dyer

Lt Col & Chy 2d
11 Corps

Major Gen. A. M. Howard

Had not my presence been imperatively demanded I would have reported in person to night

A Mail near here
nothing of whetstone has
been recovered yet

Adams Howard
Concord 11th Oct 1875

Ed. M. 1st Cavalry Division

Home Church April 28,

[1863]

To Major General Howard

12th Corps -

General -

By direction of Major
General Hooker, I send you
a regiment of Cavalry (19th
Penn. Cav) Colonel Kellogg, Comd^g
for duty with your corps -
It is intended I believe
that they should cover your
movement in front & flank
as skirmishers & scouts -

I send you, also,
six other Cavalry men as
guides thro' the country
to the Rapidan tilt-ford -

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Headquarters Twelfth Corps D'Armee,
ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

April 28th 1863.

Maj Gen A. A. Howard
Comd 11th Corp
Sumner

I would thank
you for any information that
you can send me from the
river - about the crossing - your
progress &c. my head quarters
are in a small house on the
right of the road about a mile
from you, my orders will
conduct any one you may
wish to send.

W. H. Loomis

M. G.

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Headquarters Twelfth Corps d'Armée

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

April 28 1862

Maj. Gen. G. B. Meade

Camp 41 - 1st

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 26th inst. and in reply to inform you
that the same has been forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. B. Meade

Wash D. C.

April 30/63

General

I am directed to
station a Regt of Infantry
in the woods, which will be
pointed out by an Orderly,
to remain until the 12th
Corps passes.

My object in notifying
you is for your direction
in posting another Regt
for your Corps.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Jno. W. Geary
Brig. Gen. & Chief

Maj. Gen. Howard }
Comd'g 11th Corps }

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Maj Gen. Howard
Comd'g 11th Corps