

Wm. M. W. W. W.  
Albany, N. Y.

Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> 1876

Dear - I will write you just  
a few words - I went to London  
Saturday and returned on Sunday -  
staid there over Sunday - much  
with Frank Wilson & family  
staid to have with me on Sunday  
to see the St. field - Mrs S - very  
kind with two children but the  
latter was about much to my  
sorrow - Mittie S - looks much  
handsomer and even younger  
than when she was a girl -  
We came here yesterday - all  
well - Mrs. S. sends love -  
Edg. Wallcut sends his regards  
much love to the children -  
Sam will write soon -  
God bless & keep you - Lovingly  
Wm.

18th July 1881

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My dear Mr. ...  
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am  
also well and hope these few lines  
will find you the same. I have  
not much news to write at present.  
I am, however, very anxious to hear  
from you and hope you will write  
soon. I am, dear Sir, very  
truly yours,  
J. H. ...



Surgeon G. S. Palmer  
Lookout Valley

April 13/64.

Lookout Valley Tenn.  
April 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

General

I am exceedingly sorry that I am not able to go campaigning with you this summer, but I am not, and I must submit. I shall apply for hospital duty in some of the more Northern States, & if I cannot get that, I shall be obliged to offer my resignation.

A general letter from you, stating what you know of me as an officer, whether I have been faithful, careful &c, will help me very much, I think. If you see fit to write such a letter, please inclose it to me at Gardiner Maine. I shall



probably be there soon, as  
I have received a leave  
of absence.

I hope you will not under-  
take to do too much work this  
summer, and thus break your  
own health and destroy or im-  
pair your usefulness. All de-  
pends upon having competent  
reliable and willing men  
on your staff. You must  
let them do all the hard  
work.

It is enough for you or any other  
man to have the responsibility  
of so large a command. You  
are well aware that care  
and anxiety wear upon the  
health as much as physical  
exposure. Excuse my freedom

May, 1894

D. O. Howard

H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> C

Very truly Yours

Friend

L. S. Palmer



Genl Schurz is still here  
in Command of the Corps  
the new organization not  
being ordered yet. It is  
expected to-day at Genl Hooker's  
Headquarters. - I sent to-day  
the copy of my diary by  
Courier. The books, volumes  
now still in use will be  
sent just as soon as  
the business transactions  
with the Eleventh Corps  
have ceased. -

Major Hoffmann is hard  
at work finishing the  
church. - Genl von Steinwehr  
who takes great interest

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

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April 13 1864

General,

Last night your  
telegram regarding the  
plan of the battle of Gettys-  
burg reached me. I am  
very sorry that the in-  
formation brought by  
Lieut Breckin of the positions  
of the troops on the different  
days and in the different  
positions is not sufficient  
for the purpose mentioned  
in Mr Patchelder's letter.



The delay has been occasional  
principally by the unac-  
quaintance with the position  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division on the  
first day. Although I  
know the position by  
brigade pretty well, the  
information received from  
Col Silva & others appeared  
to me rather doubtful  
as instead of having the  
1 & 2 Brig 1 Div in echelon  
Silva gives the 2 Brig at  
right angles to the 1<sup>st</sup>  
with the front entirely in

rear of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade.  
This is said to have caused  
the confusion of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Division and especially  
of Col Arnes' brigade of  
which there was scarcely  
a man before the retreat  
through the town. Un-  
doubtedly Mr Patchelder  
will receive some information  
regarding this from Col  
Barlow so that any  
errors may be corrected  
by him, if they should  
occur.



Lieut. Col. Meysenburg  
Lookout Valley  
April 13. 1864

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

in this building expects <sup>186</sup>  
to finish it shortly. They  
are now erecting the stable.  
Nothing has been heard  
of the organization of  
the new Corps. All that  
can be heard indicates  
that Genl Butterfield  
is to receive the 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
with four brigades. The  
Corps badge has not been  
determined upon, but  
it is to be hoped that the  
badges of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Corps



will be combined, the  
star in the center of  
the crescent, making one  
of the best or probably  
the finest badge the  
army.

We have just received an  
order from Genl Hooker A.G.  
directing that the Division  
of the <sup>Col</sup> report directly to  
Headquarters 11 & 12 Corps  
until the organization of  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Corps is effected.

We hope to hear from  
you General, and with

my best wishes for  
your success

I remain  
with great respect & sincerely  
your opponent  
T. A. Humphreys  
Lt Col

Maj Gen Howard



Newsholee Tenn. April 13, 1864

O. O. Howard

Maj. Genl.

Commanding 4<sup>th</sup> A.C.

My Dear Sir,

Your own kindness

is my apology for troubling you with a statement of a new difficulty into which we have fallen.

Gen. Sherman has never met the Christian Com<sup>rs</sup> as an organized effort in the army & consequently holds our requests for so much passing and transportation as a presumption to be denied & rebuked. He says that nearly every regiment at the front has a chaplain.

This, of course, will make a speedy end of all our present plans of working in this Mil. Division. These plans require the passing, on an average, of one delegate per day from Ashtabula Front. Perhaps for an army, so encompassed with difficulties of transportation, some change of plans <sup>will be best</sup> that shall lessen the number of delegates to be passed, by increasing their term of service. But there are great advantages in these frequent reliefs. Each man brings a full, fresh invoice of home feeling & religion & carries back reliable information of the news & encouragement for benevolent & religious work in the army. If, however, the public service is more hindered than helped by

Rev. E. J. Howard

Newsholee Tenn.

April 13/64



This frequent passing then there must be a change.

Will you not give us your views on this matter as relates to this Army.

I am waiting a suitable opportunity to lay before the General Commanding a statement of the object and plan of the Commission & ask his permission to go on.

A note of introduction and yr endorsement of the two fold purpose of the Commission bodily relief & moral reinforcement would be of great weight in our favor.

My full conviction after a year's experience is that an average delegate in his volunteer service reinforces the fighting ability of the Army by as much as one able bodied veteran.

Yr love for the Master & solicitude for the welfare of men in Service & your well known appreciation of the endeavors of the Christian Commission lead me to ask this favor at yr hand. So that if, in my ignorance of the delicate nature of military relations, I have asked what you cannot grant, I shall have no difficulty in appreciating the ground of yr refusal.

With gratitude & unfeigned respect  
I am, General,

Yr Obedt Servt

Edw. T. Smith  
Genl. Field Agt  
U.S.C.C.



Augusta, April, 14<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dearest

I do very much wish I could find out where you are to go. I must wait to hear and learn it from you. I cannot think you have already left Lookout Valley. Your letter dated April 4<sup>th</sup> was the last received - got it this morn. I was not intending to write you to-night, but after making all necessary arrangements, I concluded that twenty minutes past nine too early to retire. I will write till Chaney wakes. He and Gamie were vaccinated last week - is somewhat troublesome - both are getting well now. Sunday evening  
I have been so busy I have not finished this letter - sewing - house cleaning - and our sewing machine generally. Guy did not come home Sat. as I expected. I don't know what to think is the reason. May not have reached the Depot in season - may be coming by the Stage. I will not think he is sick for they would have



Let me know. Ella writes that Alice was far  
better than she seemed to hope at first. Slow  
but apt to learn anything but her books. I have  
tried to think that Julia was neat, but I almost  
despair of her ever being so, and so irregular  
in doing her work. I go down into the kitchen  
sometimes and then come back and say to myself  
O dear, what shall I do, and again I come  
up and have a good laugh. Martha and Fanny  
go to Sunday School regularly. Julia don't go to  
church as much as I wish she would. She needs  
as much instruction as a little child. She went  
out to go to church this afternoon but there was  
none at the Methodist, and so she came back.  
Sometimes she goes to the Baptist Church with  
old father Eason - colored man member of the church.  
She likes to hear of Davis doing well. Rebecca  
comes in as I am writing, from prayer meeting  
at our vestry. She seems to have enjoyed it  
I learned of the death of Danson Ingraham  
evening last week. She was buried this afternoon  
This was the father of your class mate, Dan Ingraham

We have had a beautiful day. I went to Church  
this morning with Grace. Samie thought the  
wind was "driven up enough" for him to go.  
He now will listen to stories read to him.  
was very much interested this afternoon in  
the story of David and Goliath. I made him  
a sling of thread and paper to show him how  
David did. Gracie reads as much as ever.  
I hope Guy will come home happy and contented.  
I see no chance of our moving this Spring. Some  
talk of taking houses in Hallowell. I should  
prefer to remain here to going there. It is now  
little past nine. Samie has wakened says his  
own throat feel better. I know it must  
feel uncomfortable but he won't scratch it  
tires to have me not it. I will say good night  
with love to you all

Yours Lizzie



enclosed please find a check  
for \$100 dollars -  
These. want to borrow for a  
little while for investment - and  
would meet you more - say if  
you can in want -

Nothing will forward you 30  
dollars from Washington -  
Please send in a receipt -

Apr 17 1864

West March 1. 1864  
Glean. Land E. Tenn.

Apr 17 1864

Dear Sir,

This is Sunday evening  
and it is now a quarter before ten  
I am preparing to write you a long  
letter this evening, but Gen. Newton  
from the Army of the Potomac has  
been leaving here assigned to my  
second division at my request. He is  
a fine man and I believe an excellent  
officer. Gen. Smith, Gen. Newton  
and Gen. Wood are all graduates  
of West Point and commanding  
a division in this Army. I am getting  
tired I have had a great deal to  
occupy my time at attention so that  
I have not been as faithful in writing  
as I ought. I have a very good  
place for West March just in the  
outskirts of Pleasant - the house  
belonged to the company that owned



the coffee mills at this place - I am  
now living in State in a fine large  
room - Could you and the  
children be here during the week  
two or three weeks - I would make you  
quite comfortable - but here the man  
about all the citizens to come - over  
the road now the side of Nashville  
and by the time you should  
arrive the first might be flown.

Monday morning / Last night it  
was too late to finish your letter.  
Yesterday morning we went to church  
at the Presbyterian - The house was  
filled mostly with soldiers and officers  
and we had a very good sermon from  
a Chaplain. About the firmness of  
Daniel, saying us all to alter course  
of conduct. This is quite a pleasant  
little village for the South and I really  
wish it were so great that you and the  
children could be here for awhile.  
They have gone to pay the ~~note~~  
which David and a very. Dr. Smith  
subscribe by this time. I think he  
wishes to write you a letter

giving a description of his visit of  
Washington. I shall have to take  
a ride of about 20 miles today  
15 miles out and 15 back to  
join Gen. Crofts' brigade of Stanley's  
division - I am really glad to hear  
from you that you are well so  
well. We much love to hear from  
Johnny as well as long if he is back -  
I am very glad to hear you  
are well - soon he has been  
by a picture. But this was  
with some to come and then  
very good except a good time -  
none again - Charles is well. is  
acting Inspector General and I have  
recommended his promotion. This  
will make Capt. Thomas Major and  
Lieutenant Captain - I shall probably  
have Major Whittier as Col. Puller  
is an excellent adjutant general &  
belongs here - I will try to be  
better next time. - soon is well  
to the full - Much love to  
all - God bless & preserve you -  
John



Head Quarters 81<sup>st</sup> P. I.  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1864.

General

I take the liberty of asking a favor of you in behalf of Charles Miller son of James Miller Col 81<sup>st</sup> P. I. who was killed at Fair Oaks. Virginia. The widow of Col Miller is desiring that her son should enter West Point, and follow in the foot-steps of his gallant father. If you will be kind enough to use your influence to obtain his appointment you will be doing a great favor to the widow of one who has dearly bought the right of such an appointment for his son. By making me aware of your views upon this subject you will greatly oblige me

I remain General  
Your Obedt Servt  
J. B. Zornes

Colonel 81<sup>st</sup> P. I.

Major General O. O. Howard  
Commandg 11<sup>th</sup> Corps.



Frederick W. 81 1/2 St  
April 17 1864

I take the liberty of asking a favor  
of you in behalf of Charles Butler son of James Butler Col  
of the 1st Regt of Mass Cavalry. The mother of  
Charles is deceased and he has no other relatives and is  
in the last days of his father's life. If you will be kind  
enough to use your influence to obtain his appointment  
with a 6th term to the end of our war  
I shall be much obliged to you for an appointment for his son  
in the same way of your name upon his behalf. You  
will greatly oblige me

James Butler  
For Mr. Butler  
O. Butler  
April 21 1864

Major General O. O. Howard  
General H. C. Coffey



Mon. morn. Apr. 18th  
[1864]

My dear sister -

I fear you have been anxious about Guy, since his non-appearance on Saturday. But for some reason, your letter didn't reach him till Sat. evening. When of course it was too late for him to go. He has been a good boy & we have enjoyed his visit. He has chapped his hands badly, playing out of doors so much with Frankie, without his gloves - I have tried to cure them as much as possible, with glycerine, and they are a great deal better, but look badly still. I am sorry also to have him take some dirty clothes, but as it is Monday morning, that could not be well avoided. He tried to get some couple sandy to send to you but didn't succeed.



Roland has gone out this morning,  
and perhaps, may find a little -  
Guy went for it Saturday evening,  
& came home with the presents he  
has for you - He said he couldn't  
find any candy, & he thought  
he ought to carry home something!  
I didn't know how you would  
fancy such an expedition, but  
he seemed so happy about his  
presents, & altogether showed so  
good a taste in the selections, that  
I thought I wouldn't say anything  
to damp his pleasure - so I just  
enjoyed them with him!

I am going to do something at  
house cleaning this week. We have  
already made a beginning - Alice  
washed paint nicely -

Roland will go to Lewiston with  
Guy, & will see that he is placed  
under good care - I think there  
will be no trouble - I must go



about my Monday duties, & will  
bid you goodbye with much love.  
Elean.



Mrs. C. C. Howard

Augusta -

{ By Guy Howard }



Mrs. J. B. Clark  
Allegheny Pa.  
April 18/64.

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Allegheny Pa, April 18, 1864

Major Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

Permit me  
to make this request of you, in the  
name of our common country  
that you will send a contribution  
to the "Post Office Department" of  
the Sanitary Fair to be held  
in this city 1st of June. Your  
Photograph, or Autograph if you  
do not see fit to send anything  
additional, will be highly prized  
by the Christian friends you have  
made, as a General in the Army.  
My sympathies are with the Army  
and its leaders. My husband though  
a minister, was at the head of the 123d  
Pa vols. at Antietam, Fredericksburg



and Chancellersville, and  
would be ~~there~~ yet in the army  
but for his church here, and in,  
his sick wife, having been an  
invalid for years. I beg pardon  
for having thus spoken of myself.

May goodness and mercy  
follow you, all the days of your  
life, and may your dwelling place  
be in Gods house forever more.

Yours very Respectfully

Mrs J. B. Clark

Chairman of Committee



Shelburne Tenn. April 18, 64.

Major General O. O. Howard

Comd'g 4<sup>th</sup> Army Corps

General!

I beg most respectfully to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter through Lt. Col. Meyersburg, for which please accept my profoundest thanks. - Be assured, General, that I shall not forget the last conversation I had with You, - that I promise You - .

Lt. Col. Meyersburg requested me to send You a map of Gettysburg, which I forward herewith; the position of the troops is marked down to the best of my knowledge.

A report of the late 11.<sup>th</sup> Corps has to be forwarded yet to Washington, after receiving Your signature. General Schurz refuses to sign it, as he was on leave of absence at the time the report was made out.

I have the honor to be General

Your most obdt servant

Knappman

Major ad. A. D. C.

*Inclosed 1. Report and 1 Map.*







Capt. D. N. Cress

Boston. Apr 18<sup>th</sup> / 64.

BIGLOW BROS & KENYARD  
219  
WASHINGTON ST.  
BOSTON.

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Boston April 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

My dear General

This my first letter  
is to inform you that my resignation  
was forwarded Saturday last to  
Adj't. Genl Thomas. Washington D.C.

I did this General & my  
reluctantly - but I was discouraged,  
having been quite well at all  
times in Va. hardly sick a  
single day for more than two  
years. And in Tennessee four  
months - suffering all the time  
with dysentery - I could not  
believe my health would be good  
in that climate, therefore decided  
to resign.

General, I am very  
sorry to be obliged to give up  
at the present time, having



served two and a half  
years.

While with you General, I  
have done nothing to repay your  
kindness in honoring me so much  
by an appointment on your Staff,  
this troubles me much, I assure  
you - Could I have served through  
one Campaign even, through  
one battle with you General,  
I should have endeavored to win  
this honor. To my past services  
in the Potomac Army - through  
all of the Campaigns, and in nearly  
every battle in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps  
was engaged - to this I look  
back upon with satisfaction,  
having at all times performed  
my duties faithfully to my  
Commanding Officer as well as  
to my Country.

My connection with your  
Staff will be remembered with

pleasure, my admiration for  
yourself will never cease,  
and my constant desire will be  
that you may always be suc-  
cessful with your Command,  
and whenever you meet the Enemy  
may the Victory be yours.

My resignation was accompanied  
with Surgeons Certificate of Disability  
approved by Surgeon Genl Dale,  
as soon as word from I will  
inform you.

I should be pleased to hear  
from you through the Major -  
please address Care Miss Prigelow  
Brothman Boston Mass.

Please remember  
me kindly to your Staff

And believe me General

Very Respectfully

Your old Servant

L. H. Cross

To

Maj Gen C. C. Howard



Head quarters 20<sup>th</sup> Corps

Look-out Valley, Tenn. April 19. 1864.

Maj. Genl. S. O. Howard,

Comdg. 4<sup>th</sup> Corps.

Dear General:

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication received this morning in regard to some public horses and arms belonging to the scouts of the 11<sup>th</sup> Corps, and represented to have been removed without authority on the consolidation of that Corps with the 12<sup>th</sup>.

On inquiry of the Inspector General I am led to believe that horses and arms have been improperly exchanged and taken away, and if this should be found to have been the case, I request that you will cause them all to be returned. I have been induced to appeal directly to you on this subject, feeling assured that no one will remark its impropriety sooner than yourself, and if as represented no one will be more willing to have it corrected. Lieut. Col. Amussen is of the opinion that the horses



were taken away under the impression that I  
had given my consent to it, which is a mistake.  
I did not know of it even.

I also enclose a communication regarding an  
orderly said to have been taken to the 4<sup>th</sup> Corps.  
If so, I request that he may be returned.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Joseph Hooker*

Major General Com'dg.



Headquarters Fourth Army Corps,

Department of the Cumberland.

Cleveland, Ohio.

April 21st

1864

Dear Sir - We are still "in statu quo", and all well. My new Corps is gradually collecting in this vicinity. Through to review one brigade of 10,000 men to ride fifteen miles - Gen. Wood, Stanley and Newton dined with me yesterday. I think they are all able men. They are graduates of West Point and very one ahead of me. Stanley was two <sup>graduated</sup> years before me and the others before I entered. Wheeler is acting Inspector General and I have asked for his



promotion to the rank of Lieutenant  
Colonel via Lieut Col Selridge  
removal, whom I am not inclined  
to retain. Today I am invited to dine  
at 3 P.M. with Capt. and Mrs Kniffin  
A.C.S. It may be because I have  
ordered all quartermasters and commissaries  
to remove from the town - this  
one having his wife here doubtless  
wishes to remain and how could you  
refuse after a good dinner? We shall  
see. Probably Sam will have gotten  
back from his visit to Uncle Rowland  
before the arrival of this letter. I  
wonder if he enjoyed the visit as much as

his papa used to enjoy his visits to  
Hallowell particularly in prospect. How  
I believe loves to go and see Grandma &  
I am very sure Grandma loves to have  
Bruce visit her. But there must be a  
nobody and I havey is all right when  
Mamma and Isabella are. I suspect  
he will be walking as well as talking  
before we are aware of it. I see some citizens  
coming and must shut up this book  
of home pictures - Good bye and  
God bless you all - Lovingly. Alis



Nashville, Tenn., 22 April 1864.

Major Genl.

O. O. Howard.

Cleveland Tenn.

General.

Your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. introducing Rev. E. P. Smith, Agent of the Christian Commission was presented by that gentleman yesterday, and Maj. Gen. Sherman instructs me to say that it would give him great pleasure to afford to the Commission the facilities asked, but that the exigencies of the public service, at this time, demand a vigorous enforcement of the rule, recently established, restricting transportation to Army supplies & persons immediately connected with the service. The General appreciates the high character and fine mo-



tives, of the members, of the Com-  
mission, and on this account, as  
well as that of high personal  
regard for yourself, regrets that  
he must, for the present, continue  
the restrictions, referred to.

I am, very respectfully,  
General,  
W. M. Abbott, Jr.  
S. M. Weston,  
Brig. Genl.



Augusta. April 20<sup>th</sup>. 1862

Dear Papa

I have not writton you  
this long time but now I will begin I  
am very well and go to school. Wattie  
Bardon Mrs Bosworths neice with her mother  
came here on a visit but are going  
home now at Fall River. Wattie has a  
little sister 6 years old that she left  
behind. I am very sorry that Wattie is  
going home because for we used to play  
togetheer almost all the time.  
mother Jamie Wattie and I went down  
street yesterday although it was Friday  
I did not go to school and bought  
a pair of chairs one for me and one  
for Wattie the ~~the~~ chairs were for our  
dolla. yesterday morning I went over  
to Mrs Bosworths and Wattie gave me a



little book. and yesterday morning I  
went to school Miss Woodward heard  
all of our lessons but our spelling  
then we chace sides and sung and  
read peices and next week we are  
going to have 2 recesses in a day  
2 in the forenoon and 2 in the after-  
noon. we like the cedar chair you  
sent us. when are you coming home.  
will you write me soon. Goodbye Papa  
From.

your  
affection  
daughter  
Grace.

PS the school is going to have  
a picnic next Mayday and  
Miss Woodward is going  
to take care of us.



Portland April 25 1864  
Mrs O O Howard  
Dear Niece

I now Enclose  
The U. S 10-40 Bond - the Bonds  
arrived at the Bank from -  
Washington Saturday Evening  
the \$2<sup>75</sup> is balance and you  
on account being for premium  
over what I first was offered on  
the 7-30 Coupons —

Hoping you may find this  
correct —

I remain Yours  
Affectionately  
E. M. Smith

P. S

Should you at anytime have  
occasion for my services in attending  
to any Business matters - I will be  
pleased if you let me know - E. M.



N B

please acknowledge the  
Rept of Bonds - so that I  
may know they come safe  
the twelve cents I still owe.

E. M.



for prayers for themselves - the  
Churches are full every morning and  
great religious interest is manifested -  
No matter if all have to trust in  
God - This earnestly to be desired -  
We have folks here to all the little  
ones - From Kent and and from  
Iowa we have the best accounts of  
Ray, that he is a real good boy &  
is enjoying his visit - Left Vienna  
and Wilborth are well - Charles &  
Frank also and all in good  
spirits - We are having beautiful  
summer weather - (Sunday 26th)  
I never wrote a letter with so many  
interruptions - All well but busy in  
making preparations for orders - It is  
the house cleaning - Sam is well, says  
John's friends are all well - Everybody (city)  
is rather short of ration in this region -  
May our kind Father bless you and the little  
one - Lovingly your husband Otis

Headquarters Fourth Army Corps,  
Department of the Cumberland.

Dearland Tenn. Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Dearest

It is Monday morning and I  
feel as if I ought to write the children, but  
am more inclined to write you. Charles  
has concluded not to borrow the two  
dollars and I shall enclose it to you  
in this letter also an Order to draw  
on the Washington Marine Co -  
(Afternoon) I was interrupted this morning  
and have had no time to resume till  
now. I feel in a measure manifested  
now that the 11th Corps is no more



apt I have things in so good working  
order as then. My staff is not  
apt is complete. After the reverse  
at Chancellville, it was hard for  
me to cherish a feeling of confidence  
in the whole of the old Corps:  
and after one division was removed  
to Charleston S.C. The Corps was for  
a long time very small. Many  
of our friends of other commands  
were accustomed to point the finger  
at us and laugh at our numbers.  
I feel that the 1<sup>st</sup> Corps conquered  
all difficulties and ended with  
a fair record. I like this 1<sup>st</sup>

Southern Corps. It is much larger than  
any command I have ever had  
except during the <sup>first day of the</sup> battle of Gettysburg.  
Yesterday I went to the Sabbath School  
and had a class of little girls at the  
Presbyterian Church. The members  
of the Christian Commission and Chaplains  
keep the <sup>(edifices)</sup> churches in use. I have  
had the Provost Marshall put the  
churches in order, some three of them.  
Mr Nichols from Chicago preached  
here yesterday morning and a Methodist  
Chaplain in the evening. After the  
evening discourse, three young soldiers  
stood up and waited standing asking



My address is care Mess  
Bigelow Bros & Kennard, Boston  
Mass.

Please remember me kindly  
to your Staff - accepting warm  
regards for yourself, mingled  
with gratitude for your kindness  
to me - Ah! this is a sad day  
for me!

With much respect  
I am General  
Your obt Servt  
D. K. Cross

To  
Maj Gen C. C. Howland  
Comd'g 4th Army Corps  
Army of the Cumberland.

Boston Mass  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

My dear General

I have this day  
rec'd information from the Adj't  
Genl Washington D.C. of the  
acceptance of my resignation  
by the President - to take effect  
from date - April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864,  
therefore, I cease to be a member  
of your Staff.

It is quite impossible  
for me to express with the pen  
my feelings at separating  
myself at the present time from  
the Army - withdrawing my  
services now, when everyone  
is needed, and again  
serving nearly three years



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I feel as though I should like to see the end - like to be with the Army when the last blow is struck, - the blow that is to end this wicked War.

I could not make myself believe that my health would be good in Tennessee, and my friends were quite unwilling for me to return to that climate.

I did hope, General, that you might be assigned to a Command on the Potomac again and then I could return my position, and remain in the service of my Country - but as no such change was made, and I did not choose to remain here idle at the expense of the Government - decided to resign. Again will I express

my regrets, not having an opportunity of serving you General through an active Campaign. - And I would also thank you again for the honor conferred in requesting my appointment.

I have always enjoyed Camp life exceedingly - Now as I read of the progress of the War, my inclination will surely be to join again. My brothers-in-arms - Should it become necessary I shall not be among the last to answer the call of my Country - my health permitting.

I am happy to say for the past week I have had but little of the old disease, am getting better with home nursing.

I should be pleased to hear from you General.