
2126 4/1/1864

From: Alpheus S. Packard

To: Maj. General O.O.
Howard

OOH-2078

Brunswick

Source: Bowdoin

[76]

Brunswick April 1, 1864

Maj. General O.O. Howard
My dear Sir,

Your very kind letter of March 22d was received a day or two since. I find that Edward sent you a copy of the Telegraph & you have probably heard from him before this.

My brother's removal was as unexpected & sudden as possible. It was a great mercy to him as he was saved all the anxieties which would have attended ordinary disease. He had been through divine grace preparing for such a departure for three or four years. The end of his conversation was such as becomes a christian minister. As you may suppose the bereavement is a very heavy one to me. I have on file the correspondence of more than forty years from graduation down to the period of his death. I thank you most sincerely for your thoughts of me & of us in this sorrow.

Allow me to thank the Major for the mutilated copy of Weems's Life of Washington, which he sent to the Library of the Maine Historical Society. I shall hope for other matter of which he made half a promise for the same depository.

We never know how much to believe of the stories of the rebels massing in large force in your front. We hope in God, that the death blow to the rebellion may not be long delayed. It sickens & disheartens to see evidence of jealousies & petty rivalries among military commanders when so much is at stake. I have been disgusted at recent attacks on Gen. Meade, especially as from the source to which they were ascribed. I could not think as much more than the outpouring of malignant rivalry. The movements of Gen. Grant lead us to anticipate vigorous action early in the season. I know not what we are yet to suffer, but I must confess I have great confidence that so much prayer ascends for those in the cabinet & in the field, that the Lord will not suffer us to be dashed in pieces or rent in twain.

I wish I could report more favorably of our College regarding its religious state. Williams College is now experiencing a powerful revival of religious interest. I still hope we have evidence that the Lord is not withholding tokens of his presence.

You may be assured, my dear General, that we feel a very deep & tender interest in you & your brother & pursue with watchful eyes your movements, commending you & your army to the god of Battles. I hope too our God as he was our Father's God.

With best regards to your brother believe me most cordially yours,
Alpheus S. Packard [Bowdoin College, Professor Ancient Language and Classical Literature]

Maj. General Howard

[Summary written on back page, in a different hand.]
Prof A. S. Packard
April 1, 1864

2127 4/1/1864

From: Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2079

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

[20]

Augusta, April 1st 1864

Dearest

I do not write as often lately as I ought. If I am interrupted during the evening, or have work that needs my immediate attention you do not get a letter, and in the morning it is next to impossible to write. I might write, and must, without regard to the mail. My last letter received from you was dated the 19th ult. and gave a description of your ride to Trenton, Ga. I think I should like very much to go with you on these rides, but I should have to practice riding a long time before I should be able to keep up. I read of the fall and death of the Artist, Mr R. I dont want to hear of your going to the very top of Lookout mountain.

I have not written to Mother as I wished. I wish I could go to Leeds, run away from all the children for a day or two.

I do not hear of any house as yet but I am not going to make myself miserable if I do have to remain here. I dont know about Mr Norcross' house, who called to see you but I dont want his house. I told you the reasons.

Mrs Woodman and I went out for a walk this afternoon. It is very bad walking, snow all gone, mud very deep. It is now raining very hard, has rained three days, did not rain while we were out. We thought when we started it was pleasant weather, rained very hard soon after our return.

Do you get the Kennebec Journal? I remail them to you. Send one with this letter. We have no daily paper now the 'Legislature' has adjourned.

I have been writing to Rowland and Ella this evening, consequently have not written you a very long letter. I can write no more now.

Good night, Dearest, with
best love from your
own Lizzie

2128 4/2/1864

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]
Farmington

To: Dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-2080

Source: Bowdoin

[503]

Farmington Apr. 2/64

Dear Lizzie

I send a jug of Maple Syrup by Express which I hope you will receive in good order with much love from Ella & me to yourself & children & Mrs Woodman & Warren if still with you.

No late news from Otis & Charles.

There is an interesting Revival in Leeds, in the blessings of which Oscar & Solomon L Lothrop & other of our friends participate.

I spent a week ago last Mon. night with Mother & attended an interesting meeting but have not heard from her since. I hope you are all, including Jamie now well.

Alice is a very good girl & seems contented & happy. She would like to see Julia & the children very much. Give her love to them.

Dadie is almost sick with canker in the mouth & is very troublesome.

I think a great deal of Warrens Reg. during this long storm.

In haste.
yr. aff. Bro.
Rowland

2129 4/2/1864

From: Henry Prince

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2081

Head Qrs., 3d Div., 6th
Corps,

Source: Bowdoin

[78]

Head Qrs., 3d Div., 6th Corps,
April 2/64

Maj. Gen. Howard,
My Dear Howard -

To show you the entire foundation of the request I have to make, I inclose it, - a letter from the wife of Maj. Gen. Dana in whose behalf the request is made. The request is for nothing less than an image of yourself - and she wants me to get it, but I am sure it will be the more acceptable still if you send it to her directly, with an autograph committed on the spur of the moment. Allow me to say that making allowance for the difference between her & me - she being a most estimable & sincere lady & I being just the opposite - in the matter of admiration for honest & heroic generals we are equal. And I should be very glad if you would send her your photograph & some autographs.

Very truly Yours
Henry Prince [USMA Class of 1835]

[Written on the back page.]
Letter from
General Prince
enclosing one from
Mrs. Maj. Gen. Dana [See OOH-2068]
April 2 1864

2130 4/3/1864

From: William Riddle
Major & A.D.C.
Head-Quarters, Army
of the Potomac

To: Maj. Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2082

Source: Bowdoin

[79]

Head-Quarters, Army of the Potomac,
April 3d 1864

Dear General

I have received your letter of the 22d ultimo, and in reply desire to say that I did not carry to you any order to place any troops on Cemetery Hill, nor do I know that General Reynolds sent you such order by any of his staff at Gettysburg.

I am the only one of the old staff here, but I will ask them as I see them and advise you; and if in any way at any time I can be of service to you, believe me it will gratify me to serve one who had the confidence and love of my old Chief.

I am General
Very Truly Yours,
William Riddle
Major & A.D.C.

Maj. Genl Howard

2131 4/3/1864

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-2083

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

[21]

Farmington Apr. 3, 1864

Dear Brother Otis

I thank you very much for your kind letter received last evening and for your remembrance of my note about young Gracer as it may save me some embarrassment with his friends. I am glad Frank went and I truly hope the necessary "affections" of Campaign Life will not injure his health nor dishearten him. I wish I could have seen him before he went and have armed him with fears & forebodings dire, but sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Give my love to him & tell him he must write me soon.

Charleys letter about the S.S. was very interesting to us and I will read it at S.S. Concert. We are going to contribute to send the Tract Soc's publications to the Army & Freedmen. Can't you write us a letter before the Campaign opens. Write as you would to your own children. Between you & Frank & Charles we ought to have an interesting letter once a month, and in payment, I will promise you increased prayers & contributions. I will always ask prayers for the author.

Ella speaks from the neighboring room & says "Give my love to him & tell Charles that I appreciate his present more & more". She (Ella) & Dadie have been miserable for a week past. He has canker in his mouth & affected breath & cries when he wakes up, cries when he tries to eat & is generally peevish & unreasonable.

One of our neighbors lost a sweet little boy today. I wonder if I could give up my dear child without a murmur – not as I feel now – but "As thy day, thy strength" and I rest there.

Dellie wrote me that there has a division of feeling arisen in Leeds. It almost spoiled my Sab. to hear of this grieving of the Spirit. He gave no particulars.

Mother was well, had had a letter from Lizzie Strickland with the "diction & penmanship" of wh. Del found some fault! It amused me to see Charles rein father up & try to make him go, in business matters in military style. Wonder how he gets on!

I have preached all day today on "The Harvest truly plenteous but the Laborers are few". My hearers were few & our contribution for the Ed. Soc. was small, but we had a good meeting this evening. Did I ever tell you how much I love my Dea. Titcomb? He always says or prays or does something that lifts the cloud off my heart. Our Church are cold & dead & I am too fitful in my feelings for a minister. Sometimes, as a week ago, I could truly say "Thy Sabbaths are a delight" but often they are a weariness. God help me to hold on by faith.

We sent Lizzie & the children a jug of maple syrup by express yesterday. Wish I could send you some.

Affly.
Rowland

John & family & Sarah & family are well.

Did you see Gen Lee's letter to his son at West Point in which he referred to "That boy Howard"?

Tell Charles he must try to furnish me some "heroic deeds" for F. S. C. Abbott.

2132 4/4/1864

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2084

Source: Bowdoin

Headquarters Eleventh
Corps,
Lookout Valley

[505]

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Lookout Valley Apr 4th 1864

Dearest,

I have just reread the last two of your letters dated respectively the 11th and 21st of March. They are full of those home pictures true to life – the cradle, the library, the bed room, Jamie's sleepy "dont put out the gas," Chancy's improvement, Guy's proposition and Gracie's scholarship. Your own fatigue and bravely giving up your pen and going to bed. All, all, is full of interest and the only answer is when you can end with a few moments of leisure and when you are not weary, write me. I think the report of Charles being A.A.G. is incorrect. He is Major and A.D.C.

Gen. Meade's first order for retreat was preparatory and he was in person then twenty miles from the field and therefore unaware of the exact state of events. I do not think he ought to be censured. I would rather not have credit than have it by the detraction of other people. My friends are secretly at work for me so I have intimations to get me a Brigadiership in the regular Army. I cannot regard it in the light of a great favor. On the one hand it is flattering and suspicious. On the other quite unflattering. There may be danger of my being politically strong and therefore must be disposed of – or I may be unfit for any place but in the Army. However I mean to go on as much as possible in the even tenor of my way. If a position in the regular Army is tendered me, then there will be time to consider it, and if there is no such offer, then will I believe that a good Providence points in a different direction.

Charles is well, so is Captain Stinson. Frank Gilman I have assigned to the staff with the rank of 2nd Lieut. He lives with me and continues to write at my desk. He is an excellent Christian companion. Young Reynolds is in the quartermaster department. Mr Gilbreth is now commandant of Head Quarters during the absence of Capt. Cross.

Yesterday we had a very pleasant sabbath. Frank, Charles, Stinson & I went to the Sabbath School at the Chr. Com. tent. We found quite a number of Children, filling four or five seats and the remaining seats or benches filled by Soldiers. A Rev Mr Smith the Superintendent of the Chr. Com. at Nashville was there and made some remarks to the school, sang "Little drops of water" &c with the children and interested everybody. I invited him to preach for us which he did at 5 P.M. to a large audience at their Headquarters.

I was going to write you a full letter, but the mail man has come. Give much love to the children each and all. Sam is well. Kind regards to Isabella and to Julia & her little ones. Take good care of yourself for my sake & that of our loving ones. God bless you.

Lovingly
Otis

2133 4/4/1864

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]
Farmington

To: Dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-2085

Source: Bowdoin

[504]

Farmington Apr. 4, 1864

Dear Lizzie

A letter from you is a great treat, & we were glad that you were so well when you wrote.

The Lappans, Mr Fiske &c all think that Real Estate in Augusta is still cheap. If so, that would change my view of Otis buying. There are obvious advantages in his being at the Capital. I think his numerous friends in A. might make some effort to secure you a more convenient house.

We are glad the syrup proved acceptable & wish for no "funds" in return, but as you mentioned enclosing something & the letter was empty on its arrival, I feared it was lost.

We would like to have Guy come & stay as long as he is contented. Why can't he come when Mrs W. comes to Wilton. A ticket to Farmington costs but 1.50 & a boy should be half price.

If we don't hear from you we will look for him the last of the week. He will only have to get into one of our two hacks & ride right to my door you know, & as he is almost a man now, I think he will like to do it.

Ella joins me in love to you all & hopes Guy will come.

Affectionately yr Bro.
Rowland

2134 4/4/1864

From: John R. Adams
Chaplain of Me. 5th
Camp of Maine 5th

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2086

Source: Bowdoin

[80]

Camp of Maine 5th
Apr 4th/64

Genl Howard
Dear Sir,

I have just been reading your speech before the Christian Commission at Philadelphia, which recently was put into my hands. I want to tell you how much I was interested in the perusal of it, & the Christian spirit which it breathes. I want to thank God that he has raised up a General, who has done much & suffered much for his Country & who is ready, on all occasions, to avow his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I honor & love such an officer, & I mourn to think that we have not more of like character. What a new aspect would be given to our Armies, if all of our Generals would remember the divine charge, that "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I pray God that your own life may be spared, in the Army, or out of it, that thereby God may be honored by your Christian influence!

I regret that I didn't see you, in your late visit in Maine. I was then at home, but I did not hear of your arrival till the day before I left for the Army. Gladly would I have visited Augusta, that I might once more take you by the hand, if it had been possible.

Let me say a word for the Maine 5th. Our numbers are greatly reduced - Half of the effective men of the Regt have reenlisted. Eleven of the officers have signified their readiness to remain in the service. The Chaplain being one of the number. The "old man" is a veteran now. I want to see the end of the strife.

In our winter quarters, we have a Chapel 30 x 18 - & we have much to interest us. There have been several conversions, & the religious interest is on the increase. Several of our officers have become decided Christians.

We have a flourishing Temperance Society. <All of the Field, H-off. & Some> officers have signed the pledge with the exception of four or five & the men have signed in like ratio. Our last meeting was very encouraging, & the one, on Wed. next, I hope will be still more hopeful.

Col. Upton commands the Brigade & lends all his influence in support of the Temperance movement. He is a graduate of West Point & probably known to you - as Emory Upton.

Remember me very affectionately to your Brother the Major & to Capt. Stinson, & believe me,

Your friend & brother in Christ
John R. Adams
Chaplain of Me. 5th

Genl. Howard
Comdg 11th Corps

P.S. I write to you, because I could'nt help it, after reading your speech, & thanking you, but do not feel, under your onerous duties, compelled to reply, however grateful it would be to hear from you or your Brother.

My Son writes to me, of a late day, from his station at Williamsburg Va, that on the previous Sabbath, his officers were racing horses, for money. Is not this too bad, & do you wonder that he mourns bitterly over such influences or that he sighs for better companionship. How can we expect God's blessing for our Army when officers & men trample his authority under foot?

As my Son is the only Professing Christian on the Line (he is senior 1st Lieut) perhaps this isolation is designed

for the trial of his faith. Thus far, I think, it has been for his good, as he has established a meeting for prayer at his tent.

Yours
J.R.A.

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]
Rev. Mr. Adams
Chaplain 5th Maine
April 4th 1864

2135 4/4/1864

From: Henry N. Rothery

To: Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2087

403 7th Street
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

Washington D.C. April 4th / 64

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
General

I have the pleasure of informing you that I have the (\$.30) thirty dollars ready. Shall I send it on to you or pay it to some body here for you. I should have sent it on to you with this letter but I wished first to see if I had the proper address. My family are all well and it has pleased God to make an addition in the person of a little daughter who was baptized Clara, by Mr. Hall a month since. We have now three little ones (girls) the oldest of whom is old enough and does attend Sunday school every sunday. We feel that we have great cause to give thanks to Almighty God for all his mercies and blessings to us which we do not fail to do in our daily family prayer. Mrs. Rothery (my wife) wishes to be remembered to your estimable lady in your next letter to her. Lieut. Robinson was well at last accounts. He is married to a young lady a school mistress of Philadelphia. My wife and family join me in kind regards to yourself and also to your brother.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Henry N. Rothery
403 7th Street

2136 4/4/1864

From: J. Parkhurst
Col. & PM Gen
Chattanooga

To: A. Reed

OOH-2088

Source: Bowdoin

[82]

South-Western Telegraph Company

Apr 4 186 [1864 The year was not given, but it must be 1864. See OOH-2090.]

By telegraph from Chattanooga

To A. Reed

Genl Howard is not at Chattanooga. He is with Gen Hooker. If he requests permission for you to visit him it will be granted.

J. Parkhurst

Col. & QM Gen

2137 4/5/1864

From: Fred H. Munson

To: Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2089

Albany N.Y.

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

[83]

Albany April 5 1864

Major Genl O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been for some time past engaged in collecting the Autographs of distinguished persons. I have already a great number and I have often thought of sending for yours and have as often put it off but on Sunday last I attended a meeting called in our city by the U.S. Christian Commission which was addressed by its honored Pres't who in his earnest, and eloquent manner told us of an incident which happened I think at the Battle of Gettysburg in which Major Genl Howard showed himself to be a true christian Genl of the right stamp. That incident will never be forgotten, and as the speaker held up a letter which he had recently recd from this one armed hero written in his (Genl H) left hand writing and, I do not think there was one in the room but what would have cried out (but for the sacredness of the hour.) All Honor to Genl Howard.

Now sir I hope you will grant my request and give me at least your Autograph which I assure you will be prized in my collection on account of its authors illustrious name but more particularly by reason of his also being a christian Genl who is not afraid or ashamed to own or serve his master under any, and every circumstance.

Accept this from your sincere friend and well wisher.

Fred H. Munson
Albany N.Y.
Care S. Mol

Major Genl O.O. Howard

[Written on the back page]
F. H. Munson
Albany N.Y.
Apr 5 / 64

2138 4/5/1864

From: Arthur F. Reed

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2090

Post Office Box 549
Nashville Tenn.

Comdg 11th Army Corps

Source: Bowdoin

[82]

Nashville Tenn.
April 5th 1864

Maj Genl. Howard
Comdg 11th Army Corps

Honored Sir

Enclosed please find telegraph dispatch [See Note] from the Pro. Mar. Genl. at Chattanooga, saying that if you request it, he will grant me permission to visit you. I have business of importance to me, to attend to, and I would be very glad to have an interview with you.

My regards to Maj. Howard, and my best wishes for your health & prosperity.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectively
Your Obedient Servant
Arthur F. Reed

Post Office Box 549

[Written along the side in red ink.]
Answered Apr 16 & request enclosed.
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[Note: The telegraph dispatch referred to is OOH-2088.]

2139 4/5/1864

From: W T Sherman
Maj Gen
Washington

To: Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2092

Source: Bowdoin

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U.S. Military Telegraph
Apr 5 1864

By Telegraph from Washington 5 1864
To Maj Gen Howard

The following orders have just been received by Telegraph from War Department.

Maj Gen Hooker to Command the First (1st) Corps comprised of of the Eleventh 11 & 12th twelfth. Maj Gen Howard to command the Fourth 4 Corps. Maj Gen J M Scofield to command the Twenty third 23d Corps. Maj Gen H W Slocum is ordered to the Command of Vicksburg.

W T Sherman
Maj Gen

Robt. N Ramsey
A.A.G.

[Written on the back]
Changes Commanders
April 5, 1864

2140 4/5/1864

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Sister Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-2093

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

[506]

Farmington Apr. 5, 1864

Dear Sister Lizzie

I recvd your letter last evening and answered it, pressing you to send Guy! I was over at the Depot tonight, looking out for Ellas mother, when who should appear, but the dear little fellow himself with Mrs. P. so he had company all the way. He rode over behind our seat on a valise, gave me your messages, & Alice, Julias - ate a good hearty supper & went to bed about 8 ½ o'clock. He unpacked his basket & placed his things nicely in the drawer that I gave him for himself, or hung them up. Making remarks on each article of apparel, especially excusing the stockings and calling my attentions to the worsted shirts. He is now sleeping quietly & restfully in the next (Aunt Hatties room - Dadie calls it) room.

He brushed his hair before tea & we talk of having ours cut tomorrow. He is going out with me to see the tapped trees & the sugar making, & will visit Frankies School (Otis goes) & I hope will have a good time.

Our word for S.S. Concert is "angel" and we will find him some good verse to repeat. I think he & Dadie are alike in many things & they will get on splendidly together.

Thank you for your present. It must'nt make you think that ours was less a present. Maple Syrup is about all the thing that Farmington is distinguished for.

Mrs Partridge is at Mr Ormsbys still.

I had a letter from Frank Gilman dated the 25th. He likes & I hope will be liked. I know him to be capable & conscientious. We had also a short letter from Otis Sat. night.

Guy had a dull two hours in Brunswick & thinks our R.R. Slow - says he gets up early.

Ella & Mrs Patten join me in love to you & Gracie & the rest. Remember us most affly to Warren & wife.

Yr. aff. Bro.
Rowland

2141 4/6/1864

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2094

Lookout Valley
Tennessee
Hd. Qrs. 11th A.C.

Source: Bowdoin

[507]

Lookout Valley Tennessee
Hd. Qrs. 11th A.C.
April 6th 1864

Dearest,

You will probably have seen by the papers that my Corps & the 12th are consolidated and I am sent to command the 4th Corps. now under Gordon Granger. Gen. Hooker commands our two as the new "Twelfth Corps". The order was received last night; so that after a year and four days of trial with the 11th, it goes out and I begin again. The new Corps is a large one and peculiarly Western. Two of the Divn Commanders Wood and Stanley are Army officers, two at least of the Brigade Commanders Hazen and Harker are so also. The Head Quarters will be at Cleaveland for the present. It will make twenty miles further for your letters to go. I lose Col. Balloch, Col. Hayes, Col. Assmussen and Col. Meysenburg. Maj Hoffman and Capt. Pearson too are doubtful. The new house always breaks up the pleasant associations of the old one.

I received a very nice letter from you last night. You said at the beginning that all were well at home, so I did wonder at the pencil writing till I found you were out of ink. The pencil was a very good one.

We have had it very rainy for the last two weeks, but now it is clearing up - it is beautiful morning and the birds are singing and rejoicing at the sunshine. Frank thinks a great deal of good warm weather. I shall try somehow to keep him. He is too valuable an accession to lose.

I saw Gen Thomas yesterday. Capt Willard whom you remember (keeping a bookstore?) at Troy Gemma's Cousin. Also Capt Merrill of the Engineers, whom you remember at West Point. Capt. Stinson and I rode over together. We were joined by Col Jim Fessenden on our way back. He is still on Gen. Hooker's staff. We spent the evening in talking over new arrangements. I shall be glad when everything has settled down again into quiet. Gen. Slocum is ordered to the command of Vicksburg Mississippi.

I hope you will have the woodhouse fixed up if you remain long where you are. It will increase your elbow room a little and I shall be really glad if you can get a house to rent. I shall think you are going to keep a boarding house at the Gage. Never mind that if it is a good one.

McDonald is waiting at the front with my horse to go to Gen. Hookers.

Give my warmest love to self and the children. God bless you all. Soon you write me to Cleaveland. Will write Julia by and by. Kind regards to Isabella.

Lovingly
Otis

2142 4/6/1864

From: John Brannan
Brig.Gen & Chf Arty
Chattanooga

To: Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2095

Source: Bowdoin

[36]

U.S. Military Telegraph
April 6 1864
By Telegraph from Chattanooga 6 1864
To Maj Gen Howard

Do you wish Maj Osborn assigned to you as Chief of Artillery of the Fourth Army Corps. Answer.

John Brannan
Brig.Gen & Chf Arty

[Written on back side]
Jnos Brannan Brig Gen
April 6 / 64

2143 4/6/1864

From: E Waite

To: Mrs. O O Howard

OOH-2096

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

[508]

Portland April 6 1864

Mrs. O O Howard

Dear Niece

You are probably aware that the time has come round for the payment of Bank dividends. The amt due you from the Banks here is \$141 dollars, and there was also a balance to your credit last October to the amt. Of \$143. dollars, on which I think you ought to receive some interest. If you will please to write me what you wish to have done with the above named amts, I will attend to it with pleasure. You can now have your money invested in the Government 5-40 Bonds in any sums you choose and those Bonds will be ready in a few days probably, or I will send you the Bills, if you wish.

From your Affectionate Uncle

E Waite

P.S. Please inform me how many Shares you now have in Canal Bank.

2144 4/6/1864

From: E Waite

To: Mrs. O O Howard

OOH-2097

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

[509]

Portland April 6 1864

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I recvd your letter this forenoon after I had deposited my letter in the Office.

I will attend to collecting the Coupons of RR Bonds and <Term> Notes Interest on R.R. Bonds \$150 from which they deduct 3 pr cent Revenue tax – amt - 145.50.

Interest on U.S. Coupons \$14 on which I shall get 62 pr. cent premium – 22.68, making the amt to collect now \$168.18. To your credit before I believe 143 & 141 or 284.00, which will make the amt in all - \$452.18

You will pleas let me know what you wish to have done with this amt, and I will attend to it with pleasure.

Very glad to hear of the Generals good health & spirits. May it long continue. Love to yourself & Family.

Your Affectionate Uncle

E Waite

2145 4/7/1864

From: Warren Woodman

To: My dear Cousin [OO
Howard]

OOH-2098

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

[84]

Augusta April 7th 1864

My dear Cousin,

I write to acknowledge the many obligations you & your family have placed me & Mrs W. under during the past few months. I can never forget them & I fear never repay.

Cousin Lizzie has been very kind to us indeed. We shall never forget her many acts of kindness. She is all that could be ask for in one. Valuable as a wife, mother & friend. I fear her warm heart prompts her to do too much. She hesitated to take anything for our board, but I trust you understand my feelings when I say that I prefer to pay – had it been convenient would fully paid more.

The Regt began to move on the 15th March but want of transports & bad weather has delayed us. The last of the Regt will get away tonight. Our destination has not been changed, therefore report to Genl Bank.

The people express all confidence in Lt. Genl Grant.

I will inform you of our arrival in New Orleans.

Yours very truly
E. Warren Woodman

[Written twice at the bottom of the 2nd page, in two different hands.]

Col. Woodman

April 7th 1864

2146 4/8/1864

From: Chas Douglass

To: Major Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2099

Bath Me

Source: Bowdoin

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Bath Me. Apr. 8 1864

Major Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

Knowing your feelings towards the U.S. Christian Commission I take the liberty to ask of you a letter upon the subject; for us to read at meetings we propose to get up in the counties of Franklin Androscoggin Sagadahock & Lincoln to rais funds for this noble cause.

We are told by Mr Stuart its worthy President by Mr Demand the New England Agt. & by Mr Cole the General Field Agt. of the Army of the Potomac that means are wanted to accompany the ary in the Bloody Spring campaign now before it. We at home are anxious to comply with the demand.

We think such a letter from you would do us good in Maine.

Having been a delegate myself I feel the need of prompt action in this matter.

In hast I am
Respectfully Yours
Chas Douglass

[Written on the last page]
Charles Douglass
Letter, Bath, Me
Apr. 8, 1864

2147 4/9/1864

From: E Waite

To: Mrs OO Howard

OOH-2100

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland April 9th 1864

Mrs OO Howard

Dear Niece

Your letter of 7th enclosing Bank Check for \$347 82/100 dollars was duly recvd, and yesterday I made a deposit for you in the Government Bank here of \$800 dollars, and took a Certificate for the delivery of the U.S. 5-40 Bonds to draw interest from date of the deposits. As soon as the Bonds are recvd here from Government I will forward them to you.

There is to be one of \$500 and three of \$100 each, and there will be a balance due to you of two dollars 12/100 \$2-12/100. I got that much more premium on your treasury note Coupons more than I expected. - will send it to you with the Bonds.

From Your Affectionate Uncle

E Waite

2148 4/9/1864

From: W.T. Sherman

To: Genl OO Howard

OOH-2102

Head-Quarters Military
Division of the
Mississippi
Nashville, Tenn.

Comdg 4th Corps

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

Head-Quarters Military Division of the Mississippi
Nashville, Tenn.,
April 9 1864

Genl OO Howard,
Comdg 4th Corps

General,

Yours of Apr 7 is received with map and Report, which I have read, and find most interesting. I think in my Report I caught all the chief points. It may be that I failed to mention Col McAdam in connection with Col Taft. But your Report supplies fully this omission.

It will be unnecessary to make a <spenic> & special Report to me, as this covers fully the whole operation of your troops.

I am with respect
Yours truly
W.T. Sherman
Maj Gen Comdg

2149 4/9/1864

From: Alex. S. Webb

To: Dear [OO] Howard

OOH-2103

Headquarters 1st
Brigade Second
Division 2d Army Corps

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

Headquarters 1st Brigade Second Division, 2d Army Corps
April 9th 1864

Dear Howard.

I have attended to your request in your note of March 25th. The clerk has the order to carry out your wishes.

Gibbon has resumed the command of the Division.

You will probably have noticed that I have a good Brigade. I shall not waste the opportunity offered.

With best wishes for you & yours.

Sincerely
Alex. S. Webb
Brig. Genl.

2150 4/10/1864 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2104

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta April 10th 1864

Dearest

I must write you a few lines this quiet Sabbath evening. Grace and Isabella have been to Sunday School concert. I went to Church this morning. I am alone - that is Col and Mrs Woodman have gone. I presume he sailed from Portland yesterday, and she is at her sisters in Wilton. I miss her very much indeed. I am just now very anxious to hear from you. I do not know where the 4th Corps is. I am under the impression that it is near Knoxville. When you went to the relief to Gen. Burnside was not Gen. Granger with you? And did he not remain after your return to "Lookout"? If he is not in Tenn. he must be in the "Army of the Potomac". I dont think you will be particularly pleased to come back to Virginia, but will be willing to leave the Corps you now have. If you come back to Virginia you may expect a visit some time from your humble servant. I wont wait for an invitation either, but "move to the front without delay".

I have heard from Rowland since Guy arrived. I think he will have a fine time there, and will want to stay till his school begins. I heard yesterday that it would not begin before the 25th inst. Even Chancy misses Guy - calls the little boys out of doors 'Guy'. I must write to him to-morrow.

I have collected all interest, and taking what I had on deposit in Portland, and three hundred from here, have invested \$800.00 (Uncle Edward has for me) in Gov. Bonds 5-40. Would it not be well to write to, or give me an order on the "Washington Marine Insurance Co." that the interest might be collected. You invested four hundred (4 shares) in Jan. 1860, and no interest has been paid but once, and that soon after the first battle of Bull Run. Mr Bacon collected on your order you sent me and sent me forty dollars. A.W. Whittle, President. A.B. Van ---- Secretary. I cannot read the name of the Secretary.

I did not send my letter to the P. Office this morning. We are having a snow storm. It is now nearly five o'clock, Monday afternoon and I am writing to send to the P.O. this evening when Isabella goes for the mail. We are all very well. Our family seems small. Chancy has just waked and is blowing his whistle. Jamie is asleep. Grace is at school. I will write a note to Guy now. Love to Charlie, he is well I trust.

Yours as ever,
Lizzie

[Written on the back side]

Mrs. O.O.H.

Apr. 10 '64

2152 4/11/1864 *From:* Wm E. Merrill

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2105

Chattanooga

Knoxville

Source: Bowdoin

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U.S. Military Telegraph

April 11th 1864

By Telegraph from Chattanooga forwarded from Loudon

To Maj Genl Howard

Knoxville

I would strongly recommend Major Morhardt late Genl Sheridan's Topographical Engineer - as Chief Topographic Engineer of the 4th Army Corps.

Wm E. Merrill

Capt and Chief Topographic Engr.

[Written on the last page]

Capt W. E. Merrill

Telegram Recommending Major Morhardt

April 11th 1864

2153 4/11/1864 *From:* J B Bachelder

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2106

59 Beekman St New
York

Source: Bowdoin

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59 Beekman St New York
[ca. April 11, 1864] [The date was written in pencil.]

Maj Genl. Howard
Sir

Last November I wrote to you asking for information regarding the position of the Regiments of your Corps at Gettysburg, but as I have never received an answer I fear that my letter miscarried. I started to visit you in Maine last winter but learned on arriving in Boston that you had passed through that city on the same day, en route for the Army. I have been constantly engaged since the battle of Gettysburg in preparing a historical picture of the Battlefield on which I wish to show the position of every Regiment of both Armies. I have established the Confederate positions, after months of labor with the prisoners. I spent the entire winter with the Army of the Potomac and have located every Regiment. Genls Williams, Greene & Lockwood with other officers have given me the 12th Corps. Genls Barlow & Schurtz have given me something of the 11th Corps which I send you, but it is still imperfect. Now that I have the whole Army beside, it would seem like neglect were I to issue my print imperfect in this respect. I have sent a copy of this outline map and the tabular form attached to each Reg of the 11th Corps, but as yet have received answers to none, though at this writing it may be to early to do so. I enclose you facsimiles of officers' signatures who have assisted me in locating their commands. If you can indicate the remaining positions to your satisfaction I should be pleased to have you add your name to my list of testimonials.

The plate is now in a forward state which will make it necessary to forward this material at once if it is to go on.

I am Sir
Yours With Respect
J B Bachelder
Print Publisher

Maj Genl Howard

[Written on the back}
J.B. Bachelder
Print Publisher New York

2151 4/11/1864 *From:* E.B. Webb

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2101

638 Tremont St
Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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638 Tremont St.
Boston Apl 11 1864

My Dear Brother,

Your welcome letter came to hand Saturday. This, as you perceive, is Monday Morn'g. Yesterday was very stormy after 12 o'clock, & this Morn'g there is an inch or two of snow & slush all over the city. We have had a cold, raw sore-throat N. East wind blowing for more than 2 weeks.

I was already to make a visit to the Army of the Potomac last week, in company with your friend Mr. Toby, Dr. Kirk, Mr Demond & Mr Stuart of Phi'a, but when the time came to start, I was unwell, & therefore staid behind. Sought the rear, like a coward. I think however that prudence in this case, as in most others, is the better part of valor. For I have been rather out of sorts all the week, preaching yesterday with a bad throat.

Are you coming to the Army of the Potomac again? Saturday eve'gs Journal says that Genl Geary, (I am not sure that I recollect the name correctly, but of the rest I am sure), Commanding the 4th Army Core is to be relieved by Maj. Genl. Howard. If you shd come into that old race ground again I may visit you if I can get a pass.

I saw also a letter from Col Leonard, Mass 13th, who says that some portion of the Western army is coming East, & that the talk is of a grand, combined movement against Richmond, & whatever stands in the way of its capture. Perhaps you will write me 5 lines on the reception of this, or when you know of any change appointed for yourself.

Dear Genl, as to myself, I am a very, poor christian, have little power with God or man. I feel sometimes like one who finds himself standing upon a dizzy height without knowing how he got there, & when I hear other people talking about our affairs, the greatness, & the prosperity of our society, I am smitten with trembling under a sense of responsibility. God has blest us in outward things wonderfully. When I took the Society, it was small - everything at loose ends - & a debt of more than 10 thousand dollars upon us. We have steadily increased & prospered, till now we are in a chh that has cost us 77, 500\$ all paid for, & the debt also wiped off, all from the sale of pews - our keel is off the bottom & we are on our course.

Our house seats about 1500, twice as many as the old one, & it is as full as the old one was. It w'l'd kindle your inspiration, if it did not crush you with a sense of responsibility, to stand up on Sab'th morn'g, & speak to such a large, dense congregation. Our Chapel is capacious, light, high & airy. We have all the appointments necessary to convenience & comfort. Outwardly we are very prosperous, but what I mourn is the absence of the spirit. This is what we need - the quickening, converting influences of the Holy Ghost. Why does he not come. Dont he like our chh - dont he like us? Is the difficulty in my poor faithless, unsanctified heart? That is what troubles me at times a good deal. I am not what I ought to be - am not what I desire to be - am not what I conceive a christian minister occupying my place ought to be. Genl, is it not harder to gain a height in holiness than to gain the brow of Lookout Mountain? I am seldom on the Mt. anyway - seldom if ever, gain a victory, tho' I do not know that I am ever quite driven from the field, or pushed aside from my course. I really need more time for myself, - more time to read the Bible & to pray for myself. You will think this a strange confession perhaps, but it is just about the truth. I am always thinking & working for others, & have no time to think, or plan, or act for myself.

I sometimes get a sweet view of the rest beyond - the blessed presence of Jesus, & the grateful employments of the redeemed, & am comforted & cheered by the Sight, till I remember how sinful & unworthy I am, & how little assurance I have that my name is written in the Lambs book of life, & then it is as when a cloud arises & the wind gusts disturb the calm bosom of the lake, & the beautiful picture is gone.

Dear Genl do you think that such a poor, vile creature as I am will ever be fit for Hn, or be welcomed there? Do

you ever feel disturbed in such ways? It will be sweet to be there, in Hn, with Christ, - with the redeemed, where there is no sin, no conflict, no war, no groans.

I have two boxes for the army at my disposal - in addition to 500\$ just taken as a collection for the support of the Xn commission - one has flannels, shirts & drawers, & 50 bags with needles, thread, yarn, buttons, scissors &c &c - the other a general variety. I sh'd like to take them personally into your tent & go round with you & distribute them.

Fraternally yrs.
E.B. Webb.

Love to your staff, espy Mj H.

Maj Genl O.O. Howard