

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

London East Tenn. Dec. 4 1863.

Dear Sir,

I don't know when this will ever reach you - After reaching Parker's gap & breaking the Cumberland & Dalton R.R. we turned to the left and marched on up here. Sunday Dec 6th - I was interrupted Friday - Friday night we made a bridge with Rebel Weyers 750 feet long across the little river. crossed the river and marched to this place yesterday - Longstreet is retreating & Burnside retreats from Siege - I have just got a letter from him. We are

all well. I fear you have been
much worried. for I have been
for over a week without any
communication. Working &
marching. God has blessed
us in spite of our circumstances.
Maybe give you & your children
inconstant blessing.

I am stopping with a house full
of beautiful little children - at
Mr Porter's. He is away with an
army at Vicksburg, a strong Union
man. Almost all the people
of East Tenn. are strong, uncon-
ditional Union men. They feel to
shame our copperheads -

Adore - I shall try to get
this off from Knoxville -
Sincerely
Otis

Major-General Howard

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Washington, D. C. Dec. 14th 1862.

To the Editor of the Evening Post.

Sir: In your issue of Monday last I read with equal surprise and regret, an article headed "The Eleventh Army Corps, and its General." In referring to its participation, in the recent battle at Chancellorsville you use the following language:

"We rejoice over this redemption of the Eleventh Corps. Its disgrace was a sad thought to everybody who had the honor of our arms at heart. That the Corps is now trustworthy, is proof that its demoralization was the fault not of the men themselves, but of the officers under whose command they were. We are glad that to General Hooker belongs the credit of restoring this lost Corps to the confidence of the country."

You can hardly say too much in praise of Genl. Hooker, whom all loyal men regard as among the most gallant, dashing and heroic leaders of our Army. But in praising Genl. Hooker there is certainly no occasion for aspersing, even indirectly, the well earned

and brilliant fame of other officers. You seem to have entirely forgotten - you certainly failed to mention - the important fact, that, the immediate commander of the Eleventh Corps, at the time of its misfortune at Chancellorsville, and at the time of its magnificent feat of arms on the summit of Lookout Mountain, was one and the same man - Major-General Oliver O. Howard. In both of these battles General Hooker was General Howard's superior officer, and it has never been alleged that General Howard failed to obey orders in either place. I think the Evening Post, is the first respectable paper that has even intimated that General Howard was at fault for the repulse of his corps at Chancellorsville. He has in his possession the documents to vindicate his conduct as a military commander in that field, and may make them public when he can do so without injury to the service.

The gallant part borne by the Eleventh Corps in the battle of Gettysburg, is entirely ignored by you. The fierce rebel assaults on Cemetery Hill - the key to Meade's position - were repulsed by Howard's command with a bravery and skill which won universal praise, and at the close of that bloody contest, the Eleventh Corps had fought its way to the gratitude and admiration of all loyal

hearts. The Corps went to Chattanooga, therefore, under its gallant young leader, with the glory of Gettysburg and not the failure of Chancellorsville inscribed on its banners. After the battle of Gettysburg, the President of the United States was pleased to send General Howard an autograph letter of thanks and congratulation for his consummate generalship on that field—a letter which the young hero's modesty has thus far kept from the public eye. And last August, in an address before the Alumni of Waterville College, Vice President Hamlin, speaking the opinion of two of the most gallant Generals who fought at Gettysburg, declared that when the history of that battle should be truthfully written the great victory would be ascribed, so far as it could be ascribed to one man, to the heroic firmness, with which Howard, with his Eleventh Corps, held Cemetery Hill.

I ask the insertion of this letter because General Howard's fame is dear not only to the country, but especially to his native state, which I have the honor in part to represent.

He is my immediate constituent, my fellow towns-man, my friend. He has attained at thirty three years of age, the eminent rank of Major General, with the command of an Army Corps.

He is an able, loyal, brave, Christian General, and I venture to say of him in the language of another, that at the close of this

may, "few will leave a more splendid, and none a more
stainless name,"

Very Respectfully Yours

J. G. Blaine.

Letter to H. J. Waring Post
by
Hon. J. G. Blaine

W.S. General Hospit^l - Grafton, W. Va.
Dec 5th, 1863.

to

Maj Genl O. O. Howard, 11th Army Corps.

My dear Genl:

Will

you allow me to introduce to your acquaintance my brother, M.G. Sherman, surg in charge of the 3rd Brig, 8th Division of 4th Army Corps. He is a dear brother to me; a son of New England, and has as brave and patriotic a heart, as ever throbbed under a military uniform. Any courtesy you may extend to him, will lay me under renewed obligations, and will be as warmly appreciated, as if extended to me.

I am Genl.

Very truly, your friend,
S. M. Sherman,

Surg, U.S. Vols.



W. L. Garrison, Boston, N. H.
Dec 25, 1863.

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My dear friend,

My dear friend,

Will

you allow me to introduce to your acquaintance my brother, Mr. G. L. Johnson, being in charge of the 25 Reg. T. Cavalry 2nd Army Corps. He is a brave soldier & a man of high courage. Since he has been sent to the front, he has been in the thick of the fighting. I am sure you will find him a worthy representative of the Union. I am sure you will find him a worthy representative of the Union.

Very truly,
W. L. Garrison
Boston, Mass.

Leeds Dec 5 1863

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Dear Cousin Otis

I received a letter from my Cousin Louisa last evening, she was very anxious for me to write and enquire if the ~~Col~~ Indiana Reg was there. she has heard that her husband is Col of that Reg. she is going to ^{try} get something. I dont think there is any use in her trying to find his whereabouts. but to please her I thought I would write to you. and when Charles writes to his Mother let him write if you can find out any thing who the Col is, if it is there. I cant tell you the particulars now but when I see you I will I am writing this in a hurry for my little boy is settling in his high chair ~~at~~ my side fretting for me to take him. it is almost conference time I wont give this to your Mother to put in one of her letters to Charles, I hear from you by the way of your Mother. Oh may you both be spared to her and your dear family is my earnest prayer. when it comes good sleighing I am going to Augusta to compose babies mine has grown to be a great fat boy I think most as big as yours. he is just as good a boy as need to be. we are having some very interesting prayer meetings four have joined the church your Mother has written who they are I should like to write you a good long letter but I dont get much time to write from your Cousin Laura D Otis

Surg: S. N. Sherman
Dec 5/63

W. S. Grafton
Dec 5/63

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W. S. Genl Hopt^e Grafton, W. Va.
Dec 5th 1863.

My dear Genl:

Allow me to
tender you, Congratulations with
the rest of your friends, on the
new laurels you have won for
yourself and your Command, in
the late battles that drove the
Enemy from his "strong places"
on "Look out Mountain", and inflicted
on his panic stricken and dismayed
legions, one of the deadliest blows to the
Rebellion, it has received. A few
more such, and the bloody drama
is ended; and how can we be
thankful enough, that we are perm-
itted to be among the instruments,
however humble, by which a mer-
ciful and just God is so palpably

making "the wrath of man to praise
Him!"

Please accept for yourself,
your Brother, Capt Atwood, and
any else on your staff whose acq-
aintance it has been my happiness
to share, my highest consideration,
and kindly wishes. My earnest
prayers for your safety, success, and
happiness, you will always have.

To Maj General

Most truly,

O. O. Howard, Genl.

Your Friend

-major- 1st Army Corps.

Army of the Cumberland.

S. M. Sherman, Surg. U.S. Vols.

In Charge.

walking dolls wonderful. but this one
was a wonder. I hope that you are quite
well. and baby too. The Guy Perry has a nice
little gentle pony he calls mine. and if he
own only him. he should have it to ride.
Perry had a sword given him by a friend
in New York. and gave another gentleman
a horse. I met the lady yesterday who had
such a brilliant wedding at Aqueduct. Perry
took Mrs. Spence and myself to the Capitol
and she went with us.

England are our pictures. I think Perry
good. but I hope to get some better ones. I
would like one of you much.

I hope you will have good news from
the West. I feel that they will be safe - safe
and well. I am going to write to Charles
to day. Perry would join me in a great
deal of love to you and yours

Ever your affectionate cousin

332 S. St. Delmon R^d - 13th St. Lizzie Lee

Washington D. C. Dec 6. 1863.

My dear Cousin Lizzie.

I am much
mortified that so long a time has elapsed
after my agreeable visit with you and
I have not written. Excuses are very poor. but
it seems that there has been a perfect paralysis
about my writing since I came here. Perry
has said how to day you will write and
I truly intended but the time has gone
and one truly believes in the school motto
procrastination is the thief of time. The
first fortnight after I left you we had
company - then I was ill a little while
and a week after that Perry came on
after me. We have moved once since we
have been here. and are now very pleasantly
situated. Our room is the parlor - large
& fully furnished. Our meals we have
sent in. I like it much better than I
ever thought I could. It seems like

play Kup house. But I would like so
to have a real home. but as military men
must can take out any where I am going
to lay and will change. Perry was very
fortunate in getting into the Invalid Corps.
He is in the present National in charge of
the Dept. department. He is not very much
convinced. He seems well. but is very easily
fatigued, get not losing his old strength by
any means. He received a letter from Charles
a few days since dated the 2/9 Nov. I
have just read it over to see if there is
anything of interest I could repeat to you
but there seems to be nothing but they were
well. And think the Gen must have been
feeling well for he wrote a P. S. to say he
thought he could beat Perry. So it is not
grand that the Corps have won such laurels
I think they have been covered with glory
since Gettysburg. where the Gen is certainly
acknowledged to be the hero of the grand battle

Mrs. Spauld has just been in and
desired me to give you much love. She
is the only lady acquaintance I have. She
is quite nice and comes in quite often which
is very pleasant. We think of going to
see the Arabs this afternoon.

The weather is delightful here; one
hardly needs fur. I can't realize it can
be cold any where. Think a go I saw roses
in bloom out doors. How is little Jamie &
the others. his little pale face I have often
thought of. Children and people begin to
think of Christmas. There is a very fine
Toy Shop here. And I have been in several
times and late Grace I saw a beautiful
doll in a cradle that by touching springs
would open its eye - throw up its hands
sit up - and even open its wonderful
little mouth - where were tiny white teeth
and say Mamma, Mamma and Papa
Papa! as plain as I can - I thought -

you at any time, should you
feel disposed to write, as
there is no commander
with whom I ever served
that I remember with
more pleasure than you

My kindest regards to
your Brother Col Bullock
et al.

Very faithfully
George Borkhill
Capt & Co. vols.

P.S. Should you ever want
a corp C.S. dont forget
that I am next on the
ocket — 4

Dec 9. 1863.
George Borkhill

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Headquarters Second Brigade,
Second Division, Second Corps,

Dec 9th 1863

My Dear General

I cannot resist the
temptation to compliment you
on the success which has attended
your corps in the west.

You certainly have very many
friends in your old command
who like me are gratified at
the victory, which has
crowned the gallant fighting
of even the 11th corp while
under your leadership:

Your army I fear will have
the glory of having struck the
fatal blow to the rebellion.
The country seems to have
lost confidence in our
army, whether justly or
unjustly I cannot say.

We have of late met with
very little success: we crossed
the Rapid Anne the other
day, but to recross —

There seems to be a rumor
that Gen. Meade will be
relieved: in case this is
true I wonder who is to
be sacrificed next?

I heard a very distinguished
man high in power in the
Government say that to
you was due the credit
of "Gettysburg" and that if you
were here, you would be
his choice for the command.
You may feel thankful you
are not here, lest some
such misfortune might
overtake you.

The 2^d Division remains
about as of old — Col Devener
of the 19th Mass commands

our brigade, Col Baxter 72^d
and Col Morehead 106th the
1st and 3^d Brigade. Brig Gen
Webb the Division and Maj
Gen Warren the Corp. Gen
Staucock arrived in Washington
last week and is expected
here every day: There are
but few changes Col Heath
19th Maine has resigned Lt Col
Hessert 72^d killed — some
others killed or resigned
whom you would know
but whose names you
will meet in papers

I see that you must
have been under heavy
fire in your last fight
from the way the bullets
huddled the ~~horns~~ of
your staff officers:

I should
be glad to hear from

Head Qrs. 11th Corps

Dec. 10, 1863 Athens, Tenn.

Dearest,

We have returned from
Knoxville when I last wrote an
letter sent a letter to you - I should
wonder if you had more
news than we. I hope you have
heard where we are and are
therefore not anxious. We
have been for two weeks without
any communications whatever. Have
lived on the produce of the country -
We run the mill, getting in the
figs, sheep & cattle and have got on
very well. I wish we could get where
there was some sort of chance of
getting letters from home -
This I at Tenn is a beautiful

twenty - I am at the house of a few
leaves - the beautiful little girls
one ten - one about Grace's age -
about as old as I am - Mrs G. is
a complete lady - Very many
almost all our Union people here
live much love to my, Anne
& Annie & Cheney - I think
about you much & long for the
end of your home - I hope
you are well and happy -
How has your cold but I am
quite well - love to all
you - Love, Otis

Hd. Qrs. 11th Corps Lookout Valley
Dec. 17th 1863

Dear Sir,

Last night we returned to
the old camp, after fighting a three
days battle and marching immediately
thence for some two hundred and forty
(240) miles. Much of the time we
have been cut off from all mail
connection. I got a good letter from
you last night eight days old. You seem
to want a cook. I wish you had some
of the yellow girls that follow us out of
slavery. One wanted to cook for us
yesterday, but I am afraid you have
a constitution sufficiently strong for
the diet that these poor people are "raised
in". You talk of bonding. Bonding destroys
two things the family & the home. If you
can stick it out till I can come to you I
shall feel better than to know that

you are bountiful. When you go to the
last house you surrender your independence.
A hotel ruins the children. I think
Joshua Munn would be a true friend
to help you in the purchase or renting
of a good house. I cannot bear the
thought of pulling up stakes & leaving
Maine and beginning anew. For I feel
secure in the friendship & appreciation
of a large number of our best citizens.
Who take a pride & pleasure in my good
name. Mr Blewitt has written an article
for the Evening Post, too flattering to
me, but a generous & manly defense of
a friend and I feel very grateful. Our
school privileges in Maine are better than
elsewhere. Charles thinks you might come
West on a visit and bring Annie & the baby &
propose that he go part of the way to fetch
you. What do you think of it? It is uncertain
what time I could get off any to meet you -
and I am hoping something will turn up
to give us peace before the end of this

winter. I might resign & leave the
field, but I cannot make it seem
consistent with my duty so to do.
My staff are all dependent on me &
would be thrown out of service -
However, we shall see. Meade's
want of success is a good thing for
the general result, for it keeps Lee &
his army preying upon the vitals of Virginia
- while the Western Armies are doing
the necessary work. Tenn. is full of loyal
people. She will resume her duties soon -
how much love to Mary, Ann, I am
and an abundance of kisses to Chauncy - Ann's
letter I got at Chelmsford. I wish you could
travel with our thro. & Tennessee - A splendid
country & a fine people. The Indians are Union
up - appear from many houses -
I must go now & look for a new camp
but bless you - Sincerely
etc

Head Quarters, Dept of the Tennessee.
Chattanooga, Dec 18. 1863.

Major General Otkrowd.

(Command) 11th Corps.

Dear General,

As the events of war brought us together and have so suddenly parted us, I cannot deny myself the pleasure it gives me to express to you the deep personal respect I entertain for you. I had known you by reputation, but it needed the opportunity on that campaign for me to appreciate one who unites so gracefully and perfectly the polished Christian Gentleman, and the prompt, true and Gallant Soldier. I am

18 Dec 1863

Major General Sherman

Congratulatory letter

not in the habit of flattering, but I
have deemed it my duty to express
to General Grant and others in whom
I confide not only the satisfaction but
the great pleasure I experienced in being
associated with you in our ^{short} but
most fruitful campaign. Not only
did you do all that circumstances
required, but you did it in a spirit
of cheerfulness that was reflected in
the conduct and behavior of your
whole command. I hope you will
carry to General Schure, Col. Rushbrook
and all your officers the assurance
of my personal & official respect.

I should fortune to be together
again in any capacity. I will deem
myself most fortunate, and I should

to see you.
it can be in my power, I hope you will
unhesitatingly call on me as a friend.

With great respect

Yours friend,

W. T. Sherman

My General.

Headquarters, Dept of the Tennessee
Chattanooga, Dec. 10th 1863.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,
Comd'g 11th Corps

Dear General:

As the vents of war brought us together and have as suddenly parted us, I cannot deny myself the pleasure it gives me to express to you the deep personal respect I entertain for you. I had known you by reputation, but it needed the opportunity our short campaign gave me to appreciate one who mingles so gracefully and perfectly the polished Christian Gentleman and the prompt, zealous and gallant soldier. I am not in the habit of flattery but I have deemed it my duty to express to Genl Grant and others in whom I confide not only the satisfaction but the great pleasure I experienced in being associated with you in our late short but most fruitful campaign. Not only did you do all that circumstances required, but you did it in a spirit of cheerfulness that was reflected in the conduct and behaviour of your whole command. I beg you will convey to Genl Schurz, Col Buschick and all your officers the assurance of my personal and official respect.

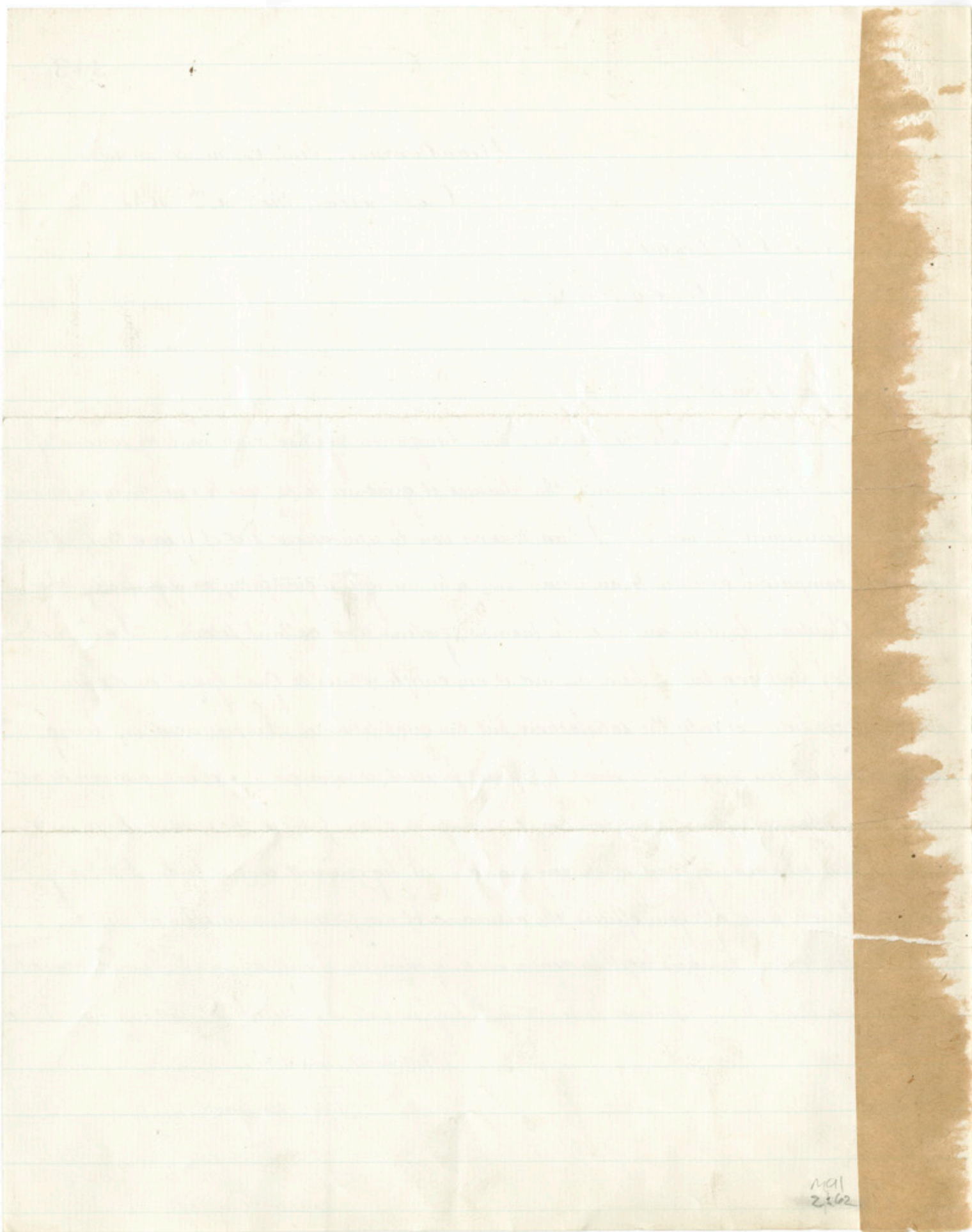
Should Fortune bring us together again in any capacity I will deem myself most fortunate and should it ever be in my power to serve you I beg you will unhesitatingly call on me as a friend.

With great respect

Your friend

(signed) W. T. Sherman

Major General



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Head Qrs. Dept of the Tenn.

Chattanooga, Dec. 18, 1863.

Maj. Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Com'd 11th Corps.

Dear General:

As the events of War brought us together and have as suddenly parted us, I cannot deny myself the pleasure it gives me to express to you the deep personal respect I entertain for you. I had known you by reputation, but it needed the opportunity our short campaign gave me to appreciate one who mingles so gracefully and perfectly the polished Christian gentleman and the prompt, sealous and gallant soldier. I am not in the habit of flattering, but I have deemed it my duty to express to Gen'l Grant and others in whom I confide not only the satisfaction but the great pleasure I experienced in being associated with you in our late short but most fruitful campaign. Not only did you do all that circumstances required, but you did it in a spirit of cheerfulness that was reflected in the conduct and behavior of your whole command. I beg you will convey to Gen'l Schurs, Col. Rushback and all your officers the assurance of my personal and official respect.

Should Fortune bring us together again in any capacity, I will deem myself most fortunate, and should it ever be in my power to serve you, I beg you will unhesitatingly call on me as a Friend.

With great respect

Your friend,

(Signed) W. T. Sherman

Head Qrs. Dept of the Term.
Chattanooga, Dec. 18, 1863.

Major Genl I. O. O. Howard,
Comd 11th Corps.

Dear General:

As the events of War brought us together and have so
suddenly parted us, I cannot deny myself the pleasure it gives me to
express to you the deep personal respect I entertain for you. I
had known you by reputation, but it needed the opportunity our short
campaign gave me to appreciate one who mingled so gracefully and
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ed in the conduct and behavior of your whole command. I beg you
will convey to Genl Schurz, Col. Knapp and all your officers
the assurance of my personal and official respect.
Should fortune bring us together again in any capacity,
I will deem myself most fortunate, and should it even be in my
power to serve you, I beg you will unhesitatingly call on me as a

Friend.

With great respect

Your friend,
Genl. W. T. Sherman

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that Gen Sherman was pleased with
me and the command. Gen Grant
regards him as his best officer &
warm friend. He is rather rough in
his expressions, but an unpresum-
ing friend of the government. Give
much love to Lucy. I hope he is very well this
cold winter. He is cold here. We all have
one excursion on at dinner or are dining
but have no fire-place or stove yet.
Have wrote papa a good letter which met
him at Cleveland on his way back from
Knoxville. My Thomas will have to steady beyond.
My Betty smartly to keep up with papa.
I hope Fannie is still healthy. Ann & Hannah well.
John - does he want papa & John to come
home still? With my prayers & much
love for you my darling wife I remain
Your husband
Otis

P.S.

I believe I am more homesick of late than usual.
Charles is well & preparing sending for a book to
be sent to Lucy. I have some plans for you. for Mother

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Dec. 20th 1863.

Dearest - It is sort of unsatisfactory to write
letters when one feels a strong inclination to go home.
I have meditated on several propositions like these.
To go alone making the journey in 7 days one
and 7 days back spending 6 days at home -
objection - I might part of connections & take more
time en route - convenient not in condition to leave.
Too short a visit at best - don't like to come back.
Another proposition - for wife & baby to meet me
in New York and go to West Point spending 10
days there - objection - Too cold weather for wife &
baby - would have to part away from home -
would want to see the other children, only one
sister - Well, I think we will wait and

see what will turn up. You can hardly think
about a book of Mail within we had when
we got back last Thursday. So many accounts
of the Battle of Blountsboro. We cannot feel
too thankful for the dealings of Divine Providence
with us. I wish, very long for this end but
know it is wrong to be impatient. I will enclose
you the letter of Gen. Sherman to me. It
will explain itself. This corps was engaged three
days with the enemy. Marched all the forests
in pursuit. On the 5th day a part made
a march of 29 miles the rest about 10 - one day's
rest & bring up supplies. The next day - 21 miles from
Parkers gap to Blountsboro - rest about 10 or 11 to
Charleston. Some worked till 1 o'clock at night
in repairing the bridge over the Hiwassee -

Tuesday crossed Hiwassee - marched 13 or 14
miles to near Athens - Wednesday 23 miles -
Thursday 3 miles - Friday night made wagon
bridge at Davis port 250 feet long - marched
from London across wagon bridge to Knoxville
21 miles - Sunday command rested. While I
went on to Knoxville - from 13 to 15 miles -
Thursday we turned back and marched
 leisurely back to Lookout Valley - having
fought 3 days and marched some 240
miles. More than half the men have either
no shoes or no bottoms to them - Nobody would
complain but they would show me their
feet and ask for shoes. We are now
giving them shoes - Rebels don't have any
in their country. I feel much gratified

Chattanooga 23^d December 1863

My dear General,

In ancient times, before the invention or diffusion of letters, our barbarous ancestors raised upon the battlefields which decided the fate of tribes, tumuli of earth or cairns of loose stones, which have outlasted the traditions of the contests they are intended to commemorate.

We have fought a great battle, one which makes an epocha in the history not only of the United States, but of that almost eternal contest between good and evil - between liberty and slavery of which our war is the latest & greatest act.

I wish to see some monument erected upon the battlefield, and it seems to me that the point of Lookout Mountain is a site on which the rudest artificial structure if of sufficient size to be seen at a distance will have a striking effect.

I have sketched a monument little removed in its rude simplicity from the cairns which dot the fields of Germany & Northern Europe but containing a sepulchral chamber, which, by diminishing the quantity of material, diminishes the labor of erection and will form a receptacle, in which, at some future day, it is probable that the bones of those who lie buried on the mountain would be collected - There appears to be a period of repose for the troops - Could not the 11th and 12th Corps erect this monument on the field of their valor - in commemoration of their great exploit and of their comrades who gave their lives for their country

Monument on Lookout.

Letter from Genl. C. C. Mc. Meigs

Enclose a sketch - the cairn is sixty four feet square at base - and 40 feet high - the block is 17 feet square & 8 feet high - the column 8 feet diameter at base & 20 feet high - The vault is a dome, circular in plan 32 feet in diameter. The whole to be built of dry stones of moderate size laid with their beds horizontal, except the lining of the vault which should be built as wells are walled up, with radial joints clinched with small wedge shaped stones.

I would insert a large slab of cut stone in the panel of the die - inscribed "Erected by the 11th and 12th Corps of the Army of the U.S., in memory of their comrades who fell in the storming of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge on the 23^d 24th & 25th November 1863

I would place it on the flat rock at the N.E. point of the summit of Lookout and encircling the floor would sculpture in large letters three feet long "Stormed by the Army of the United States 24th November 1863

Would your Corps enter upon such a task with spirit - I hope they will.

Truly your friend
(signed) M. C. Meigs.

To

Major Genl. O.O. Howard

Comdg 11th Corps.

Date. Dec. 23rd 1863

Recd. Dec. 24

Letter from Dr. J. M. Meigs

Concerning

Monument on Lookout

Chattanooga Dec 23 1863

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they were intended to commemorate

We have fought a great battle here
which makes an epoch in the
history not only of the United States
but of that eternal contest between
good & evil between liberty &
slavery of which war was the
latest & greatest act -

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the bones of those who lie buried on
the mountain would be collected.

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of their great exploit & of their comrades
who gave their lives for their country.

I enclose a sketch the column is
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and 40 ft. high - The block is
17 ft square & 4 ft high the column
8 ft diameter at base & 20' high.

The vault is a dome crested
in plan 32 ft in diameter.
The whole the built of dry stones
of moderate size laid with thin

beds horizontal except near the
vault which should be built as
wells are walled up with radial
joints finished with small wide
shaped stones -

I would enclose a large slab of
cut stone in the front of the
dome - Inscribed

Erected by the 11 & 12th corps of the
Army of the U.S. - in memory of their
comrades who fell in the storming
of Lookout Mountain & Snodgrass
Ridge on the 23, 24, 25 Nov
1863 -

I would place in the front
such as the N. & part of the
Summit of Lookout & Snodgrass
The floor would be of stone in
large letters 3 ft long -

Stormed by the Army of the United
States 24 Nov 1863

would give troops entrance
with a path with stone -

I hope they will

Truly yours
McCormick

Monument to the Memory of those
 who fell in storming of Lookout Mountain
 and Missionary Ridge on 23 24 25 Nov-
 1863. Propose to be erected on the North
 East Point of Lookout Mountain by the Corps
 who stormed this Heights.

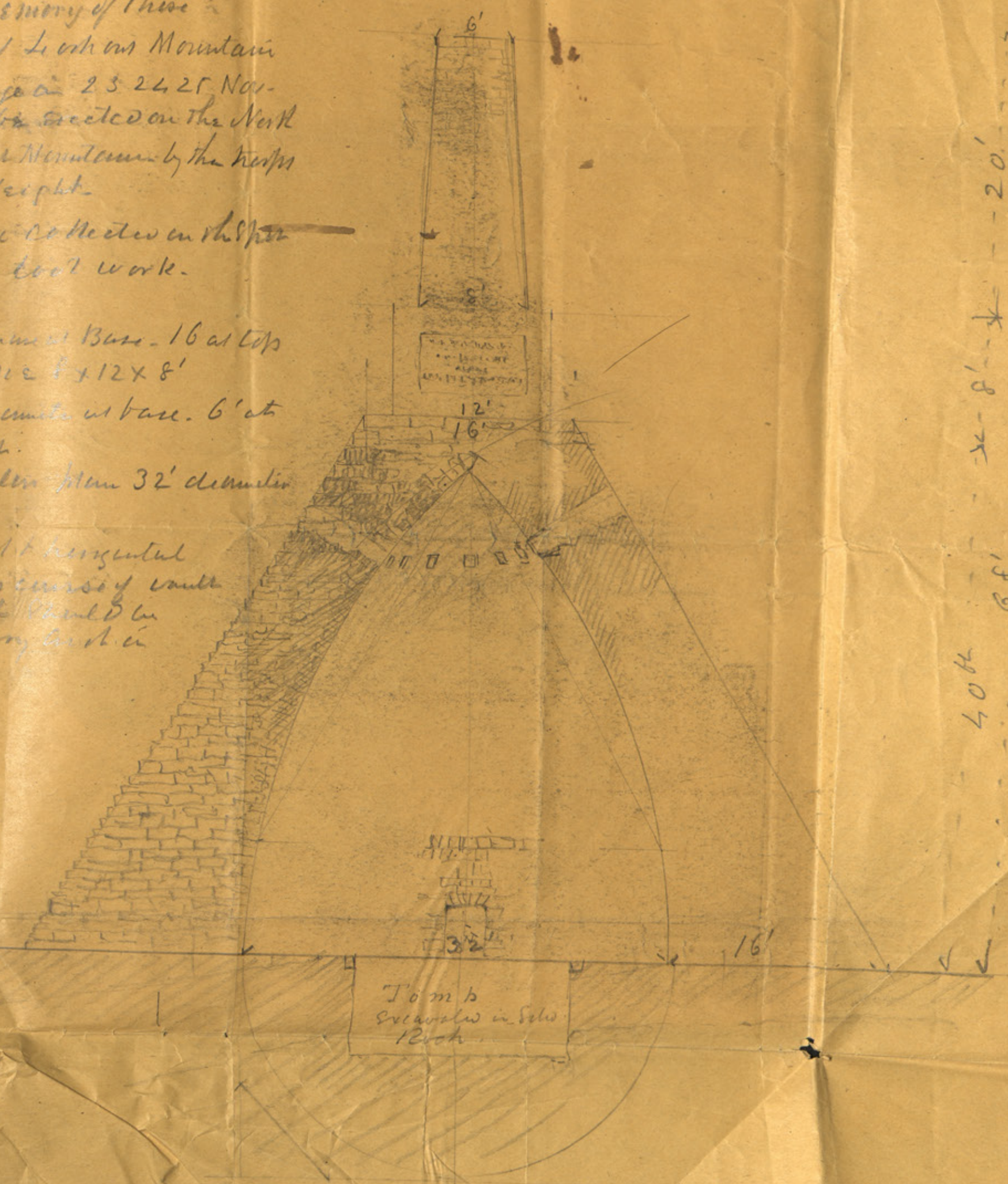
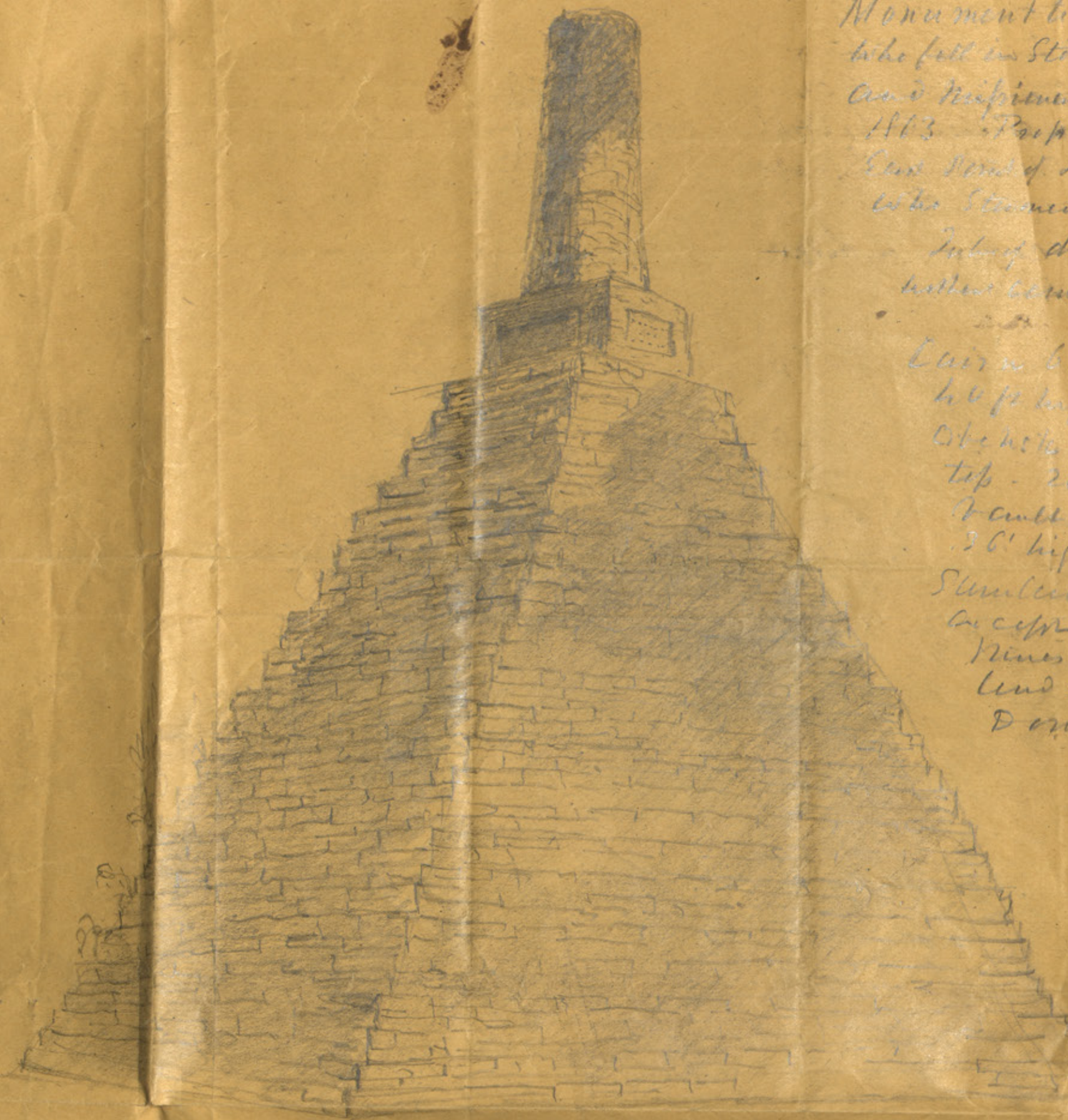
Building dry Stone Co. Meters in the shape
 without cement or tool work.

Cairn 64 ft square at Base - 16 at top
 46 ft high. Dia 8' x 12' x 8'

Circular 8' diameter at base. 6' at
 top. 20' high.

Small circular stone 32' diameter
 20' high.

Stemmed flat & horizontal
 except the base of vault
 lines which should be
 level and dry brick in
 Dome



Antennae. Little recorded on the
 Trade (except black, from the Cairns
 where distribution of *Procerus*
 Northern Europe but certainly a
 different character which by
 examining the quantity of material
 at Cairns shows the latter of *Procerus*
 and from a description about at
 Cairns before day it is probable that
 the bones of those who live buried in
 the mountains would be collected -
 These specimens are bones of *Procerus*
 the *Procerus* - I can not see the 11th & 11th
 bones and this specimen of
 the feet of these bones in Cairns
 of these feet is about 6 of them Cairns
 who from them lives for their country
 I believe a shot at the Cairns is
 not far from 10 ft high at base -
 and 6 ft high. The trunk is
 17 ft 10 in & 8 ft high the above
 8 ft diameter at base & 20 ft high
 The trunk is a stone covered
 in place 32 ft in diameter
 The whole the bulk of many things
 of material size lead with them

feet hanging at Cairns Cairns of the
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Truly yours friend
 W. Cairns

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Fort Hatteras Dec. 23 1863

Friend - I must confess to you that
I have got a smoky tent. My horse
snorted so badly that I have had it
torn down and it is now rebuilding.

I have moved into another place tempora-
rily and first to my sorrow that this
smokes too, so that I have to keep the
front up. This is my excuse for not
writing for a day or two. Col. Asmus-
en starts for Nashville tomorrow &
I want to send just a note by him
to say that I am quite well & so is
Charles. Capt Stinson & Mr. Lillbelle,

F. G. F.

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every thing is now very quiet.

Bray's army (Gen. Harder's army) keeps at a proper distance. We are hoping that no disaster may befall us in the vicinity of Knoxville by Longstreet turning back. Gen. Foster has quite a large force and if well handled will drive Longstreet out. Perhaps Gen. Hunt will go up in person pretty soon.

I hope the children are well tonight. The weather must be getting quite cold by this time in Maine. It is pretty cold here. freezes very hard

I have a most excellent cook - a ~~white~~ woman - who has two little children and is staying in a tent. She wants to earn something to take her family. I wish you had her - she seems like a good woman. I have a man run our mess - and he likes this woman - Charles Capt. Stinson, Capt. Pearson, Col. Hayes and the Libbette keep with me. We still eat in a cold tent but are having a place fixed. half house & half tent - give much more to each of the little ones. I love to help you all - most affectionately
your husband and
Otis

to take you there some day. My daughter,
with Mamma - Lucy, Jamie, and
Almacy. Lookout mountain will some
day be a place of great interest and frequent
resort. There is a fine little ~~town~~ ^{hamlet} called
Summer town ^{on top} - probably called so
because people went thither from the
hot cities to spend the summer.
You must give a great deal of love
to Lucy - has he improved much in
reading and writing since he left your
school? And Jamie - can he stop "his self"
long enough to think about John and his
absent papa? Does the baby grow? Can he
talk any yet? And how is dear Mamma -
very cheerful and happy and well working for
all the children and for papa far away!
I feel glad you are a good girl - glad you
remember the verse "love one another"
and expect you know its meaning -
May our kind and loving Heavenly
Father bless you all in his holy
keeping - Your affectionate father
D. Howland

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Dec. 26th 1863

My dear little daughter,

I think I wrote
you last; at any rate I received a letter from
you last. I don't remember when I got
one from you it was so long ago.
Papa has just had a new house built
one that it has taken three days and
one half of Christmas to finish. I
think my house is now quite as big as
Mamma's parlor. My new chimney not being
high enough was topped off with a box. Just
now the box caught fire and if John had not
moved very quickly my whole house

would have been on fire. John pulled
off the burning box - but now my new
house is full of smoke. Perhaps a kind
Heavenly Father don't want your paper
to find too much comfort away
from his home. Yesterday was Christmas.
You would have wished me a merry Christmas
if I had been at home and who knows, but
you and my would have made me a
Christmas present. Which do you like
best to make presents or to receive them?
Yesterday Uncle Charles, Col. Meigsburg, Dr
Hubbard ~~and~~ ⁴⁹ Dr. Subley went up to the
tip top of Lookout Mountain. This is a
very high mountain 1400 feet above the

surface of the river. You can see from the
northern point into five different states, I
am told - Tennessee, Alabama, N. Carolina
and Georgia ~~and~~ I do not know whether
the other state is Kentucky or South Carolina.
Chattanooga with its houses ~~and~~ ^{its} tents and
soldiers' tents is spread out before you -
The beautiful, serpent like river the
Tennessee runs at your feet and as
far as you can see it twists along in the
valleys. You can look at Mission ridge ^{my} &
all along where the battle was ~~and~~ ^{fought} - You can
see ^{your} Papas present camp. Two steamboats
came in sight several miles apart on
the river while we were gazing. I hope

fine clear bright dacheye quite deep in a young face -
 a high full forehead and ^{well} possessing, but for a little touch
 of the cynic in the smile. He is withal a young man of unusual
 ability & character. Dr Hubbard is older, health not good. He
 looks a little as Thomas Bridgman used to before ^{about} many wrinkles
 and is a high minded, true hearted man. The former Dr B. is
 called Medical Director of the Corps & the latter is the medical
 inspector. He has resigned and leaves in soon. Capts
 Shinn, Pearson, Col. Hager, Chas. St Gilbreth &
 myself now make up together. We have attached to us
 Dr. a pioneer company. the Provost Guard and ^{one} ~~several~~
 companies of Cavalry. orderlies, hostlers ^{eleven} and a
 number of colored servants. All these officers &
 men belong to and really constitute Corps Head
 quarters. It is the Sabbath ^{day} from very stormy all
 day, for the most of the time raining hard. Chas
 sits by my fire reading the Independent. His love to
 mother - remember me to Robert & Lillian & the neighbors -
 is Oscar at home? I hope you are very cozy & happy
 this cold winter - I like come home frequently! his love
 my love. Rebecca has gone to Lippin & I am glad. Her
 school was getting up & broken. Charles says his love
 and says he shall write soon. We would like to hear
 of a still growing religious interest in Leeds - I hope
 dear Mother. You do not cease to pray for us, that
 we may ever walk uprightly in the fear of God.
 Your ever affectionate son
 O. S.

Head Quarters 11th Corps
 Lookout Valley December 27th 1863

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Between Christmas & New Year

Dear Mother - I intended to write you on Christmas eve, but
 my tent and house smoked so badly that I gave it up and
 moved into another belonging to the Quartermaster while
 mine ^{was} ~~is~~ being rebuilt. After mine had been torn down
 & chimney and all I found to my sorrow that my temporary
 abode was but little superior to the other and I read &
 wrote without comfort. Your letter and others that I hope to
 write I have reserved for my new house. I'm in a house of
 one room, the sides logs a foot through. One end fire place &
 chimney and stockading the other boarding from clothing boxes. The
 floor the same, a little like patch work - for roof a cotton covering
 called "paulin" without the tax. We fitted a shelter tent into the upper
 part of the gable end. I enclose you a little sketch as I do to my &
 Grace thinking it might interest you to learn how we make
 houses here. My house is much superior to those of the in-
 habitants in this valley. I have a nice cot-bed, a desk, a table
 and three chairs. So that you see how comfortably fixed ^{even} for
 the winter. I think the weather is quite as cold here
 as in Virginia, but we haven't seen any snow yet. I take
 it for granted Charles has described to you the events of
 interest in our long march to the vicinity of Knoxville
 and back. so I thought it might be of interest to you

to name each member of our staff and attempt his characteristics. ~~Col. Massen~~ as we call him is a Lieutenant Colonel - an inspector and chief of Staff. I found him here on taking command. He is a German, about my age, black hair & a piercing blue eye very mandatory in his style of speaking. You can just barely detect the foreign in his accents. He is most energetic and constant in the discharge of his military duties and aids me very much. He thinks some but never lets me see him do so. He seems always very much attached to me. Lieut Col. Meyenburg is my Adjutant General. He keeps an office with several clerks, records all orders - issues mine and makes out reports to send up from those received from the Divisions. He is a little taller than I have dark brown hair, a high, broad, clear forehead. He seems quiet, dignified: is a good German and English scholar, looks about 22 yrs of age. Lieut Col. Ballou, my commissary, looks as if 40 yrs, has a stoop in his shoulders and a long face & care worn, but he is the most jovial, companionable, kind rough sort of a man, born in America, you ever saw. Lieut Col. Hayes, my Quartermaster, was an old college friend at Bowdoin in the next class after me. I got him appointed Capt. & later with the rank of Captain in the 2nd Div. 2nd Corps. Recently I have had him appointed Col. & Major with the rank of Lieut Col. He is about my age & size - a little heavier perhaps

He has brown hair and blue eyes, talks little - gives you the impression of a firm & careful man. Maj Howard, my first aide de camp, with his fine brown hair, reddish mustache & whiskers, and genial face, you will recognize without an introduction. Capt. Stinson ^{as I call him} is about as tall as the Major, of a sunny complexion, slender build, neck rather long. He has a clear blue eye and the stamp of intelligence and independence in his face. He has a slight lisp, or impediment in speech - particularly in pronouncing the word horse - dropping the r. Capt. Daniel Croft ^{C.D.C.} takes the place of Capt. Griffiths who was killed at Gettysburg. He came on with Col Hayes, and is a handsome young man of 40's age, of set cheeks, dark eyes & hair and a cheerful expression. Always very prompt & active. Capt. Pearson is called commissary of Muster - the muster in and out all officers & men of the Volunteer Service in this corps. He is a regular officer of the 14th Infantry, a young man about 25 - of a sober look, thoughtful, quick to reply and respectful - generally reticent. He is very fearless in action. Lieut Gilbreth whose father lives at Augusta ^{or Hallowell} is an acting aide de camp. Capt. Schopfield - a black haired, black eyed, dark complexioned thick set ^{young} man brings up stragglers, takes care of prisoners and gives passes. These officers constituted the staff when you have added two fine young men of the Medical Department. Surgeon Brinton - looks hardly 25 - has a

Hamington Dec. 30/82-
My dear Brother

[1863]

We received very
thankfully your good long
Christmas letter - It was
the best of presents - I have
had the pictures you gave
Ella & Sallie framed & hung
up in the sitting room. and had
Olie's new machine at Bath -
He is now quite well & plucky
and is a great "Comfort"! I
am glad Charles is to
come to Washington & hope
it will be so that he can
come on to Maine with you -
Now I want you to come
and see us if you possibly
can - and to insure it, I
want you ^{to engage} to give your lecture
here: Come to Leeds. & take
Mother along the next day

up to see us and then
mother Ella & I can hear
your Lecture, or we all
very much wish to do. Will
you come? Tell Harry to write
me "yes" if you haven't time
and I will arrange every-
thing else - We have no Lyceum
association & you won't get much
pay, but you must charge
them the more in the big places.

All our people would be delighted
to hear you and it would
help me & do good to have them
do so: Name the night if
you can - if not now, do
it when you can - I give
my Lecture in "a late trip
Wts. the South" at Bath Jan.
31st - I am glad you
gave Stanton to understand
that he can't always bully -
Here comes Sadie with "who

Are you writing to? Uncle Oler.
"Let's see, what can I say to
him & all his children?"

Tell him I've got a gun shaped
just like a big gun & a sword
shaped just like a big sword =

I am sorry if I was in-
discreet in my observations
in Gen. Fiske's presence. He
seems to have as much vanity
& ambition as the rest of us =
He has sent me three or
four papers with the acct.
of his Bt., marked in each =

I read your report with great
interest. I thought Fiske would
be disappointed, not to be praised
none as he is used to it. So
Tilton didn't write the Independ-
ent article. I wish you could
see the letter I wrote Webb, about
it = Your Report will commend
itself to the good sense of the

people and will not
impair their confidence
in you - I am looking forward
an entire reorganization of
the Bureau - Perry left here
this morning & expects to be, 20
in Washington with his wife
by Friday a Sat. of next
week - (Jan. 5th or 6th), He received
his orders from the Dept &
from you also - I hope he
will do well. I. E. allow his
wife's conscience to guide
him, as I think he is
rather disposed to do - I was
down to Leeds Tuesday. Mother
was getting on well with some
her increased family. She
thinks of having Wash "keep
house" in the Kitchen and
to hire his wife to do all
the needle done especially
washing &c - I wish the lady

about 80, vols. in all,
of them very useful to
you, & intrinsically valuable.
I judge the whole to worth
the 20% at least & the expense
was but \$4.10 = I am reading
Dr Spencers Sermons & Dr
Himmys Lectures & some
others with great interest
& gratitude to the unknown
donor = Alice will come
back with Ella = Political
feeling is not nearly as high
as last year tho: meetings
were held & many say they
would like to hear you speak.
The A Man in Temple the other
keeping said with regard to
your promotion to me & W^m
H. "Hooker ought not to
get mad, we can't all
be Daniel Webster"!
Thousands of your admirers

in Maine have no doubt
as to your competency to
command the armies of the
world - With a great
deal of love to Charles
& God's blessing on you
both

Your loving Brother

Rowland

Capt. Minner says out of doors: "now ain't it!"
We hav'nt got into the sunny south yet.
For it freezes, it blows, it rains and now
it snows. You can't think how cold John's hands
are in the morning when he undertakes
to roll up my sleeves. I must make as much
fun as Jamie does when you wash his face in
cold water. It amuses John. It is now five
minutes after 12: the old year out and
the new year in - I wish you and all
the little peaceful sleeping babies a very
happy New Year. One love we will
never and pledge to each other - time only
binds us with more cords - May we always
be able to personate a lively mess of a
father's hand bestowing blessings and
not the least of them his son, our Saviour.
Lovingly - Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Dec. 31 1863

Dearest - I have now had my chimney rebuilt
the third time and have attained a perfect success.
I now have a large fireplace that affords me a warm
fire and does not keep my eyes and lungs filled
with smoke. Today I have ridden all day and into
the night and for much of the time in a
heavy rain. I went to Whitesides and back: the
roads are almost as bad as they are in Maine in
the early spring when the frost is just coming
out of the ground. Harry Stinson and Col. Bright
of the 143rd Ill. accompanied me also two orderlies.
We went to see about getting an engine across
the Fallingwater bridge at Whitesides. The workman

will not complete the bridge for some time
and here. "Momas wishes me and mine to
get the engine and some cars on this side.
A more barren, rugged country you have never
seen. It is like the back country of West Point
only there are more detached ^{rock hills,} mountain hills with
narrow and deep ravines. The streams are high and
flow with mud. I notice that the masons to make
mortar have only to dig a hole in the ground
and mix in the excavated earth with water &
really after a ruin it would only be necessary
to scrape the ground. 1863 has got on clock and
lost and is just ready to say: good bye. General.
good bye Howard. Good bye Oles. Let the mistakes
you have made under me teach you lessons.

of wisdom. I speak to thee in confidence; in thy
relations official. in those between man and
man - in those of family - remember thy short-
comings and do better. Decision in office
a bridle tongue in social sphere, and more
effort for the comfort and welfare of the below
at home - Remember thy comrades with hot-hot
bye!" May we not hope that this coming year
will bring us peace - and love and home?
I have a beautiful thing of our first head quarters
camp, executed by one of Maj Hoffman's clerks.
I cannot spell his name without notes nor pronounce
it with them. You can get a photographic copy if you
think best and send one to Mother and another to
Rowland. The picture is perfect - true to the minutest

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

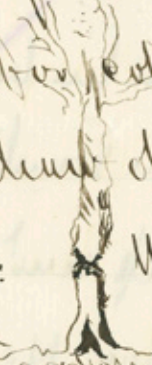
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[Dec. 1863]

My dear Guy - I have just finished a letter to Lucie and now your turn comes.

It is a very rainy night. When it rains here the mud gets deep so that you can scarcely walk. We have a very large new-found-land dog at these Headquarters, by the name of "Look-out". He generally keeps very quiet with his big head and shaggy tail. but he sometimes gets his jolly black back up and looks ill-favored stranger in the face. He is much like an Irishman: he don't like the negroes, but on the whole he is good -

nature, looks you in the face like
a sensible boy and fondly wags his
tail. The little foxes (boys) are ~~the~~ running
about amusing themselves, not by washing
their faces as you might suppose at first
sight, but by setting fire to tall stumps of
trees at the bottom. These burn two or
three days and as many nights. When
people clear a piece of land in this country
for corn or for cotton, they do not cut
the trees & dump off the wood but they
girdle them:  That is they cut a circular
incision quite around the tree - so
that the tree dies, the roots decay and
the plough can be drawn amongst

them with very little objection. The people
in Lookout Valley are generally very poor
and all the children without any exception
are ignorant and very dirty. It was not so
in East Tennessee. The people there were
intelligent, the boys and girls had "chances" to
go to school and often washed their very
checks. I got acquainted with little Walter Craig-
miles at Cleveland, Henry Hennegar at Charleston.
Mary Briggs at Athens. Mary Sheldon at Sweetwater.
Mary B. Martin and Horace Foster at
Louisville. E. Tennessee. These children were
all between you & Jamie as to age
and I talked with them about you all
and showed them your pictures. They were

moreover Union children and even "Yankee
Soldiers" as they call us and also the dear old
flag of our country which the rebels
hate so. I am glad you and Mamma
and the other children live so far from
the armies. These poor children have
to see the rebel armies encamping on
their fathers' farms, destroying fences,
sacking up the corn & then ours have to
follow. Uncle Charley sends his love
to Gay & Grace and Jamie. Are you all
glad that Isabella has come back to
live with you? Is Mamma still the
cook. Tell her papa is ^{now} wearing the new
shirt she wants. They are splendid, splendid.
How can we pay her for all she does for
us, Gay! You must tell me about your
studies. Are you a good reader yet? and can
you spell well? Now I must go to
bed under my Quincea robe and
let the rain pattering on my canvas roof
sing me to sleep. The Saviour loves you Gay
His blessing be upon you my son - ^{your affection}
O. B. Howard

Mrs. J. H. Howard

Cell 22

[ca-Dec. 1863]

Dear Madam

Our Bournside

is to be here to day - I correspond
with him with it be agree-
able to you receive a call from
him accompanied by myself to-
morrow afternoon or early in the
evening? - I do not know how
much time will be consumed
by formalities & cannot fix
the precise hour - Please find
by word of mouth by the bearer -
Ours or No

Yours respectfully

John Henry

Dear Mother
 I am well & hope
 you are the same.

I have not much news
 to write at present.

I am still in the
 same place.

I have not much news
 to write at present.

I am still in the
 same place.

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 to write at present.

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 same place.

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 same place.

Madison Monday Eve
Dec - December 1863

Mrs Howard

I am to say to ^{your} hus-
band when he gets home we
have concluded to name
our little son. Otis Howard
Rawson, we have enlisted
24 of our quota up to 9 o'clock.
Hope you had a pleasant ride
home. Your visit here will long
be remembered - Yours Truly
Wm Rawson

