

How do you like
all going well?
Let us know so
far away

Farmington Oct. 1st. 1853

My dear sister Lizzie -

I don't know
as I have very much to say, but I
feel like writing you tonight -
We were very glad to hear from you.
That dear little family was getting
well again. We were feeling very
anxious about him. I have since
heard of him that he was not so
well again - but trust it is without
foundation. I have feared you
would give out, yourself, with so
many cares - I wish you could
have some good strong woman, to
depend upon. I have an excellent
girl now, and I wish you had a
mate to her - though she isn't
equal to Mrs. Clark, except in health
& strength. We have been feeling
very sad for two or three days, in ac-

of the sudden sickness, and death of
Mrs. Hamilton Abbott - I know you will
be shocked to hear it, it ~~is~~ so recently
that we saw her, full of life, and
apparently of health - A week ago
today, one of the boys was taken down
with diphtheria, & died Sabbath
evening - Mrs. Abbott took nearly all
the care of him, & after he died, she
was obliged to give up, herself - And
ever since, that dreadful disease
has been making progress upon her,
& this afternoon, at about five
o'clock, she went home - Rowland
has been there since yesterday morning
all the time, except about two hours
last night - She wanted him there
all the time, & Mrs. Abbott isn't
willing for him to come away yet,
so he is going to stay there tonight -
He will be a great loss to this
whole community - and to us, very
great - for she loved Rowland, as

only a few, her & Ann, ever love their
father - And as for her husband, I
don't know what he will do without her -
Perry & his wife are here, but I think are
not to remain much longer - Miss
Hearney has made her visit at
Hallwell, & is now here again - I don't
know how long she intends to stay
this time - but thinks she rather
enjoys Farmington - Perry seems
quite nicely, and it doesn't look
at all strange, to see him with but
one arm - he seems in very good spirits -
I like his wife very much -

Aunt Ensign & Laura & the baby
spent last night with me - They
have a nice baby, & it is very good
now, too - Laura seems as comfortable
as possible -

Father has had a bad cold,
but is otherwise, quite well - It is
late, and I must bid you goodnight -
With love to yourself & children,
your sister Ellen

[illegible]

213

at Trenton, Louisville Ky. 1863
 My dear Mother.
 I have left
 Charles behind at Indianapolis
 with Uncle Henry. He is going back to
 Richmond Ind. I could spare him
 to stay on the farm but that place
 I want till the last half of the
 night (Tuesday) and Uncle Henry
 come on with me to Indianapolis.
 Aunt Martha's to my great disappoint-
 ment, was away at Cincinnati with
 Aunt Lizzie, Fannie, Corrie & the
 little ones were there. They have
 a beautiful place at Richmond.
 The town seems busier than Augusta
 & everybody wide awake. Fred
 is quite seriously in his department
 so much so as to be remarked by
 a stranger. Henry has family
 quarrels and very happy & orderly house

-held

He seems much affected by
his neighbors. With the departure
of the western ~~part~~ ^{part}, I have not
seen much of the ladies. You would
enjoy a visit to Aunt Martha very
much. Henry spoke of it two or
three times and wished me to
urge you to come. He said you
promised to do so, after Della
graduated. Now your boys are
this way, perhaps you may take
a notion to come. I told him I
thought he thought father would
be willing for you to go without
him. It is a little more than a
week since I heard from father.
He was a little better. How is
my precious little daughter, Maria?
I hope a very good girl with Aunt
Anna. Give her much love from
John & tell her she much thinks

about her savings, and pray for
her father. I enclose you two
twenty dollar bills as a small
present towards your Western visit
should you decide to make one.
It will cost about \$8. from Boston
to Richmond Va.

Give my love to father. I
hope his finger is better.
I am quite well and well now.
Though I have ridden in the
cars since last Saturday day
night. I was in bed for a few hours
at much Henry's. Charles looked
very tired. I hope he will have
a pleasant visit.
My kind regards to the neighbors.
Your ever affectionate son
O. B. -

Stimmon but that was in answer
to your writing at my table. I
expect you'd know Stimmon will
be affected alike with shipping
at sea more. We shall go
straight on to Chattanooga. but
you'd be sure and be speedy close
to the war. I must try to leave
before long. More and more
I am in sickness than but the effect
to quicken my conscience and I
believe make me fear not. I
expect him. I try to say not they will
but I am to do so. but I do love that little
boy and trust he may be spared to us, but
I know how much better for his
necessities that I myself can't know
truly. He will provide. "I would
like". You remember. Good bye my
love. I pray for me that I may do
right. I am yours truly
A. S.

and we have been very
much. Louisville Ky.
October 1 1863
Dear Sir,
I have just arrived
at this point my infant
at about 4 or 5 years of
age. It has been
a very long journey. I
stopped at night
with much difficulty as we passed
through the place. Aunt & Lizzie were
gone to Cincinnati, they accompanied
me as far as Cincinnati & I
took Charles back with him to
make a short visit. Mrs.
will stay till Monday. How
much I wish I could know
what you are doing. I hope
you will leave to return to
at Nashville Tenn. the moment

Portland Oct 2 1863
Mrs O O Howard }
Dear Niece }

I recd your letter
Yesterday with the Checks and have
just purchased for you U.S Bonds
\$500 including interest & Brokerage
amt in all to \$506 dollars -
this is as good investment as I
know of at present. the first
interest will be due in Nov.
on which you will get a premium
as the intst is payable in Gold
I can get a premium on your
other Coupons if due -

The Banks will pay dividends
next week - if you wish any
further investment, please let
me know - there is \$24.45 left
in my hands from this -
in haste

Your Affectionate
Uncle - E. M. Cuts

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
Inches

Post Office Oct 2 1863
Dear Sir

I recd your letter
yesterday with the check and have
just purchased for you U.S. Bonds
\$500 including interest & postage
and in all to \$500 dollars -
this is a good investment as I
know of at present. the first
interest will be due in Nov.
on which you will get a premium
as the value is payable in gold
I can get a premium on your
other Bonds if you
the Bank will pay dividends
next week - if you wish any
further investment please let
me know - there is \$2500 left
I may have from this
from your investment
Yours - J. M. Smith

was sick with a cold, I ^{hope} he will
escape without a hard sickness
Ensign says his wound is nearly
healed. Laura was at church both
services and looked very happy, we
had our paving bee and it
passed off very nicely, we had
145 strings to hang out the next
day and had the pleasure of seeing
our friends and neighbors and
think they enjoyed it. saw
Mrs Joshua Turner at church today
but did not speak to her, Mrs Sands
and Mary were gone away,
and Hellen was the house
keeper for a week or two
I paid the man 15 cents that
carried our valises to the Depot
and one dollar for my ticket they
said nothing about Grace neither
did I so I have quite a lot of your money
left my paper is full I think of
you very often, hoping always that
your health will hold out ^{from you}
ever affectionate mother Eliza Gilman
Mrs Lizzie Howard

Leeds, Oct. 4th 1863,

Dear daughter,

It seems a long
time, since we heard from you but
trust you are doing well, hope Gamie
is doing well, if so that you are resting
and Gus is well, and that baby is well
and happy. Grace is well and happy
apparently we attended Church today
she seemed happy all day. she misses
uncle Bellie somewhat does not seem
quite as happy and gay since he left
he went to Framington Friday evening.
Mrs Hamilton Abbot died Thursday eve-
ning with dysentery, all of the town is
in grief. brother Ensign and wife
have been there, from Tuesday to Thursday
she was thought to be dying before
they left. Laura told me today that they
would say we cannot give her up, but
if our father in heaven has some other
purpose in removing that good and useful
woman from among us.

Dear Lizzie, we have had a new trial
in having our dear ones removed to
so great a distance from us, but we must
trust them in the hands of our heavenly
father, Gna prays for you, all at
night, and so do I, in poor way, God
is my helper, in this time of need, Tom
land wrote to me to come to St ton,
and bring Grace, the first of last week
and see Perry, and wife, but Mr Gibbons
has had a Keigh here on a visit
from Mass, left here Friday, Grace is
good & is a good girl and a great deal
of company for me I think she has grown
plenty since she came back this time, she
thinks it long time since she heard
from home, Mrs Lottrop has filled your
jar and Mrs Sumner has taken one to
fill her Mrs Stinson, and I shall have
one to spare, you may have the one
I laid down in June or the one I have
nearly full at this time Bellie
says he will come to Augusta the
last of this month or before if necessary

last night's mail brought us a letter from
Charles written in Ohio at Bellaine at a
Hotel he said Ch had had a bad tooth
but was better, he Charles was well, spoke
of receiving your ^{letter} in the Car when Lea
and the pleasure it gave them to hear from
you before they left, mention me kindly
to Guy and Jamie, and a good ~~best~~ sweet
kiss to baby hope Mrs Clark as she
grows stronger in health will grow
happier, in temper, Grace and I
had a very pleasant time from Augusta
home, heard in the Car that Hellen
Sand, that was, Ab Ch was at her father's
Grace and I went there, was introduced
to Capt Ch, had a very pleasant call
never saw Hellen look in so good
health as now she was delighted to see
Grace and spoke of her remarkable intelli-
gence, and I am astonish'd sometimes
myself at it, either I have forgotten or
she is more intelligent than common for
her age, Ch has obtained a good strong
girl, Mr Goff told me Bridges Perry



grandma is very well and so am I.

OCT. 5 1863

My dear mama
I want to get a letter
from you very much. I hope
you are very well. Betsey has
gone home to see her mother.
Joshua Turner is coming
next Thurs. and I wish
you would send me my
tea-sett and doll and her
things when he comes.
I have been thinking I
will get one tonight from
you. How is the baby and
Guy and Jamie getting
along. I would write mo
re but I cant think of
any now. Dinner is on
the table and gran
ma is just selling down
from your loving dau

Her grace.

Dear Lizzie

Grace has been
trying to write, please send her
huff time if you make up a parcel
for her, to send by Mr Turner
you can do as you think best
I sent off a letter to you this
morning mentioned the butter
in that,

in haste Eliza Gilman

Her Lizzie Howard

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Army of the Potomac.

425

Oct. 5th / Bridgeport Ala. 1863.

Dear Sir

On Saturday evening about 9 P.M. I arrived at a place called Stevensons, a dirty little town with some half dozen miserable houses. There is quite an accumulation of supplies for Gen. Rosecrans' Army - a supply. He has to transport everything in wagons from that point by the northern bank of the Tennessee River to Chattanooga. In the morning I took a train of cars with one of my batteries to this place Bridgeport. It is on the Tenn. River and just as far south as Chattanooga on the R.R. further. The bridge across the river is destroyed (excepting the piers) I am about 50 miles from Gen. Rosecrans by the wagon Road and about 30 by the R.R. with no wagons. The artillery is here but the horses have not arrived. How much I wish I could hear from Annie today & from yourself. I think you must have been a good deal astonished at our sudden start Westward. I believe I have Richmond sent for this place

travelling. It will take him at least three days to get
through. I shall be glad to see him. This is a singular
rough, mountainous country. Nothing but mountains -
except the River & the Railroad. I do not think it
will be very hard to camp here in after we get
accustomed to new features. I met Thompson
(traveller as the Madam used to call him) He looked well
Mrs Thompson with the two children is in Nashville. Now.
Where we are now there is not a house in sight - Woods
woods, woods: worn thin. Chancellorville in that respect.
I hope Mary, baby and yourself keep well and that our
poor little Sammie is able to run about by this time.
I shall look for a letter by every mail. I am
afraid my letters will be missed by as they
may be directed to Rosine Mary's care. Direct
to me - Care of Mr. Coffey in Nashville (many of the
circumstances). Give much love to all the children -
Love our son a letter. Love too - but bless you
early & hasten the close of this war - for home is
far away -
Loveingly & Ours

Ad. as. 11th Corps
Med. Director's Office
Nov. 6, 1863,
General:

An explanation of
the Report of Lieut Col.
Long representing the
Wounded at Kelly's
Ferry as in a neglected
condition as to sup-
plies & Medical at-
tendance I beg leave
respectfully to represent
that having been com-
mitted to Hospital
by order of Surgeon
Ch. Lewis Med. Director
of this Department they
now under the Control
of Surgeon Cooker
Surgeon - Charge of the

Hospital and that in
order to Effect their re-
moval the only instu-
ments I received were
"Is report as many am-
bulances as possible to
the Hospital" for that
purpose. As their num-
ber was pre-arranged I
had reason to believe that
they had been promptly
sent down the river on
their arrival at the
Ferry until the receipt
of this report. Imme-
diately, a Lieut. of the
Ambulance Corps to
ascertain & report their
condition; and he in-
forms me that they
are provided with
good blankets.

medical attendance, this
is confirmed also by the
Rev. Mr. Sewell who very
kindly came to H. D.
this P.M. in order to as-
sert the facts to the Gen-
eral -

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.
R. Hubbard Acty
Med. Director
11th Corps
May. Lieut. O. C. Howard
Army, 11th Corps

Kelly's Ferry. Tenn
Oct 6th 1863.

Colonel. Upon arrival here this morning
I found quite a number of Wounded nearly
exclusively belonging to our Corps. lying in the
Ambulances awaiting the departure of the
Boat for Bridgeport.

These men have been in the Ambulances since
Yesterday P.M. the Ambulances having camped
in the woods last night.

Most of them are severely wounded - some with
amputated limbs - and no arrangements
have been made for their reception here or
for their departure. I have succeeded in
getting a few beds for the worst cases - the
others will have to lie upon the floor of the
Boat without proper covering.

I deem it my duty to report the facts as I
found them & to effect a change if possible.

The Boat seldom leaves here until the Afternoon.

I remain
M. C. W. Gessner
Chief of Staff
11th Corps.

Yours Truly
Rich. Henry
M. Col & Prov. Marshal 11th Corps



Portland Oct 7 - 1869
Mrs O O Howard
Dear Niece

I recd your kind
Letter of 1st inst also one yesterday
Enclosing Coupons of Treasury Notes -
interest \$ 14.60 which I sold at premium
of \$ 6 dollars making \$ 20.60 - the dividends
from the Banks are $\frac{117.60}{137.60}$ dollars but the
City Tax on Stock $\frac{18.25}{18.25}$ they kept back
which leaves on hand \$ 119.35 and the amt
on hand from Checks $\frac{24.45}{24.45}$ which leaves
to your Credit in all $\frac{143.80}{143.80}$ - perhaps I
may find opportunity to invest
unless you prefer to let it remain
untill convenient to add more
to it. The Tax on ^{your} Bank Stock is
something new. it was passed by a law
of the last Legislature that unless the
residence of Stock holders was known
tax should be retained by the Bank

the Banks will probably make return
of your Stock to Augusta to be taxed
next year - your Treasury Notes
and Bonds will not be taxed -

I am glad you wrote about
the location of your husband.
I shall now feel more interested
to hear all the news from that
quarter - I have not only a hope
but a strong Faith that he will
be preserved from harm - and my
prayer is - that he may be kept in
safety - hope little Fannie has got
quite well - you have not told us
the name of the little one -

Much love to yourself
and Children with kind
regards to your dear husband
from your Affectionate

Uncle
E. Maisto
(1844)

of absence I don't know but we will
have to ask our friends to meet us
at Uncle Henry's - It is a delightful
country & I liked the people whom
I saw much.

Today besides attending to ^{State} business I
have found time to visit the Capitol
in this city - a magnificent structure
built of a kind of lime-stone ^{resembling}
marble - being capable of a fine finish
and of a greyish white color. I went
to the summit from which I got an
extended view - Could take in the
entire city and the Cumberland River
as it winds almost in folds around
it. No high mountains visible but
a varied country. The statue of James
K. Polk is still on improving and planning
structure - A monument to his memory
in the garden - But this is already a
prolonged letter & I will close with good
love to all your dear family - Hope Jennie is
notting about at his play before this. Your affectionate brother
C. H. Howard

Nashville Tenn.
Oct. 8 1863
Thursday

Dear Sister Lizzie

I reached this place
yesterday night having stopped back five
days with Uncle Henry at Richmond Ind.
I found that a Rebel Cavalry raid
had destroyed several bridges below
here & I could not go on and join
the Corps and ^{the} ~~the~~ who had already
reached Bridgeport on the Tennessee
River - his destination for the present.
I found Asmusen Chief of staff and
other officers here - Some trains of our
freight and our artillery horses had
not yet passed this place - The
rear of the Corps is all up now
and we will march by land on
Saturday morning - in order that the
Rail Road may be free for supplies
as soon as open - It is 120 miles to
Bridgeport. Chelouoga is up the Tennessee
some 30 miles (i.e. East) from Bridgeport.

So your present duty for the present
is as before to protect the line of
communication and depot of supplies.

Glacum is still in this city.
One of his Divs having gone down
before the breakage - the other being
now at Muspersboro about 30 miles
from here. I hope to get telegraphic
communication with the General today.
I intend to go down to Muspersboro
tomorrow & if I can get a train on
the other side of the break I will
go on - if not come back & wait till
the R.R. is repaired. Our Corps is
well supplied with rations for ten
days more so they will not suffer.
Our own H.Q.s. mess furniture
however is all here and I guess
the General & Staff have to go a begging
for their food.

I was cheered with a sight of
your familiar hand-writing upon a letter
for Otis at the Post Office this morning.
It was written 30th Sept - after you

got his letter from Alex^r. I
shall carry the letter forward if I
go - Otis will be happy to
learn as soon as we can telegraph
that Col. Ammun has suc-
ceeded in getting all the wagons
we needed and they will go forward
with everything else of our Corps next
Saturday morning - Otis left here
last Friday evening - I posted from him
at Indianapolis Ind. Wednesday evening.
He had a special car to Louisville and
no one to share it except Capt. Stinson
& Powers and some orderlies & John.

I returned with much Henry to his
home - Aunt Martha & Lizzy are
making a visit to Cincinnati - They
return Saturday - My visit was made
agreeable by all hands. They are all
hoping to have a visit from you now
that Otis is West. It is about the
same distance from Richmond here
as from Augusta to Washington -
so if we have but fifteen days leave,

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Bridgeport, Ala.

Va.,

Oct 10th

1863.

Dear Sir,

I learn by a telegram from
Charles at Nashville (120 miles from
here) that there is a letter for me on
the way and that up to Sept 20th
Garnie was improving, but now it is
the 10th of October. We have been
cut off from Nashville for several
days by a body of Rebel raiders. They
burnt 400 of Gen. Rosencrans wagons between
here and Chattanooga, burnt a train
of cars near McMinville and captured
some 6 Companies of Cavalry - then our
communications were cut and we don't
know what they have done. We heard
yesterday that our troops had beaten
them & were in pursuit. About 9 last
night I got orders to send a thousand
men under suitable officers some

35 or 40 miles back towards Nashville
A train of cars came for them
between 11 & 12. last night &
I hope got them to the destination
before daylight. At Stearns
Quartermasters has accumulated some
fifteen days supply but already the
ration has been reduced and we are
obliged to send out foraging parties to
get something for the subsistence of
the animals. I did expect Charlie Cash
night. I hope he has had a pleasant
visit at Richmond Ind. I am having this
place cleaned up. Very thing imaginable
seems to be here. Bricklayers, plasterers,
carpenters, masons, engineers &c.
They have set down in confused order
I made much dirt. We begin to
look a little better. The nights are
quite cold, but the days are very
warm. I am building a sort of house
at the back of my tent. Boards on the
sides. Ply on top. Chimney & fire

place to the rear. My fireplace is built
of stone. I shall be quite comfortable.
The nights are very cold and I have
taken cold and cough soon. I feel
interested to hear how Lucy is getting
along with his studies. What is he learning
now? I suppose Isaac must be at
home by this time. John thinks Jamie
must be running up & down stairs
by this time: the dear little fellow
I hope he may be able. How has
the baby, Rebecca, stood it since
little brother has been sick? And yourself
I trust you have been well. Oct 12. Sunday.
Charlotte arrived this morning
with your letter. I am really
glad to hear from you and glad to
be so thankful for the good news.
John was much pleased at Jamie's
recollection of him and at the "up high".
What Martha says now, that you
will come & see her (Chas. says) he
thinks Aunt is just as young & much

important. Says Harry seems another
man, takes a Christian stand
in the community. The chil-
dren read around and he repeated
an excellent prayer the morn-
ing I was there. I am really glad
to see Abner. He calls this a
splendid place. The scenery is
magnificent, mountainous - the
river beautiful. but of all the
accumulation of filth I never
saw the like. We begin to
see our way clear thro. it. This
is a beautiful day. I do hope
you are enjoying it. Capt.
Harry Stinson is well - just
returned from his night expe-
dition. Give much love to all
our little flock and all pray for
me & for peace. God bless, protect
strengthen & preserve you -
most lovingly
Your husband Otho

Head Quarters 11th Corps Oct. 13. 1863.

Dearest

We are seeing Bridgport under a new phase to-
day. It began to rain last night and has contin-
ued most of the time since. The soil does not ma-
terially differ from that of Virginia, so that we
have but exchanged one muddy place for
another. My horse looks pretty badly, both
on top, on the end & on the sides, but my fire-
place draws well and when the rain stops will
soon dry up the surroundings. I went to Newson
yesterday to see General Hooker, and Maj News
of Ann's class returned with me last evening &
staid all night. This morning he went with
me to inspect the defenses. I find the pioneers
or frontiersmen who have been here sometime
afflicted with chills & fever. I have been
able to escape this troublesome disease thus
far & I hope I may ever be. A part of
my force is engaged in making corduroy roads

between this and Chattanooga. Just think of hauling
all the supplies for an army over fifty miles of
road, over mountains & through muddy valleys -
It is easy to wonder why an army don't go on & do
this or that but when you come here and find us
as far from Nashville as Portland is from Boston
and that my article must come by a single poor
rail road running over a high mountain ridge with
difficult grades at best and that the main army
is forty or fifty miles further on, and that the
country is too impoverished to support the
inhabitants. The wonder is how the army can
remain & sustain itself. From some indications
I get I am inclined to think the army is falling
back on this line, & perhaps about to change its
programme - I think if he has transportation
he will try to get between Resaca and Burnside.
I wish you had a good map so that you could see where we are
more accurately. I went to see the Lincoln the day I left
Washington and he gave me a very nice east Sassy map -
the undertaker of Music Hall with the two maps just alike one over
the other. One was mounted - He gave me that, said the other
I brought it for him. Having said a word about the children
I look to hear that General has found his feet. Does any know
enough of geography to find this place - away down in Alabama -
how does the baby do. Was he taken & though any yet. Good-bye you all
Love to the

Ad. Mrs. Mary Bridgford
Ala. Oct. 16. 1863.

Dear ,

I met a friend Alden
from Me on his way from Charleston
who was for a visit. He will
pass through Augusta - We are
all well, except I have quite a
cold & cough & sore - We
have had a terrible rain -
good news from Ohio & Penn.
and Ind. Much love to all
my dear, Jamie, Cheney &
Mama - Your loving
friend - Otis -

Mr. Wm. B. Smith
Oct. 11. 1863



Dear Sir

I have a great deal of
business to do and am
not at home, but I will
write you a few lines
to let you know that I
am still in the city and
hope to see you soon.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm. B. Smith

Commission from the President: I
suppose it should however go through
the regular channels. I shall be
greatly obliged if you will have
the kindness to forward it, and,
if you think proper, give it your
approval. I do not wish to be
under the pay of the government
(much as my circumstances require
it) longer than I can render a fair
Equivalent. ~~W~~

What I have already said comprises
the main object of this letter; but I
can scarcely forbear telling you how
much satisfaction your course as a
soldier and a citizen has given
to the loyal people of this vicinity.
According you praise as a soldier, and
credit particularly (which many of
us know to be so eminently your due)
for the battle of Gettysburg, and the

My dear General:

I have been at my
father's home now nearly a week, during
which time I have scarcely been out
of doors. You remember that I left
you at Ball's Station just before the
order came for the movement of the
troops. When you were afterwards in
Washington I hesitated long whether to
accompany you to your probable
destination in Tennessee, or await my
recall of my leave of absence and
come home. I am now glad that I
chose the latter course, inasmuch as I
have been in a condition that requires
the comforts and cares of home rather
than the fatigues and accommodations afforded
by the march and the camp. My head
is much affected by some kind of
derangement of a cutaneous or other

[ca. Oct. 18, 1863]

native, which is a perpetual discomfort
and heaviness - and when to that
is added a return of a rheumatism
which troubled me last winter, and
a severe cough and hoarseness. I
am for the time a useless piece of
machinery. - I have regretted very
much, General, that I have been able
to do so little for the service and for
you since I have had the honor
of a place on your staff. I am
quite aware that I have been an
incubus rather than a help. No
language can express the interest I
feel in the Great Cause for which
we are contending, and I have
been proud and satisfied to
serve it under the order of a
man like yourself, distinguished alike

for military genius, patriotic de-
votion, and a moral height and
excellence admirable in the last
degree. Content with my position,
nothing but weakened health
admonishing me of my unfitness
for hard service could induce
me to take the step I now do.
I am satisfied that I should
be unable, to do any effective
service this fall and winter, and
I am apprehensive of one of
my troubles, the rheumatism, becoming
fixed and Chronic, if I suffer
longer exposure in the field. I
therefore accompany this with the
tender of my resignation, which
is addressed to the Adjutant General
of the Army, as I believe it should
be inasmuch as I hold my

Capt Hall
a. s. c.
Oct. 5th 1863

subsequent effort to take advantage
of the victory — they also acknowledge
and feel especially grateful for the
services you have just rendered
in Maine by keeping to an initial
Union Victory in the Fall Campaign.
This is expressed by men who have called
on me not in the spirit of mere
partisan rejoicing and complacency
either — : on the contrary I believe,
and I believe I live, that the loyal
people, the controlling minds of them
I mean, have risen in the course
of this Campaign far above the
influence of such considerations
merely, even to the plane of Patri-
otism, a lofty spirit of nationality,
love of liberty, and although great
fears which make for the elevation

of the race and the glory of God.
There is something in a great crisis
and peril like this that is separative
in the last degree - it is a discernor
of men's spirits - and while it
reveals the weakness and darkness
in the character of some men,
it also lifts up, purifies and awakens
others to the higher possibilities of
thought and deed which their
lives unfold. If there is Copperheadism
at the nadir, there is also Loyalty, pure,
spotless, unselfish, self-sacrificing,
ready to do and dare all for Truth,
at the zenith. If there are here now
meaner traitors, there are also intenser
Patriots than ever before. Of the
plaudits of this latter class any
man might well be proud even
if ^{he} had no higher inward satisfaction

for having done his duty. You have
Emphatically then "well done, good and
faithful," - and while the remark is one
perhaps of no consequence, I may truly say
that my humble efforts, wherever I
may be, will not be wanting to
give you that place in the national
regard which you are entitled to.

And now, General, regretting that I
shall leave you, if my resignation is ac-
cepted, and begging your pardon
for taking your time as much as
I have done.

With warmest wishes
for your happiness and success
I am, very truly,

Yours obedt Servt

Daniel Hall

Capt. &c

Major Gen. D. B. Howard
Army 11th Corps.

Head Quarters Army of the Cumberland
 Chattanooga Oct 18th 1863
 12 45 P.M.

Maj Genl J. Hooker

Stevenson

It will be necessary to
 make extraordinary efforts to get the road passable
 from Bridgeport to Jasper - also to have rations
 thrown into Stevenson as rapidly as possible -

It will require almost superhuman efforts to sustain
 us here, that Steamboats must be got ready,
 so that we can freight to Stillmount, and
 thus shorten our wagon transportation. This
 will require us to hold both sides of the river
 and fortify, but to make our depots on the
 North side. I must insist the pushing up
 of the repairs of the Wagon Roads, and seeing
 that our supplies are brought ^{forward} to your care,
 As the remoteness of our position and the
 necessity for the active Authority and inter-
 -vention of an Officer of high rank, is
 absolutely necessary to the preservation of
 our army

(over)

Signed (W.S. Rosecrans)
 Maj. Genl

Head Quarters 11th & 12th Corps
Stonewall Oct 19. 1863

Official

M. M. Smith

a. a. a.

To.

My Gen Howard

Camp 11th Corps

Head-Quarters, Eleventh and Twelfth Corps,

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Stevenson Oct 19th 1863

May Gen Howard
Comdy 11th Corps
Genl.

I am directed
by the May Gen Comdy
to Enclose you a copy of a
letter from the May Gen.
Comdy Deft to show you
how deep is his anxiety and
how necessary it is to push
the repairs on the roads and
urge on the completion of
the Steamers. As the Genl
will not be able to give it his
personal supervision he begs
that you will spare no
means to have the Comdy
Generals desires fully
carried out.

(over)

Your Brigade that is here
will have to march back
as I am informed tonight
that cars cannot be spared
for that purpose. owing
to the press of business

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient

W. P. Smith
a. a. f.

long. I wonder if poor Mrs. Catlett &
little Lottie were not pretty badly
frightened. I had just begun some works
there and I presume they were made
use of. Back & forth, back and
forth, goes that being. When will
it end? This is a long war & I
now feel that I am far, far,
from home. Channy is well and happy
so I hope his Mother may be and say
too when this gets to you. If you
could see this country, the bad roads,
the difficulty of hauling supplies, you
would think that not much will be
done. I believe Gen. Thomas will try to
get such points as will make Chattanooga
secure & if this doesn't bring on a new engagement
there will not much else be done here this
season. Give much love to all. Many of them
are well. Mayhap help and keep you
Sincerely
Direct / 11th Corps
Army of Cumberland
Via Nashville Tenn.

Bridgport Ala. Oct 19. 1863

Dearest,

Yesterday I was lucky enough to get a
letter dated the 9th it was nine days on the
way. You last said Jamie had begun to recover, but
he hadn't got the full use of his feet yet. This one
didn't say one word about him and so I must
infer that the little fellow is well. I was
sorry to find Guy feverish again. How poor
his digestion has always been - Nuts, acorns
and such like he will have - long ago.
I suspect he is like his father. My colt
holds on unaccountably. Trouble pretty
hard to raise. The climate is peculiar -
foggy on the mountains & along the Ten-
nessee. Always chilly mornings and in

the night. We have heard that Gen.

Rosencrans has been relieved and ordered
to Cincinnati and that Gen. Thomas is in
command of this Army. That the three
Depts. of Tennessee, Ohio & Cumberland
are consolidated and Gen. Grant
assigned to the command. I feel sorry
about Rosencrans, I thought I should
like him. I have not seen him.
His Chief of Staff Gen. Canfield
was here ^{day before} yesterday & I rode with him
to Stevenson returning by the R.R.
Wade & I had an interesting ride
on the engine after night. Tellie
writes that Grace is well and much
interested in learning to knit. She

probably be at home when this reaches you.
She must knit papa some socks over of these
days. John persists in asking "how is Jimmie"
when he sees me get a letter. John had a
bad cold and it came out on his nose
in bad sores, but they are mostly well.
My wagon which started from Nashville
a week ago yesterday has not yet been
yet. My horse (Artillery, for Officers)
died today, a good many some go
died on the way - so bad are the mountain
roads. We hear that Mrs. Abbott of the
Abbott School is dead, I suppose it is Mrs.
Hamilton Abbott and that Rowland was feeling
it much. We hear that a severe battle was
fought near by Centerville where we stand so

Genl Suckley
Oct 20.

Letter from
Dr. Suckley

18

Medical Director's Office, Middle Department, 8th Army Corps.

Private

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 20th 1863

General:

I have long thought of writing you a private letter, thanking you for your kindness to me, and for your official support while I was under your command. No better opportunity presenting itself, I now fulfil my promise to myself.

Poor Griffith as I expected died, peritonitis, & probably internal hemorrhage, having set in.

After about a month's attendance on Gen. Barlow I succeeded in finding the ball, and extracting it. I fear very much that one of the spinal vertebrae has been so much injured as to render him more or less of a cripple for life.

A matter which has presented itself to my notice I think may interest you and call for action on your part.

A "chaplain" named Herdman and Sommer

belonging to some New York Regt.
in your Corps, - I think the 54th or
58th N.Y. ~~struck me~~ seemed to me
while he was here under Medical
treatment to be a Jew, and I
understood boarded while here at
a Jew boarding house. If a
Jew, & not a Rabbi, he, I should
think, is not entitled to such a
sacred position, & the matter should
be investigated. As he was appointed
during the palmy days of Blenker,
the probabilities are that some
rascality was at the bottom, & I
accordingly give you these hints
for whatever they are worth.

My health is now quite good, &
I often think of my friends at your
Head Quarters. Had I known of your
early transfer to another Army, I do
not think I should have pushed
for a transfer. My official
relations with the Med. Director of

the A. of P. were very unpleasant.
My dear General please give my best
regards to your brother the Major & to
Lt. Col. Asmussen & Meyenberg, & believe
me

Always your friend
and obs. servant
Geo. Buckley
Surgeon. U.S.A.

P.S. I am now performing the duties
of Medical Director of this Military
Department. G.S.

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Comd'g 11th Army Corps
Burnside's Army
Dept. of Ohio.

pleased Otis - said, also, that she was
learning to knit - We have had a
little addition to the Corps - two
Illinois Regts. but hope for more
unless Otis is to be relieved and
sent elsewhere - which we sometimes an-
ticipate. The scenery in this region
continues to be a source of pleasure -

Last evening - before sunset - Otis & I had
quite a social ride up along the bank
of the River - being alone except on-
dies - It is not a disagreeable
post here to me or to the General
I think. His bad cold is improving.

Our diet is also improving which prob-
ably interests me more than Otis or you.

We find that some of our old friends feel
in Fremont's want-fifth - Your Affectionate Brother
L. A. Howard

Bridgeport Ala.
Ad. qrs. 11th Corps.
Oct 21 1863

Dear sister Lizzie

St. Helbreth is
going to start for home on leave
this morning and Otis intended to
write you a long letter to send by him
but as usual he has so many callers
on business that he will not be
able, I fear, to write. I just went into
his tent and found Col. Buschbeck
Commanding one of our Brigades and
another Officer probably of the Army of
the Cumberland as he was a stranger.

I told Otis that St. H. must go pretty

soon and asked him whether he had written any letter. He said no, and when I enquired if he wished me to write he said "I think you better than lie". So I judge that he intends to write if he can get a little time.

It is raining. We began to hear thunder about daylight and at first were not certain that it might not be artillery firing in the distance. Capt. Shinn got up and went out to listen. We concluded it was thunder. At Breakfast when the thunder had sounded near and nearer it began to rain a pouring shower - then it ceased and we hoped would "break away" but the rain is con-

tinued again. Yesterday the removal of Rogers was confirmed. Every body expressed regret & disappointment - but nobody doubts that Thomas will be an excellent Commander - perhaps superior in many respects to Gen. Rogers. The letter is expected here this morning & perhaps Lt. Culbath will go upon the same train with him to Nashville. We get fearfully few letters here and "far between". Can't you do a little for us in that direction.

My too must write. Bell has written one letter since I have been here which we were glad to get. He said Associe seemed contented & happy and that

Ala.
Bridgeport Oct 21/63

Dearest - The Lillbelle is
going home for twenty days - I
will take a message from me to
you - We are all well & doing well
just at present - Ben Thomas is
coming away of Birmingham - He
is forty miles from us by an
open road - We are making roads,
bridges, boats, scouting & such
not moving very fast. I
trust the Lillbelle will find
you all well & happy. Much love.
Many kisses to all
Yours
Otis

They are well and sweetly sleeping tonight - I try to
 pray for you all, but I feel as though my
 hands were not as near the Saviour as it once
 was - "A Father's hand" is on the tablets tonight -
 passages are Heb. 8:11 5, 6; Ps. 68:18, 45 and Ps. 222:1, 15
 the Lord on - "My times are in thy hands" - so they
 are - but I cannot see the future & control it.
 Harry Stinson is well, goes to carry some rations
 to hungry men at Shellenmound. Chas. is quite
 well and delighted to get your letter. I expect some
 change of organization will take place soon as Gen.
 Grant has taken hold. I am glad Warren Woodman
 has got the Cavalry regiment, should like him & I
 very much and him, but fear it cannot be
 had. You must write Mrs Woodman & ask
 her to take up her abode with you. I may do
 it yet myself. Though home seems pretty far
 away just now. God bless you & yours &
 keep you. Yours from Mother & Mrs. Julia's letters -
 Mary Ann to the children - Lovingly
 (Lis)

14 3/4 in week and pretty long - a rubber
 send me by Dr. Libbitt a pair of shoes (planned) and other things you want every Sunday

Headquarters Eleventh Corps, 434
 Bridgeport Army of the Potomac.
 Cumberland 1863.
 Oct 24th
 8-25 P.M.

Dearest, - We received a letter written to Chas.
 and mailed Oct. 16 - It has reached here in eight
 days I am glad to hear Jane is so well and you say
 nothing of Lucy's illness, so I presume his fever-time
 was soon over. "Baby has a little cough" to keep company
 with papa I hope neither will last long. This is a
 cold damp place, more so than Augusta it seems to
 me. You want me impressed with the necessity of writing
 often, I ought to write more, but with a multiplicity
 of things to think of I am apt to procrastinate. I
 think in the morning I shall have a clearer time
 at night and vice versa, but I suspect the wheel
 must have hindered some letters I did write
 from going thro. in my good season. Gen. Rosecrans called
 to see me as he came through & I accompanied him
 to Stevenson. Then I met Gen. Grant who had
 telegraphed that he would be at this place that
 night. The telegram came after I left. I returned

immediately in his train. He, Gen Meigs and Mr Dana
an Asst Secretary of War took tea with me. Gen. Hunt
was on crutches still. I gave him up my bed and tent
because he was lame & not wholly because he was Gen.
H. S. Hunt. I liked his appearance better than that
of any Major General I have seen. He is modest, quiet
and thoughtful. He looks the picture of firmness. He
does not drink liquor and never swears. A member
of his staff told me he never had used a profane oath.
How different from what we had imagined when those
stories of Shiloh were being circulated. I rode with him Thursday
morning as far as Gasper - giving me a ride of about 24
miles. I sent out three Repts. to rescue & bring in a locomotion
and two or three cars about ten or eleven miles on the
other side the river and nearer Chattanooga. The repts
brought down the engine yesterday on a rough branch
road to Shellmound. Just this side a bridge had to be
built. This is going to take at least three days. I am
feeling a little disappointed for I expected them in tonight
and they are so near the river that it is rather

risky staying out so far. "These kind of anxieties
are peculiar to the military profession and are sometimes
intense. I think sometimes a battle is a relief, for
then you know somewhere near where the enemy is &
what he is doing. I am glad Perry & his wife came to
visit you. She is very pleasant & I think good. How
does Perry get along with one arm? My boots having come.
I went through Col. Mendenhall of the 32^d Regt that they
were done & en route towards Washington. My men do
very well and John keeps them bright. I have
a good bright fire in my fire place and wish you could
enjoy it with me. My tablets are before me up high -
under them a map of this section with an R.R. map
to its right and a R.R. time table to its left. My
desk with books & papers to the left of the fire &
Sheridan's file to the right. I am writing on my knee
with clasp to hold my sheets. John is sitting on
my bed near the front waiting patiently for me
to go to bed. His lunch box to Gay, Isaac, Jamie
and Chancy - quite a host of little olive branches - I hope

Chatter nover. 26 Oct 1863

Meyer for Howard
Comds. 11th Army Corps
Bridgeport
General -

342

I learned that the printers were
taken for another use - I regret that this
help to our transportation had to be
denied us.

If the boat is finished as planned
we may certainly use it for part of
the distance at least to Bush Creek
if not to the Sequoyia dock & thus in
some degree relieve our overworked
& starving mules. The weather has
ruined the roads & the mules have nearly
lost all the strength out of them.

I have sent all the horses of my
party except one back to Bridgeport
to be fed until better roads enable
us to feed them here.

I do not think that Capt Edward
Voss to Cincinnati would
be of as much service to the U.S.
as his remaining at his post.

I have telegraphed to Col Swords
at Cincinnati to engage at any
necessary price & send to Bridgeport
25 to 30 carpenters & boat builders
and the general arm mender
ordered detail of such mechanics
to be made at once for the same
work. It is important that the
engines be worked out by a competent

Screen & rope is ready! I understand
that the boat launched is the
detained for want of a piece of rope
which may have been broken or
taken to serve as stove rope to some
tent.

I congratulate you upon the
capture of locomotive cars. They
will be useful before the bridge is
completed. I will aid us.

You have no idea of the destitution
of the animals in this army. They
die daily & few of the horses can
move with any vigor. The men
are in short rations but have enough
for sustenance for the present.

Hoping that you may be suc-
cessful in every operation against
this rebellious horde now beleaguering
my Chatterbox.

I am
truly yours

W. C. Smith
Lieut. Gen.

There was a bright moon - We had
 hardly got the Corps under way
 before we were fired on from
 a range of hills on Spurs on our
 left as we marched along - My troops
 drove the rebels from these hills
 and spent some ammunition -
 The rebels were driven from rifle pits
 and by the 11th Corps. ^{we} have received
 high commendation Col. ^{3rd Mass} Underwood. Gen
 Perry's friend was most seriously wounded.
 I have seen his beautiful & resolute little
 wife & daughter, when she visited him at
 Brooks Station - He has a clear & decided ^{him} ~~thing~~
 faith. He is a temperate & honest man &
 may get well - We lost some 15 or 20 killed
 and 125 wounded - Gen Perry had a hard time
 lost his only son & some 300 killed & wounded.
 but has brought & sparing and given us the
 victory & we have opened the river from Bridgeport
 west almost to Chattanooga. High much done

The battle was from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Oct. 29. 1863

to the children - I have been too busy at
 work to write you since the battle before this.
 I have just received her letter ^{with} which Jamie is
 so sick
 Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
 near Washington - I got a
 nice letter from home just before the battle -
 October 30th 1863.

Dearest - We have passed through
 another encounter with the enemy
 and providentially have escaped
 unharm. My Corps left Bridgeport
 on Tuesday the 27th and marched some
 fifteen or sixteen miles encamped at a
 place called Whiteside. You can hardly
 imagine a rougher country - rocks, hills
 and mountains with deep valleys. We
 found with coal mines on the top of
 the high peaks with an arrangement of
 a car, tramway & rope to let down the
 coal - Whiteside had a log-house filled

our large woman & several children -
how poor, how filthy, how ignorant
all the people are - how would be
horrified at the poverty & dirt -
One abandoned house at the depot
was pretty fair. It had two rooms. We
had the ^{upper} part and fire built - with pickets
well out and some misgivings about
the enemy we had a fair night. The
enemy's cavalry were chased as we
advanced - took two prisoners. The next
day at daylight we pressed on towards
Kuttanunga - but to halt to get our
needs the mountain into Lookout Valley.
Then we marched on - but the enemy's scouts
who fled as we drew near. Just after passing

Wauhatchee Station the enemy headed
us off by an ambush in a thick wood
near the base of a mountain spur -
firing was heard on our scouts & pickets.
After a short skirmish, in which we
had one killed and a few wounded we
cleared the wood & marched on - the
rebels meanwhile shelling us from
Lookout Mountain. They fired over &
under but ^{they} wounded but one man - We
went into camp - but many of the 12th Corps
encamped about 3 1/2 miles back - A little
after midnight terrific firing was heard
near Lookout Mountain and I got my command
under arms with instructions to go to
the relief of heavy. It was clear &