May 13, 1863

Dear Colonnelle, Va

Davenport.

After crossing the
Peters River we turned south towards the
plan with no loss of time.

We can now see South west of Fredericksburg
(?) - a clean view - 4 Corps on duty - Monday Tuesday I
headed my Corps so you will easily understand
the main business tonight. Wednesday
night we loss to the Rebels an
unneutralized time - but now they
were with them

Very much

Your friend

[Signature]
I am much bound to you to allow me to the children
may Not be left to the husband
Upon which benjamin
When it shall
Always and
When
Erm

Mar 1943
Chicago, May 7, 1863

May Genl O.C. Howard,

Sir,

It is nearly a year now for congratulation. If it were I would congratulate you a few years since, even all my days, but the highest military rank, did this from the very hour he was ordered in over the river. I cannot, it is such as I am not prepared for and in the second place, I have in mind the fact that it seems to run from the accounts that have reached me, that you lost a lot of not another battle, at least another victory. For myself, altho' without military-warden or experience, I do not and never have expected to criticize the Maneuver, and Council of war until, as expects. The birth of fault

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Signature]
finding I have to show where you,
fortuna with our difficulities and
in action they never - Especially
no I envy to hear that your own
particularly Army corps should show
in defence of it and now it may
take the result is owing to them -
myself know an accout your if any
responsibility for what is peculiarly believes
to be a cowardly abandonment of their
position if the solders cause your
unindicted Crime and. No one. Also
knows you, at any rate, will make any
questions to your action as to outline
a crisis. But it is not quite considera-
tion by what particular accident or
series of accidents the result was
reached. Our Army is upon on the
North Bank of the Potomac which and
so it never be there. I hope are this
absence of information, that the belief
is successfully made no the advancement
lost. For nothing been gained by
another desperate battle of 30th day.
She in her notice for the next
other results. & after that our army is
terribly DAOOOL and they are unfit
for any further service. I assume you
I do not make their inquiries in any kind
of attention, but hoping that in the absence
from me in some case you, you may
yet for the acquittance. They. first time
to give me, so much of a statement of
the Condition of affairs, as is consistent
with your situation and for purposes
of ascertain their velocity, and our condition
is what we have to effect in
the future. It must be a natural term
inquiry for you to read. "Why are you not
in your cavalry service." Not to mention
other. I have four reserves, a wife and two
boys are claim of them, the fourth is
the particular in which I offer from you
VJ. I am disqualified as unfit for a
Commotion brigade and shall discontinue
from Education and this for an office.
March 6th 1863

General

I shall have the supplies all ready. Col. Batchelder informs me that Gen. Ingalls has ordered all the transportation of the Army back to Potomac Creek. Our transportation is all here, as Col. Le Duc has had no orders to move. If you want forage or tools, you will have to send here. Be sure to have this side having crossed at Banks' Ford this morning. The Bridge is up and the enemy have guns in position on the other side. Let me know as soon as possible how to reach you.

Yours truly,
Geo. W. Ballou
Lt. Col. 60th S.

P.S. The enemy hold Fredericksburg.
May 4, 1865

Commander Colo. W. H. Wright will be at the old camp near Fredericksburg. The corps commanders will send the staff officers for orders at 6 A.M. to report their locations for the night. Their locations for the night will be in the old camp of the 2nd corps as friends or the old camp of the 3rd corps as friends or as the General in chief directs. For the camp of occupation will continue to be as before. The 6th corps will continue to occupy the river as ordered. The 1st corps will camp temporarily in the vicinity of the old camp. The 6th corps between the left of the 2nd corps and the right of the 6th corps.

By command of Genl. Holmes

Special Assistant

Major & Capt. H. E. Lister

Major V. A. R. B. May Griffith and
Brother's Station
May 6, 1863

May Whitting

You may go part to the Canoeed Head
that the O'Briens might
be on its former
Camp

Signed

[Signature]
Some to the children, send me word how they are.

Head Quarters 11th Corps, near

Booth's Station

May 9th, 1863

Dear Son,

It has been some days since I have written you. I know it is a time when I am very anxious on your account, but the absence and inconvenience of an marches and battles for the last two days has been unnoticed. We have been without wagon and without tents. We have been so many things and our goods that I can very easily assure that you should know the truth. I know that I was properly killed, wounded, and wounded. My spirit is quiescent. I assign you to an officer. On the Saturday night, 20th, Jackson attacked our right, with a solid column, with great power, and the division of Gillis Brigade occupied the...
Point of attack and immediately gave way. Word was then given to the other troops with such reenforcements that they gave way too. Such a man as Forrest, I have not seen since the first battle of Bull Run. Some of Gen. Forrest's brigade stood ever since fifteen minutes held the enemy in check. The battery was used. My staff myself worked as hard as men could to arrest the tide. Sometimes we would get a line behind a farm in the woods, but it little helped.

The most trying and dangerous position a commander can be in is when his troops have got a game and are fighting. Poor Capt. Pensacola, was killed and half burned. Gen. Scott ran after he had fallen. His body was brought home to Bragg just before the candle went. Waters and I died so, but I climbed and the works were generally got to. He was rally after broken trees when he fell. Officers and men were more exposed than in the last battle, but a kind Providence bore up on the men. W. S. Stillman were in the thick of the battle. I had seen Gen. Whittington to bring up a train of forage and go on west there during the disaster. Gen. Bartow with his brigade had been sent away just before the engagement by Gen. Walker's order.

Now after several successive engagements the enemy was returned nearly its old position. Now am very keen Jamie ? How is Missie ? I am very afraid of those Yankees, I am very afraid of those Yankees.

Off a short letter from you Saturday and I want to hear again. You must write.
Headquarters Eleventh Corps.

New Buena Vista. Sta. 1863

May 9th

Dear Mrs.

I got your letter last night and was delighted. Only I knew you must have much anxiety to write as much that day May 29. Went from Sunday. The day of the most terrible battle I have witnessed. We are now in the old camp. God is indeed good to us. My precious wife. I hope by this time you are getting strong. I
are coming for the work to see over. I may go home in peace. Bonam.

Benny has gone — Kirby has been seriously wounded. I will lose his leg. He beheld with his usual gallantry.

But mine is perhaps yet too much excitement is these events. For you to bear.

Remember we were all quiet and safe, not for the

Names of God. The battle was

shrewd we call the

little boy. Chancellor [illegible]

Miss Shaneys. — She in liga.

Long so long was! How does Hannah take the little rivals coming?

Long much worth again. If

Mammas is able or as

to keep longer informed.

And Helen strengthen you. —

Lovingly

Otie

Additional sound from. We

He don't after Neujor's shup.

He is Neujor, nowant!
April 25th.

Dear followers. We are leaving

locally written now, through on

our return to this place we had

to face through stiff Clayesand.

You must not allow this

news sorrow to affect you.

I must reflect a few bits

as my wife did and do well.

She has a sclpiff

wonderfully. But when the

body suffers the heart

suffers with it. Win all the

blestans for help to tell

me if you receive my last

message of a name

Lovingly,

Brother John

Newbern Station

May 10th, 1863.

Dear Sir,

Since I wrote you I have

received a long letter from you containing

a book of the leading news; it is a

little brown boy little the rest of

it. Of course he looks wise. He is from a

good name, but not one for an

affectionate abstraction. Poor fellow

Despair was killed in that battle. A

noble generous, honest young man

with a wife of one child in Brooklyn

would like to win me to it. So do.
Wine sister Dessaun Howard

Frederick Dessaun Howard. It would be a monument to my faith if my poor friend still with you.

Do not tell you much of the news. I have been through with a good deal in the last ten days, but as I am well and ready for action, the least said about all the disasters the better. I will enclose you an order I published this morning which will show you my feeling and deep feelings. I believe my heart will never blotts. God is good to us and blessings. I pray for my children to be his pitch.
A Nation in to be raised
up on pillars that have
been established - to
forth Gods glory - These are
great things - Then before
I contribute a dollar a
drop of blood a life a friend
a prayer a word, that
will be used by God to
further the Kingdom of Jesus.

It is a good thing to both
hope quietly wait for the
redemption of the Lord - the
sufferings of the Lord - in
prayer by every defect
also in humility also in
genuine faith in God. Be
by good courage - will
strengthen the heart - Pray 2
rep. our the Lord. A very
Prophetic to me to God.
He will keep I will use you.
Hiland
To Send for any reasons. The people at the last heard a sermon. Never knew a minister that you ever wounders but we don't believe it on the Boston Journal tomorrow. Needs of your appearance at the meeting with the President. I, of course, and also give a Yestation from your letter for him. thing. Since I knew the inspector evidently think that the cause will be advantaged by knowing some blame on you they hardly dared to do it. I do not believe it will yet time to write to the President a follow-up statement of the affairs of that the other measure events. A man might as well not be a Christian if reason can shorten a him utterly. In the only reason that we can feel like giving up. is because we are afflicted on an unexpected I understand you to whom he receiveth. Praise entirely. Before thre the case of his face. I protest we can safely leave ours with God. Then the time coming so God is not. Truth is statement. The heavens earth. If not one got a little will help from God in law (will. pleasure. character. lifetime. purpose) the bring of the Province police come Small to God in the constitution no great thing. But a great thing people are to remember I thought of a church. A wicked step of Officiers in. and Bloss is it be ended.
Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Near Brothers Station 1863
May 12th

Dear Sir,

We are still here. I hope you are still doing well and are not "too smart". My corps is much abused but I think in a high degree unjustly. I trust the future may relieve us from delay and delay of hearing neglected duties. Caution and watch one right was turned in the thick woods and an overwhelming force nailed upon the flank of our right. For your sake I hope it is not quite so warm as Augusta as it is here today as I know you do not like it."Yours etc.

The letter written May 25th was beautifully written. The letters weren't all the words stuffed correctly and what he said nastly. The last one was like a field...
post written under the excitement and in haste.

I hope you will feel very proud of your two little brothers. I remain, the undisturbed [illegible] of her rights as an only daughter.

I am writing this now to let you know that we have not been allowed to read the papers lately. They have contained all sorts of false reports. I have been reported as wounded and killed, but I believe this not as likely. When the battle first started as we were trying to defend a regiment, my brother [illegible] stood so strongly on his horse. He fell and had to come down, but I was soon up again. I got my horse swathed and lay a little wounded but not seriously. I hope you all are well. The world is waiting.
New York, May 14, 1863


Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 10th in answer to my inquiry after the late Capt. Dessauer, is received, for which you will please accept my thanks. I have already written to Lt. Col. Annunsee in relation to his effects. If you wish to keep his horse you will please send the value of it to my daughter, Mrs. Dessauer, 127 Amity St. Brooklyn, or to me.

Very respectfully yours,

G. D. Brent.
Headquarters Eleventh Corps.

May 16, 1863

New Brunswick

Dear Mrs. [Name],

I must write you this morning. It is now the 14th day since I wrote you, and I hope you have heard from me so soon as to feel very small by this time. Mrs. [Name] came to see how [Name] was yesterday. I told her I could not come, but I went to see her in the evening before. I have not seen a family yesterday. She knew her a wife & 7 boys. She had a room I was told off. They have writing. 

Yours truly,

[Name]
rebelling love amounts to his
sins, if it would lead us mightly
swiftly in some way, much more
must he be cashed, shall I say
I Rodrigo know him, when
for his people to command
there they shout into the
words of God.

My heart is resolved to wound
some body in it for all my
not just a court but some human
name how to attention to
you.

Yours

Yours
to look for bread. It seems as though sometimes I was not able to do any good. But I feel cheerful & content at all times. Lizzie appears to be doing nicely. She has written me twice since the arrival of the 5th. Besides a few lines added to Hang's letter on the evening of the good tidings. I have not written much about the battle, nor when Lizzie first told you the whole story. Besides, she has written to the Portland folks, and there have been indications of movements. But I do not think much will be attempted in this quarter. Very well, Henry is very busy. Miss Emma went to Ella. Lizzie has her own "Aline branch." Ella and Uncle Aline the baby I do wish you could come and bring along or bear more could from among yourselves. Affectionately.

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

May 11th, NewBrook's 3

My Dear Brother,

I have just received your kind letter of the 17th last. I am surprised at the information you have received and most particularly at that you have last received. The 2nd Daughter was a 3. Boy was born on May 3d the day after the terrible battle of Chancellorsville. I have asked Lizzie to name him for a dear young man, Joseph Branson, who was on my staff & killed which bringing the news. His name was Fredrick. All the rest of the family are well. I cannot say anything that will be of service to you in alleviating your anxiety. We made a bivouac of ten days and have returned to the place of starting. The injuries suffered are not very serious.
great. Both of us are bounding—yet
true we are & daily grow

right in leaving the service.

"Well, does your courage play," No.

Havist I paused through the first

length of dull sun, and was in

noon the 2nd. If my trust was

in man, armed or unarmed,

I should have played long

ago. But you know I trust in

God. I believe he means something

by this revolution. I believe I am

right in standing by the govern-

ment and that I am all right in

no on the wrong side, but would

to find our kind Father. But he

might give us more men than

leader than we now have. Who

dross the virtues of that man.

the sound of shot sounds against me

I know I am weak & unworthy, but I

do trust in that strong arm. And if

we will let him he will
May 11, 1863

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

My dear Mother,

I received a letter from Washington from Crook yesterday. He speaks of your visit and of your health. He thinks you feel that your work is too heavy for you. I think sometimes that I do very little for your comfort, but I know that you enjoy as much as anything the good news of your children and their real welfare. But if I can do anything to make the pleasant for you, I shall be glad to do so. I remained mother's mind much.
be interested in public affairs, just now, perhaps partially wrong among us. We
my own thoughts lie in that direction, must yet be much different before
so much I wish so much attendant
anxiety that I am apt to
avoid the subject in all private
letters. We all have felt badly that
my poor health did not do better, but that it
is not. I have not been afraid to die if
would simplify matters very much.
They are afraid their weakness makes them
men. I should certainly despair of
my country, did I not know that
there is an overruling power in
that He will guide even amid
the turbulent passions of men.
From there is something very wrong in love of money. I don't
Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

May 22nd, 1863.

New Rodger Station.

Dear Sir,

At the request of Dr. A. H. I went up to Washington two

weeks before last. I spent one day

two nights in Washington and retur-

ned yesterday. Day before yesterday I

spent in running about with Mrs. Bliss

and my friends. Tired of this time. It's a job of the time

with one friend. Dear Sir,

I went the President in his grounds

before breakfast. He appointed a meeting

with me after breakfast. The Vice Pre-
Since we visited the President at his office, after which half an hour's absence I visited the President. He had a good deal to say about the campaigning of recent days & a good many questions to ask. We gave him much credit to the Secretary of War, Secretary Chase, who, I am told, was looked up at as his office. After that visit, Admiral Foote Smith, Davis & the Secretary of the Navy, & I were very cordially received at Washington. Dean took me to call on Miss McLean, who I was very pleased to meet. I have heard from her ever since & I have left another very much impressed. You sent me a letter. We found Miss McLean in Washington. She came down with us, all well.
The enemy is now doing well but gain no success in that quarter. I think we are to be led to a gradual success so that we shall very likely remain away by force and arrangement and amibulable all the good prospects incident for us in this great army. Difficulties. I get a backer's promotion to a Brigade General and have assigned him to a brig in this corps. An officer has gone to New Bern. I am going to have service this morning. How am I when I am in no rain for many days. Much love to the children and many kisses.

[Signature]

Headquarters Eleventh Corps.

[Address]

Dear [Name],

I told you in yesterday's letter that [Person] came from Washington with us. Yesterday, which took dear to Carlstadt to see Frederick Ston at the house near the way. She thinks she had a fine time. I understand the song of the road, or the carriage last night we gave her a tea party inviting all the ladies and a few gentlemen, i.e., Mrs. [Name], Mrs. [Name], Mrs. [Name], and Mrs. [Name].
Dear Mom,

All the ladies did not come. Mr. B. 

Mr. & Mrs. Dunlop. The Band of

the 38th. Mary came & played during

the evening. While I was gone one of the

men nearly drowned with flood tides. 

The farmers are working in a field of

beans tonight. They have already made

two bays I notice and one of the

right sheep of my dear

wouldn't buy. I came home in a

time place to play & stay with people. All is very pleasant

but it isn't home in the lasting


Jane is happily married now. She is very, very happily so, I think.

Mother is here and she is very, very happy. Also, she is happy

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Sunday morning. We are all very well this

morning. The baby is still here. She

has accepted his resignation and has an

appointment in the Navy. His resignation

has not yet been accepted as he put it in

yesterday. Charles continues to be

doesn't listen to anyone. I have strongly

talked about leaving the service but I do

not think it is the proper time now.

I have heard rumors of an 'armistice' Day

work is not yet done. On the contrary,
Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Dear Mr. Howard,

Although I have not yet had the pleasure of having you, I hope some day to have a long talk with you. I thought it might be pleasant for you to have a lady descendant of your husband's parents. Here is some which is very pretty and comfortable. My sister was very anxious to have it all the more.

I have just been thinking about my next letter. I am not going to talk about that.}

Yesterday came the word that the war is over. The news came and the Saugus was to arrive on the 30th day of the war. I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing a lady from the same time in all, in my future to stay there and stay it. I hope pleasantly. My home is continued.
I am very much interested in the beauty of nature. I love to see the beautiful flower gardens, and the places I visit are always filled with beauty. The gardens I have seen in my travels are some of the most beautiful places I have ever been to.

I have been to many places and seen many beautiful gardens. I have seen places where the flowers are in full bloom, and others where the flowers are just beginning to bloom. I have seen places where the flowers are in full bloom, and others where the flowers are just beginning to bloom.

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May 26th, 1863

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from you yesterday afternoon, and felt very pleased that seeing your friends had gone at least for you. But I hope after a little quiet you can yourself again. I am not so sure that my coming might not avail you even though I belong here. I do not think I can go back now, I will tell you my reasons. My boys did not do very well at Chancellorsville. Most every body who in Baltimore tries to help the resistance, wishes some body else to shoulder the strain and the Americans are many of them against me. It was my first time with them. Now I must write to discipline my command. I get it in hand immediately to get up good officers in the command of Brigades and Regiments.
I must be here to head off time.

I want the command to

learn use and I wish to learn it.

Again I rather apprehend an attack near

the affair of Dickburg which is

so dismaying to the people. They

will try some game to retrieve their

hopes. North probably will accumulate

a very large force against Florence. I

thot he was not be attacked but

perhaps more something desperate

will be attempted and he will expel

us...I attack us helping to end

the many noses that we have lost in

many two years nineteen months regiment.

I have meditated resigning a little I and
do not think that is a greater thing. The

frenzied people who look to me as a

sort of representation would be disappointed

and if I waste my color worse...I am

under a little cloud...tenderly exposed but

very successful and I have put them

all in order with success.

difficulties. My life is still here. I thin

guilt quite give my eye salt...are many for to him directly.

She sent the want to write you from

Melian she did yesterday. She would

tell you so many interesting

details...that I knew thought it would

be a relief to you. Ballot thinks

I must be going home to me...little

boy. I thank in might make it

name...happily Howard. It is

pleasant sounding but I am afraid

she will be a little old...

I could always

see you old as howland described the

hand scenes when he was with you.

Much love to Nancy

Kiness. Write soon. Yrs.

Love,

Cly,
May 2, 1863

Dear Mr. Smith,

I was just informed that the Keats family have moved to New York. It appears that Mr. Keats is a successful businessman and has secured a position in one of the large companies there. I am hoping to hear from you today. I have been hoping that you would not read the news before I could tell you about their new location.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
my little wife while she is not very strong may feel it
she cannot bear to hear more words. I think
Boston presents the type of man I've
Amiral Mattingly is a very political man to
I think with sacrifice one's own money to the
chances it needs. If I could quietly go
home when I am laid to rest, I should like it,
but our business is involved. My staff are dependent
on me. The Christian element in the Army is
part of itsdefinite work. From as a Christian
I see the need of unity in this crisis would help
me in the service. I wish knowing the
President, Sec. of War, to lend a hand.
If you know anybody else whom you
don't know, address to thecircumstances to
command, this helps you much not hesitate
on very accounts to give him the command.
Major Mattingly has helped in this situation.
It is hard to lay such a task upon the military
family, but one might seek it sound
practical sense. We have hardly had
a rainy day since the 4th. Mary and
the dust is everywhere abundant. Almost
as much so as in Florida. Since I began my letter
we have heard a preacher who came originally
from the North of Ireland but is now located
in Pennsylvania. He came to us. Having the
might not come as he belonged to the Christian
commission and stopped at Fairmount so Maj.
Mattingly would be so kind as to give me a
compliment of the 15th
please. My tooth came stronger in touching
the former. We Stearns prepared a most
excellent, lifted lenin from the foot
Then is joy in the presence of the angels
of God and our Savior. That repentance
worn desires. After he closed the spirit-
heart said he had selected the same
place of our journey on it, expecting
to preach from it. It was a singler con-
science and I hope it was the means of
bringing some one to the Truth. This
afternoon Mrs. Lee T. Perry called. My
Miss a room in a house next door.
She came back from Washington today.
He attended this is funeral. Poor
Riley was gone. It was a brave