

We are having very warm and sultry weather, I shall be glad when "dog days" are over, "hard uncomfortable" it is for the sick and wounded. Capt. Henshaw's sermon was preached here yesterday by Mr. Holt, it was very patriotic, and we hope may have a good influence on the people here, a great many attended.

Aunt Eliza joins me in much love to yourself and Children, give much love to the others, when you write to him, and if you can find a spare moment, it would give me much pleasure to receive a letter from you, and hoping that you will visit me at Farmington soon. Believe me ever affectionately your cousin

Caroline E. Sargent.

Aunt Eliza is very anxious to see Grace, and thinks Mr. Turner will go down in a few days her lameness is quite well, and she wrote her much to see you all. She is very much obliged for the photographs, and thinks that a "pretty good, but not by the hand some way L." I wish you would send me a Card or a visit of yourself, as I have one of the one my Album, and the return is not complete without yours, on the opposite page. I hope me of Howard and Ella and Charles. Love.

Leeds May 3rd 1863

Dear Cousin Fizzie

Aunt Eliza is very much engaged this morning, and has requested me to write you, as she is preparing for commencement, she will go to Brunswick tomorrow, and return on Friday. I came to Leeds last Thursday, and made a little visit at Uncle George and came here Saturday evening, intend to return to Farmington tomorrow, unless I shall conclude to attend commencement, which is very doubtful, as I do not like to leave my little boys, and it would be quite impossible to take them with me. Aunt Eliza is anticipating a great deal of pleasure, from Gay's visit at Farmington, and I hope you will be able to make us a visit there at the same ^{time}, it would give us much pleasure to see you, and the others.

Children, and it is not a long, or
tiresome journey from here. I want to see
the little one, very much. What is his
name to be? Letters came from Charles
on Saturday eve, dated Worcester Junction
July 29th. They were resting there for a few days
waiting for horses for the Saturday, they
were all well. How thankful we should
be that their lives, and health, have
been so successfully preserved, and so
many dangers, and hardships, and
I trust their precious lives may be spared
for many long years of usefulness, and
influence.

I have lately heard of dear Ray's
terrible wound. His right ^{arm} was amputated
at the shoulder joint. I have not heard for a
week from him, but hope that "his news
is good news." His wife is with him at
Gettysburg, and he has every comfort and
attention possible. We feel that he is still
in much danger, but he seems hopeful
and cheerful, and says "he is glad he

has still one arm left, to defend
his Country's flag, and that arm is
ever ready when needed." I am glad
he feels so resigned, but it is a terrible
loss, and I fear it will be a long time
before he fully recovers his health.

Mr and Mrs Oscar Thomas will go
to Saginaw, as soon as "haymaking is over",
and another ^{group of} ~~group~~ says they will bring
Grace up with them, and she shall be
very glad to receive a visit from her,
and from you, and the little one, when
you can make it convenient. Her health
is about as usual, and she has a
good girl, now with her. Uncle Edmund's
finger is still very sore, but they
hope it is improving, it is not as painful,
but it looks terribly. He endures it with
great patience. Many of the people here
oppose the draft, and nearly all "hope
to be excused", on account of physical
disability. It is too bad we have so little
Patriotism among us, and very discouraging.

P.S. My Mother is quite
well.

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Near Little's Station Aug 4 1863.

Dear Sir,

I have been trying to get
a leave of absence for several days
but have not yet succeeded. I trust
Gen Meade is disposed to grant the
indulgence this time. He said he
would let me know. I may get
home as soon as this letter. I have
just ^{been} from 20 days and with (if I
am) taken Gen. T. Harry Stinson
along with me. No leave
except on Surgeon's certificate has
been granted yet, and I am willing

sick nor wounded. Yesterday I
arrived at this place. Mr Battells
about a mile from the Depot.
It is a beautiful place. Mrs
Mrs Battells about our age. I think
of life Mrs B has two little children
has recently lost her youngest.
Though evidently sweetened in
sympathy, yet she is a perfect
body - servants gone - milks her
own. makes her own bread. The
little boy is gone on a visit - the
little girl Lottie is a sweet little one
about 4 years old, wants me
to bring her a doll, which
I have promised when I

go on leave. She can't get dolls in
our store. You can hardly
realize the misery of living
in this region with a family -
where the people can go, neither
this winter that. The breaking
up my work has been given
up - surely until a complete
reorganization of this army takes
place. Live much love to
the children. Perhaps Papa
will see the baby before long.
Love bless you all.
Love
Otis

United States Military Telegraph.

By Telegraph from

1. A. G. W.

Dated

Aug 6th

1863.

To

Genl

Your message was
sent promptly to Std
Lrs. The operator

There (H. 2) told me
both Gen Ingalls &
Gen Williams had gone

to Fed.

I will send your answer
over immediately on the

arrival (probably in morning)

Wm. R. Johnson & Co.

Inches 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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all the money I could
get.
Reading
Oct 14 1865
M. L.

By telegraph from
Walter G. F. 1865

United States Military Telegraph
I. C. W.

to this morning. I wish you were here
to look to the men. They are a
hard set, & a hard job all the while.
Some of the officers are fair, and some
"withering with the life".

I can hardly keep the army of the
Potomac in line. I suppose you are
on the banks of the Rappahannock.
perhaps have advanced. May God
go with you, as he did with his
people of old, and especially may
he keep and preserve you my dear
friend. I am confident of the
result, but there is to be fighting
yet. Oh that the North was more
loyal. I see that my old friends
in the (The Democracy) have "rolled
in the dirt" again.

I should be very glad to hear from
you, but your time is occupied.
Give my kindest regards to Charles &
ask him to write me. Reminds me
to St. Col. Balloch, & tell him that I am
ashamed that I have to send my men to
Mr. Campbell to take care of his boys.
May the Lord of our service be a
blessing.
Yrs. truly
F. D. Johnson

Deport Camp In. Corp
Hartford Conn. Aug 9th 1863

My dear Girl.

My thoughts often turn
toward you, especially on the Sabbath.
And to-day the post comes up to
my mind. I have been reflecting
on the scenes of the last two years.
How changed. How many of those
whom we met at Bladenburg
one Sabbath in September are
gone, Rodman and Curtis, Miller
and Connor, and our Corp. And
how rarely have we seen
how little we know of the future.
How good the Lord has been to me,
I was indebted to these thoughts.
From a sermon which I heard
this A. M. on the text. "They are
new every morning" Lamentation 3rd 23rd

And^{ed}, I sat alone in my tent this
afternoon, and the poet commenced up^{me}
I could not avoid, "I rest in Thy faithful
presence." How little I have thought of
His daily mercies, Oh what an un-
grateful child I have been. May I
be more faithful and may I meet
him a man in my heart.

I wonder when you are to-day?
Are you in the enjoyment of a
quiet Sabbath? or is the holy day
broken and disturbed by the incursions
of the Campaign?

I was suddenly ordered from Mass.
to report in Washington for service.
From there I was sent here with seven
Companions. I have since then under
a Maj. Mansueti to A. H. and
have fought at this Camp. We were
sent to aid in the assault, but we
have had not the slightest trouble.
Everything is quiet. I can not
say that I fancy the service, it

is not at all pleasing to me, and
I hope soon to be released from it.

If my health were good, I would
at once wish to be sent to the Army.
I have been quite unwell for the last
fortnight. I am living in Camp,
and enjoying the luxury of a
good bedstead. My wife was with
me at Winchester, but I do not
expect her to join me again until
I am located for the winter.

I have met a religious acquaintance
here, all around me are profane,
Maj. S. B. Perkins, Capt. 4th Artillery,
in Penn. Marshes. Give her, and
Capt. Adams of the 5th Cavalry is
disrespectful.

The people here do manifest the
least interest in the spiritual welfare
of the soldier. Yesterday I addressed
a note to the City Missionary
asking him to visit the Camp to-day,
and I am to have service at



Buttermilk Falls
14th Aug 1863

Dear General Howard -

I hasten
to copy a letter I received this
morning from C. F. Hadley
written Saturday - and please
answer as soon as possible
as I would not send him one
word that you had not seen
He need not know that I wrote
to you - but I want it well ^{for any one on earth} antici-
pated before he gets anything
"Dear Sir" -

Can't you furnish
me some facts about Gen. Howard
which will help me in making up a
biographical sketch of him
He was he a professing Christian

when he came to West Point
or become one while there.

2^d Was he a teacher in the Sabbath
school, & what he did in it.

- the part he took in meetings &

3^d Any anecdotes or facts in relation
to his religious life at West Point.

- his companions &c. - recall some
of the things he has said to you.

Now if you will ~~throw~~ ^{send} your
noddle a little & give me a few
scraps right away, I shall
feel much obliged.

Yours truly

Any thing about his family

- his position occupation

&c. - didn't you tell me he

prayed with his regiment the

first time he met it. Tell me

all the anecdotes you ever

heard of him.

A. F. Bradley

Now I Assembly of pine that
this is the one to do you

justice, dear General Howe

- and as I have had so few

opportunities of seeing papers

& have never corresponded with

anyone near you & am most

anxious to see you done justice

to, as our much loved friend

I write at once, and beg you

will promptly send me some

thing of your life that you

would most like to come from

the historians' pen!

Over heart & kindest love

Jeanie H. Grey

Send you also
p. mail

"Show your colors"

"Make the idiot boy"

"Something for boys"

"God will show me the way"

"The Chica angel"

9 How far are
the roads leading
to the last halting place

Baltimore
Aug 17th 1863

Major Gen Howard
USA

My Dear Sir

As one of the
few who helped to refresh your
first regiment during its passage
thru' our city, since which time
I have watched your career with no
small degree of interest - if
your career as a soldier your
beloved Union has not failed
to challenge my love & admira-
tion you may be sure that
your career as a soldier of the
Cross has bound me to you as
with links of steel thus led
me to pray God to bless you
& to prosper you in the great
work to which in his providence

he has called you.

I daily realize the fact
that our country needs Christ-
ians both in the field &
in the cabinet thalls of legis-
lation as well as in the private
walks of life - men who fear
God & eschew evil -

In my humble position
as a bank teller & an Elder
in the Church & a Sabbath School
Supt. it is my earnest desire
to do what I can to better the
condition of things in our un-
happy land - to "fear God &
honor the King" & to teach others
by precept & example to do like-
wise.

About a year ago while
confined to a sick room I
wrote the enclosed little tract
"Watch" after earnestly seeking
the Divine blessing upon the

feeble & unprofitable effort.

The gallant Christian
Genl Burnside & others -
Chaplains &c, commended
it - The American tract Society
& Presbytr Brand adopted it -
among their societies series -
various religious papers co-
pied it & it has gone forth
by 1000⁺ in the name of him
who has said "My word shall
not return unto me void &c".

And may he bless it to the
salvation of souls to the glory
of his own great name.

I also enclosed 3 little
hand bills which are pages in
my own life - should you
think favorably of any of the
enclosed I will be glad to for-
ward same to your address.

Very respy y^r obs^rer
A. M. Carter

Care of

determination under very
trying circumstances. At
9 o'clock the enemy was
repulsed at that point
and no further demonstrations
made.

x x x x x

I am General very
respectfully Yours

(Sig) C. Schurz
Maj. Genl Comdg Division

w/ letter # 16

'Extract'

[Aug, 1863]

Head Quarters 3rd
Division August 20th 1863.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comdg 11th Corps.

General:

On the part taken by my
division in the actions of July
2^d & 3^d, I have the honor
to submit the following report.

x x x x x x x x

Extract:

Between 6 & 7 o'clock P. M.
July 2^d the enemy made a
demonstration upon our right
wing. As soon as the firing
commenced you ordered me
to send one of my brigades
to the support of Gen. Ames
Comdg 1st Division.

I took the first Brigade,
Col. von Aensberg commanding
out of its position filling
its place behind the stone
wall with the reserve Regiments
of the 2^d Brigade. One of the
5 Regiments of the 1st Brigade
the 94th Penn. was left with
Gen. Ames to strengthen his
right wing. The remaining
four were directed toward
a strip of wood, on the right
of the 1st Division, in which
the firing had become very
heavy, and where, according
to a report of some staff
officer of the 1st Corps, immediate
aid was needed. Two Regiments
the 167th N.Y. and the 61st Ohio
were guided by one of these
officers, while the other two
others the 45th New York and

and the 82^d Illinois under the
command of Col. Salmon
were directed by my chief
of staff Lieut. Col. Otto.

It had meanwhile become quite
dark, the direction of the fight
being indicated by nothing, but
the sound of musketry. The
Repts entered the woods with
the greatest determination and
drove the enemy from our rifle
pits, of which he several points
he had ~~at~~ already gained
possession.

It is my pleasant duty to
mention, as especially deserving
the praises of
Lieut. Col. Otto who showed
great judgment and courage
and of Colonel Edward J.
Salmon of the 82^d Illinois
who displayed the highest
order of courage and

Fiskers Island 399
Aug 22^d 1863

Major Genl O. Howard

General I have the honor to address you to request a favor for myself if the granting of it is found consistent with your opinion on the subject. My request is if you think my past services and present capabilities entitle me to hold the rank of Brig^{ad} Genl of U.S. that you recommend me for that promotion.

I know that you have already recommended the officers of the Corps for promotion and therefore do not desire to interfere with the claims of others who steps more deserving and meritorious than myself. But if my request is consistent with your views I most earnestly solicit your help.

I have made this request believing that the 11th Corps is to be broken up and myself secure from other and higher command under which circumstance I would be forced perhaps to undergo another long campaign before gaining the confidence of my new commander. If you have already made the official report of your recommendation

I sincerely trust, that you, will, unofficiall give
me a recommendation, in the reply, with, which
I hope your valuable, time will allow you, to
honor me

I am General
Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Wm. H. Croston
Col. 134th Regt.

Letter addys.

No 18 University Place
New York

at our house in
after many meetings with the
the will not be good
planned
the

Washington D.C.

May 29 1863

Dear

After leaving you & my
dear children, I talked pretty steadily
till we got beyond Portland. Our
train was delayed by so many
stopping meeting people so that we
did not reach Boston till 10 1/2
P.M. Stayed all night at the
American. George Hinton joined
us at Lincoln Falls, also
Maj. Hall from Danvers
and a Mr. Samuel going to join
the so that we had
quite a party. Early Friday
morning we left Boston by
the Worcester route. Reached
New York by 5 P.M. had just
time to ride through the
city to the Jersey City Ferry & up

When the train was ready to
leave - Mr. Childs. We all got into
a sleeping car & had a good
night's rest. Yesterday I had
a head ache, but today I
am nicely. We got here before
7 a.m. I visited the Sec. of
War. He was sorry I came
back. said nothing was to be
done here right away. wished
I would see the President. I went
to the Whitehouse saw the
President. The President spent
with me that I had better go
back to the Army. Called upon
Sec. Halleck. met a cordial
reception from his Adj. Gen.
& him self. Everybody here
seems despondent for a speedy
settlement of our difficulties.
I shall leave at 4 P.M. in
about half an hour for the
Army. The Army is where I

left it. Give much love to
all the children from Papa
Mary had been here all
evening
Yours heartily
Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Battle St. Va.,

Aug 30th 1863.

Dear Aunt.

We arrived safely at
7 1/2 P.M. last night, found my
staff waiting for me at the
Depot. with the Cavalry body
present, received a very warm
reception. Mr Battlets house
was illuminated. My Corps is
reduced to a mere handful of
men. We are all well. Give much
love to the children. to Mother &
Father. I feel troubled about you

congratulate you on working. It
seems to me as if I neglected you
when at home, but you know
I would willingly do it. Since
you are my dearest earthly treasure
you must take good care of yourself.

The mail must go now.

Everything is very quiet here
just now. Very affectionately
your own husband

Edw