

My only consolation is that I may be  
able to make for them a proper name  
and example to which you can  
appeal in your instruction and influ-  
ence. I believe I realize that yours  
are for the greater trials and sacrifices  
daring, but the one for which but in  
his Providence has prepared you -

I am a peculiar quiet half sedulous kind  
often comes up before me about the baby's  
completely happy, happy - I hope your  
Julia will make the work as easy as  
possible - I haven't been able lately to sleep  
some what much, but he continues to im-  
prove in that line. Sam is most busy  
did not leave the camp of order

quite as large as I - Many kind  
words toabella - Much love to the  
children from papa & no little to you  
own dear self - I have sent you two  
checks - one a hundred & one two or  
hundred dollars. Love, Obedience - to you  
and not be anxious - God bless you  
all -  
lovingly Otis

Headquarters Fourth Army Corps,  
Department of the Cumberland.

Cleveland O. Tenn. Apr May 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Dearest - It is almost the anniversary of  
the battle of Blancellorsville and of  
the birth of our little Shaney, <sup>[born May 2<sup>nd</sup> 63]</sup> and we  
are drawing nigh another trial  
of ours perhaps more <sup>ever</sup> terrible than  
that, before this reaches you it will  
doubtless be over. <sup>But</sup> On the eve of an action  
campaign and battles I do not feel in  
any degree depressed and hope you too are  
resting without any oppressive  
anxieties. I presume those unaccus-  
ed to only our God can have no appre-

cision of the relief of such a reliance.  
When it can be done there is a  
quick happiness in being able  
to say, think & feel "not what  
I will, but what thou wilt". I  
perceive too it is difficult to go  
back to the time when we had  
no hope and no trust and under-  
stand the desolation & anguish in  
face of bombardment, when the love of  
God was not tempered and directed the  
human love. But how little I have  
ever been tried. Woodruff and Mary  
have indeed followed me and how  
thankful I ought to be that

God has not deemed it necessary to  
afflict me more. We are hoping that  
this campaign will end the war  
and I am more sanguine <sup>in</sup> that  
belief or hope than ever before.  
But grant that no more disaster  
befall us. That pleasure will  
again be a sad one at the best.  
Bel. Woodruff will arrive in season  
to give them some good counsel.  
I got a kind letter from him and answered  
it. I am thinking how bad it is to be separated  
from you and the children so long. Mary  
will be a young man and Grace a young  
lady almost before I am aware of it.

University of Pennsylvania

Phil<sup>a</sup>. May 2. 1864.

My dear Howard;

Your kind letter was received long since, and I have only delayed to answer it until something more sh<sup>d</sup> be developed concerning the Gettysburg Campaign, which, you know, was being investigated by a committee. I never meant to do you injustice, nor would I under any circumstances be guilty of so doing, for I respect you as a brave and skilful officer and a Christian gentleman. The statements made in the Service magazine were from responsible men, and I in common with all Pennsylvanians did feel aggrieved — not that you were rewarded but that Hancock was not. The Army & Navy Journal published some injurious articles, but such I would not admit.

Professor Jacobs' letter, a copy of the same which he sent to you, I published at once, and I believe that it has really cleared up the whole matter. In all future actions, I shall be very glad to have from some skilful writer or your

Staff, such statements as will guard  
against errors of any kind. My task  
is a difficult one but I desire to per-  
form it not only with strict justice,  
but also with a desire to give the fullest  
and most generous credit to our edu-  
-cated West Point Generals, by whom,  
under God, we hope to be guided to  
a union & honorable peace. I shall  
be much obliged to you for a line  
saying that you have received this.

The extract from the Phil<sup>a</sup>  
Bulletin, was printed before your  
letter came, or I should not have  
published it.

Very sincerely & truly  
Yours,

W. E. Howard. J. C. Coppee.

favor to me, I should scarcely ask  
a stranger to me his influence in  
my behalf, but the position I  
sall, such as it is (if it is not very  
much) I consider as no more than  
a just reward for service faithfully  
rendered during the whole period  
of the war, as there have testified  
who have had the best means  
of knowing - And as such, I  
think it just & right to ask  
any public man satisfied of  
the facts, & having a personal interest  
in the good of the service & the  
welfare of the Country, to use  
his influence, to see, at least,  
that my application has a  
fair consideration -

I feel assured that I have  
already asked many favors of  
you & I have some hesitation

Ad. Geo. S<sup>th</sup> ad.

Culpeper, Va

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Dear General,

Your very kind &  
excellent letter, in my behalf,  
was duly received - I would  
have answered it sooner, but  
wished first to be able to tell  
you something of its disposition  
& effect.

I carried it to Washington  
last week together with others  
from Generals Sedwick, Libbie,  
Stanton, Meade & Sigalls.

Gen. Meigs who has been  
very friendly to me since his  
inspecting visit to the Army

last summer, received me  
very kindly, endorsed  
your letter in the warmest  
manner, & himself nominated  
me for the position I asked.

He thought it would be better  
for him to send the papers to the  
Secretary, than for me to present  
them personally, & so I left  
them with him.

I think, that all has been  
done that military influence  
could effect. If, now, I could  
but bring some strong political  
influence to bear, I think  
there would be little doubt  
about my obtaining the  
appointment.

But, unfortunately, I have

been such a wanderer during  
the last twelve years (much  
of the time residing at the  
South), that I have only a  
very slight acquaintance with  
any member of Congress.

My Mother being, in a great  
City like New York, knows none  
of my father's friends in Maine  
are, unfortunately, rather too  
much of the democratic persuasion  
in politics, & have much influence.

Under these circumstances,  
might I venture to ask you  
to write to Senator Tappan  
& Morrill on the subject,  
to get them to call the attention  
of the President & Secretary to  
my claims. - There is a personal

Remember me very kindly  
to Chauncy & my other friends with  
you - I would have written  
Chauncy in answer to his letter  
but am very busy & have not  
time just now. Still do so  
at my earliest leisure -

Is Hayes with you still?  
I trust so - Capt. Harris, one  
of my old Division J. U.S. who  
was sent to the A.C. at my re-  
commendation to instruct the J. M.  
D. there in our system, writes  
me that Hayes is the best  
of the Corps Jr. Masters -

I remember Sam. well. Give  
him my regards & ask him what  
has become of his master, Young Johnson  
who was my Assistant -

Believe me, General, Ever  
Sincerely Your friend  
H. A. Devere


II  
in asking this, yet I  
scarcely know in what  
other way I could reach the  
father I wish to reach -

Still, if you have the slightest  
objection, for any reason whatever,  
to appeal to those gentlemen,  
in my behalf, I beg that you  
will not do so, through any  
feeling of kindness to me -

x x

Your friends here were  
all exceedingly glad to hear of  
your transfer to another Corps  
& a command so honorable & so  
justly due - We watch your  
course with great interest, &  
are expecting much from  
you of the Army of the Cumberland

this summer -

For ourselves, we  have strong hopes of accomplishing what we have so long tried in vain. There is not much enthusiasm for Grant, ~~but~~ the days of enthusiasm are past, in the Army of the Potomac, but still there is no lack of confidence. I believe the A.T. is today vastly superior in all respects to what it ever has been -

There is some dissatisfaction on the part of regiments whose term of service, reckoning from their enlistment, has expired, but I think a few stern examples (if they will certainly

be made if necessary) will set this all right.

Before this reaches you, the Army will, in all probability, have moved, & the fate of Richmond <sup>perhaps</sup>, decided.

I saw Mr Lyman the other day - He is writing a History of the Penn. Census under the sanction of the State authorities & was here to see Genl. Meade & gather information finally, about his subject -

He seems well & in fine spirits - He talked much, of course, of you & the old staff which he remembers with pleasing gratitude -

Portland May 2 1864  
Mrs O O Hawana

Dear Niece

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I have just collected  
Interest of the two Coupons you  
sent due May 1<sup>st</sup>. \$30 - I got  
\$53 which I now Enclose -  
they do not pay quite so much  
as Gold is worth in New York  
the 12 cents due before - I paid for a  
postage Stamp to send the Bonds -

Our people here are all Engaged  
in preparing things for the comfort  
of sick & wounded Soldiers -

I think we cannot do too much for  
them - we often hear something in  
praise of your good Husband  
May the Ever be with him and keep  
him - that he may again return in  
Safety to his family & Friends

Your Affectionate Uncle E. M. W.



Dear daughter, Leeds, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1869.

I received your very welcome but short letter, last evening not going for the mail, not going for the mail sooner on the evening previous, the barrel of potatoes was taken to the depot, at Curtis corner the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, and I suppose it was sent soon after Roland, St. Gilmore carried, he said he only paid the freight to Brunswick, as Henry Brewster told him, he could not pay the freight any further, Mr Gilmore directed it to Gen. O. O. Howard, Augusta Maine with red chalk on the head of the barrel the red chalk cannot be rubbed off, I presume it is at Brunswick & will see Henry Brewster and know how he billed it, and ask Mr Goff to enquire about it, I am much obliged to you for your Photograph, I think I sent one of mine in one of those letters & wrote you, we had a letter from Charles last evening, they were well at the date of that 14<sup>th</sup> April,

I have saued dried apples enough for you, dont  
pay me anything for what I send to you for  
I am always under obligations to you, I did  
not have much warning of Mr Berry's going  
to Augusta I might have sent your collars  
and sleeves, I did not think of the dried  
apples in time to send them, I am sorry about  
the potatoes but think they will be found  
and in hopes Grace will come with Mr Berry  
I will keep anything for Julia that will be  
useful to her, much love and many  
kisses to all the children, I was in hopes  
to have seen Guy when he went to Farm<sup>ton</sup>  
our business is farming, caning for  
dumbls, bleaining, house gardening, &c.  
you did not say what I should ~~say~~ <sup>do</sup>  
do <sup>with</sup> ~~you~~ that life insurance <sup>policy</sup> ~~policy~~ that  
was sent to you by me, it is in my husband's  
safe at present,

Yours &c. Eliza Gilmore

Lizzie A. Howard.

Hamington May. 4/64  
Dear Sister

We are so  
glad to get your picture  
that we reciprocate  
immediately. You  
must send us one  
each of the children  
as soon as convenient.  
The postage is but 2 cts.  
or 1/2 doz. - Ella will  
answer your kind &  
welcome letter as soon  
as possible. We had  
the Association (Co) here  
yesterday & today I attend  
the funeral of dear little  
baby Nellie - <sup>10</sup> 1/2 mos.

Yr. aff. Bro.

Richard

Love to Guy & Grace & the  
young "Scholar" and the  
little "Walker" too!

Hope Ella will get her letter  
soon

little "Mother" too!  
 young "Mother" and the  
 the "Mother" too!

My aff. M.  
 18. 18. 18.

My dear Mother,  
 I am so glad to hear  
 of your health.

the Association (Co) has  
 as possible - the same

become better as soon as  
 return your kind aff.

in 1843 - 1844 will  
 the postage is but 2 shillings

as soon as convenient  
 each of the children

around seven to eight  
 immunities. For

that the Association  
 had a great many friends

but are so

Dear Mother,  
 I am so glad to hear  
 of your health.

Is it the little Army Corps  
between Apr. May 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Glenn -

This is Thursday - left Cleveland  
Tuesday, W. on arrival of Gen. Schiefel.  
I received a letter from you and Maria  
just before leaving Cleveland. We  
hadn't anticipated a little trouble in  
getting here - but had only a  
little skirmishing - one of our  
cavalry were wounded badly and  
a little girl accidentally - fine much  
love to all - This <sup>Spring</sup> Antwerp is a  
splendid watering place - numerous  
wooden houses, but beautiful  
mountain scenery - more by & by  
I am now close to the rest of the army -  
May God bless & keep you all - Lovingly  
Sam is well -  
Atty.



Rail Road, May 6 -

May Gen. Hildesheim, A. M.

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May Gen. Howard

Catwasa Spring

I send you a  
letter from "Seward", have  
telegraphed Gen. Sherman  
the substance of it. Nothing  
new here. A small body  
of rebel cavalry was near  
this place last evening.

Nothing more. Please  
send me a sketch of  
the country between us.

Yours faithfully  
J. M. Schaffner

Monday, May 6 -  
May (Wednesday) morning. Once  
there (35) thirty-five mounted men  
saw you from both on each road.

Thomas - any communication will reach

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I send you a  
letter from [unclear] [unclear]  
telling you that [unclear]  
the distance of [unclear]  
went here. A month only  
of [unclear] [unclear] was [unclear]  
this place last evening. [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
Send me a sketch of  
the country between us  
I wish to [unclear]  
[unclear]

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

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May Gen Washburn  
Red. Clay. Sir,

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst is to hand — contents duly noted.

Salton May 3<sup>rd</sup> P. M. Pelts corps returned to Reno. Troops ordered to be ready to march. A large movement apprehended in the direction of Reno.

Springfield May 5<sup>th</sup> 2 o'clock P. M. Tralkers Sir Hardus Corps — strength about (5,000) five thousand arrived here from Salton Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst and returned yesterday (Wednesday) morning. Force now there (35) Thirty-five mounted men. Pickets 500 yds from town on each road.

Please forward above information to May. Gen. Thomas — any communication will reach me, if sent to one Frank Smiths, who lives on Waterhouse farm, one mile from Whickers Benton Road. Send word when to communicate with you tomorrow, or next day.

Sir with respects.

Your H. Servant  
William Edwards

Received of Mr. [illegible] the sum of [illegible]

Scholarship. Jan.  
1861.

Forward a letter from  
Dorward. Also added for  
work of counting between  
us.

Unpublished



## HEAD-QUARTERS FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION,

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,

On Horse May 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

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Colonel

I have the honor to inform you that the Scouts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, report, "Strong Picket at Laurel's Station - Camp of Infantry and Cavalry at Mill Creek on this Dalton Road - Citizens report Cattle Wakes at Poplar Springs."

Will you have the kindness to inform the General, that I shall require a train of fifty wagons for the forage & rations of my division, and if I carry a full supply of extra ammunition, (eighty rounds to the man) I shall need Twenty three wagons more, making Seventy three wagons in all.

I am Colonel

Very respectfully  
yours very truly  
M. McCord,  
Adjutant General

Lt Col J. O. Dullenton  
A. C. S.

Head Quarters, 1st Cavalry Division, Washington.  
May 6, 1864.

Col. Condy

Enclosed reports of his scouts  
concerning the enemy. Also  
states that he requires 13 wag-  
ons

HEAD-QUARTERS FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

1864

Enclosed reports of his scouts

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Scouts of the 1st Cavalry, report that they picked up  
a number of wagons. A number of wagons and horses  
were found on the other side. A number of  
wagons were found at other places.

Will you have  
a number of wagons to transport the horses, that I have  
a number of left wagons for the horse & cartons  
of the division, and if I can get a full supply of  
the division, I will send them (except the horses) to  
the rear. I will send these wagons more, thinking  
that they will be useful in all

I am, Sir,  
Very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
Wm. M. Condy  
1st Cavalry Division

W. M. Condy  
1st Cavalry Division

Augusta, May, 8<sup>th</sup> 1864.

-Dearest

I received your letter dated the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. and know you must have been very busy at that time. I wish you had had this new command sooner and had a few of the past months of quiet to have got everything into good working order. Before I imagine it would have been easier for you, than just before an expected forward movement. The news of Gen. Grant's victory came this, Sunday afternoon, and also that Gen. Sherman has taken Tunnel Hill. I do not think, dearest, that you have left Cleveland, although you may have left there and are with the advance. I am anxiously waiting for the morrow when I can learn more. - Mr. Fiske preached for Mr. McKingie today, and I won't call him disloyal again, for he gave us an excellent sermon - well adapted to this congregation. Words of the text, "Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?" I spoke with him after

the morning sunrise, fearing I would not see him again. Guy and Grace went to the L.I. Concert and have come in since I began to write, and have gone to bed. Grace told what Mr. Pinedbury said, and Guy thought what Mr. Fiske said was the best. Both agreed that it was a very good concert. Chancy is awake and as Isabella sings he joins with his "by-e-lo" very sweetly. She came from prayer meeting a little time ago, and has taken baby so I can finish my letter. We are all quite well now. Chancy is restless lately, because he is getting his teeth, he now has four. Gamie continues to go to school mornings, and sleep evenings, then wakes and has an hour or two before supper for play. Guy is doing well this term. Guy and Grace are both just beginning "Greenleaf's common school arithmetic". I don't think he likes to write letters very well though. With Grace it is quite a mania. I hope she will write compositions as readily. I am enjoying this month very much. You remember I was sick last year and lost all the beautiful spring. Mother sent me some butter, apples, cheese by the Perry last week. I

hope they will come to Longford when the roads get better; they are not good yet. I have not seen Mrs. Dittus for over a week. I went down to Mrs. Stinsons, Thursday last and they kept me till after tea. Had a pleasant visit. I will not write more this time. Mary and order came in the last letter. Monday morning. I will now finish my letter to you dearest, and mail it with others when I go down street. I am going to get cloth for Guy a suit of clothes, and to pay some bills. Gamie is home this morning with neck quite swollen and cough. We are having very damp weather. Fanny and Martha enjoy going to school. Julia says she gets so rested in the morning, and she "used to wish it was night so she could go to sleep again, for every bone in her body used to ache". I dread to go down street. Don't know what news I may hear but Guy must have clothes. I must do my work. Love to Charlie.

Yours ever loving  
Lizzie

General Will Lea. May 16<sup>th</sup>  
1864 - Fort Mifflin

Dear Sir -

in a moment

This cannot reach you to  
tell you that we are all safe  
after a three days action in a  
most impossible country - I  
suspect you must be very  
anxious during these days and  
I wish I might lay before you  
at once the exact state of  
things but I trust the movement  
of the Army of the Potomac will  
reassure you - Today we are  
feeling rather a stubborn  
bath - but maybe not - for the  
Sherman with a large force is on  
Johnson's communication  
already - "Rocky face" is worse than  
Sickout - a steep ridge with  
gaps that you cannot pass -  
It is very high very steep and

my rocky as the name implies -  
We have already lost a good many  
valuable lives. Oh how the  
country will rejoice at the victory  
in the east. How much Christians  
should pray to be thankful.  
Yours ever,  
The little one -

Livingston  
Ohio

Brunswick May, 12, 1864

My dear General,

This afternoon the parcel of reports (official) was received for the Historical Society of Maine, for which I beg to return you our very sincere thanks. I should have sent our formal letter of acknowledgments, but wished to write a few lines in addition. A few days since a parcel of newspapers came from your brother, the major, which have been entered as his donation, & which are very acceptable.

I perceive some movement is on foot in your department which makes it uncertain when or where this letter will find you. We are in high hope from tidings from Gen. Grant. These battles are very severe, & so far as I can judge, the result depends entirely on skill & endurance. It has much the appearance of a final struggle, & I doubt whether the history of war

records such persistent, bloody & disastrous  
conflict. Our prayers daily ascend for the  
presence & favor of Him who is accomplishing  
his own purposes. We are chagrined by  
the reports from Gen B: in Louisiana -  
They seem to us very discreditable & very  
disastrous -

The accompanying circular will explain itself  
your brother who was in the last class, that  
the Professor taught will be interested &  
much, I believe, take a share in the announce-  
ment of this one circular. He will be interested  
to know that his classmates, Brackett & Henry  
are valuable teachers, Brackett being very  
successful in his lectures to the medical  
& senior classes in a branch of chemistry -

That you & your brother may ever  
enjoy the protection & blessing of Him whose  
blessing maketh rich, is the sincere desire &  
prayer, dear General, of your  
sincere friend,

A. S. Packard

Head-Quarters <sup>24th</sup> 20th Army Corps.

May 13 1864, 11 o'clock, A.M.

Order.

General.

My Corps entered  
Dalton this morning.  
My self & staff entered -  
hopeless I should say you  
all -  
Sincerely  
C. W. Smith

P.S. The enemy retreating

Dalton May 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

By Command of

Head-Quarters 25th Army Corps.

May 18 1864 6 o'clock, P. M.

Order

General.  
The 25th Army Corps  
will be moved  
to the left  
and will be  
in position  
by 10 o'clock  
P. M.

The enemy is retreating

Order May 18 1864

By Command of

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Augusta. May 15<sup>th</sup>/64.

Dearest

What shall I write to you to-night -  
Long before this letter reaches you, battles will  
have been fought - news will come to us -  
sad news may be to some of us. We have  
no news yet from Gen. Sherman, only "all is going  
well with Sherman", but how little is this to  
individuals, whose hours seem days, and the days  
weeks. I think I am more anxious this Spring  
than I was last. I don't know why I should  
be - We are all in the hands of God - He rules,  
governs and directs all things. He is the same  
yesterday and to-day. I have never looked ~~ex~~ forward  
to the end of the war until lately. But it does seem  
as if the end was not very far distant, and God  
giving us the victory as we have long trusted he would  
in his own good time: this may be the cause of my  
extreme anxiety, feeling that if you are preserved  
during these present months, you will be brought safely

Back to us. "The Lord is gracious, full of compassion  
and of great mercy", can I not trust in Him?  
I have been enabled to keep cheerful all that time, when  
any one would be here, Dearest, - before Mrs. Stinson  
Mrs. Gillett even, but when Mr. McKenzie called  
last Thursday or Friday I could not be, Darling. He  
came just the wrong time. You were falsely  
reported wounded here last week but I knew after  
a few moments that it could not be so, for no  
news had then come from the 'Army of the Cumberland'.  
Your letter from Catrona Sprs is the last received.  
It is the latest from any of the staff. I am obliged  
to Charlie for sending me the Photographs. I do not  
like to look at yours - it is not good. I hope  
Charlie is quite well. We hear that Isabella's  
brother Joseph is wounded and a prisoner.  
Maj. Whitson is here wounded in the hand. Col. Fossenden  
& Loper is not killed as last reported. How many  
friends we have lost in these late battles. I  
almost dread for the morrow to come. It is now  
past nine all asleep. Guy has but just finished  
leaving his bible lesson for the morrow morning.

Guy is a good, obedient boy. I don't believe he ever  
can go astray. The clock is striking ten I must  
close. All are quite well. Chary has some trouble  
getting his teeth - makes me when I don't want to make.  
Tuesday Morning. My letter to you Dearest, has been  
in my desk unfinished all this time. I am now  
writing just before Guy goes to school. I wish I  
could hear from you. We have news from Gen Sherman  
as to the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday - the enemy <sup>had</sup> evacuated Dalton, and  
there was an engagement all day Saturday. I expect a  
telegram at any moment. Much love to Charlie. I  
pray it may be Gods will to preserve you both  
from injury. Grace was glad to hear that you had  
received her letter.

Your ever

Lizzie

Augusta, May. 19<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dearest.

I received your 'dispatch' the same day I mailed my last letter - last Tuesday just about eleven o'clock. How thankful I was to hear such good news - I cried for joy; I sent the dispatch to Mr. Simon, and sent a note to Mrs. Gillette. I wrote to Mother and to Rowland. I have had no letters from you - presume you have had very little time for writing letters to anyone. We are all well now, and are having delightful weather. I have had the garden cleared up and it is beginning to look quite green and a floor to the wood shed; we look quite neat out of doors. If all the corners are not dug out in snow, I received a letter from Mrs. Woodman to night, she is quite well and hears from the Col. often. Frank Gilman's little package was 'called for' today by Miss McArthur. to be sent to his Mother. I am very glad you sent

home the cedar chair. You do not object to my leaving my writing when I am tired and go to bed. I think the clock has struck ten but I am not tired to night. I haven't felt so well yesterday and today as I do most of the time. I think I have rest enough and I frequently take an after dinner sleep lately. I try to throw off as much of the work and care as I can. I have the tailor now well initiated into making boy's clothes. I select the cloth and turn it over to him, and the clothes come home all right. It is a great relief. You will be surprised, and I don't know whether sorry or glad, at the least care feeling I have with regard to many things which once gave me great anxiety. I hope and trust I won't become indifferent to the more important duties of life. I want to do what is best for the children, but how little I can tell what will be best sometimes. The Bible passage: "If anyone look wisdom at his work of God. I often think of and repeat. I remember Mrs Adams of Auburn once spoke of

It in my presence. I was in at the Bank a few mornings ago, and Mr. Ballist said "Well Mr. Steward nearly all the houses in Augusta are sold. With a number have been sold lately Mr. Jackson's Mr. Knapp's. &c I don't care though and I am glad now we did not get left. I really don't want only a house I do want plenty of land just a good acre. I think I must be getting a farm fever. I walked out to Mr. Towner with Guy about a month ago, everything there looked pleasant but the house. I do like such a place as that best. I think the war so nearly ended I can remain here till that time. Good night now with best love from  
Lizzie

Cleveland May 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

My Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

Mr E Waterhouse has ninety  
Eight Bales of Cotton Stored with A Green & Co in  
Mannetta La which perhaps there will be  
no one there to look after it, and he desires to  
have the cotton protected, He has owned the  
cotton for three years. Mr Waterhouse is a loyal  
Citizen. Any protection you can afford him for  
his cotton will be thankfully rec<sup>d</sup>. and  
appreciated by me

Very Respectfully your  
Obedt. Servant

G W Alexander

P.S. Permit to Congratulate you on our  
continued Successes it is very gratifying to us  
all.

G. W. Alexander

Philadelphia, Pa. Aug 25,

G. W. Alexander  
Chester, Penn.  
Boston 7, Mr. Nathan  
Arncliffe Esq.  
Ats Mr. N. is  
a large man.

(Copy)

Head Quarters 3<sup>d</sup> Brig. 2<sup>d</sup> Div. 20<sup>th</sup> A. C.  
Near Cassville Ga. May 21. 1864.

Capt. Tho<sup>s</sup>. H. Elliotte.

Ast. Adjt. Genl. 2<sup>d</sup> Div. 20<sup>th</sup> A. C.

Captain.

I have the honor to transmit the following report of the part taken by my Command in the engagement at Resaca Ga. on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. I also enclose Reports of the Regimental Commanders, of the part taken by their respective regiments.

At Ten o'clock A.M. of the 15<sup>th</sup> the Brigade received orders to move from its position on the extreme left of the line. to a position near the Dalton Road, and was then massed in column of Regiments in a Ravine nearly parallel to the Road, and but a short distance from it - about 12 M, the ~~Regiment~~ Brigade was ordered forward by Col. Ireland, under direction of Genl. Geary, and advanced up the hill. changing direction to the right. I advanced with my own Regiment, the 111<sup>th</sup> P. V. V. crossed the Dalton Road, and changing direction to the right, ascended the hill in front, where a desultory firing was kept up by the enemy's sharpshooters, and drew my regiment up in line on the summit.

Here I was ordered in person by Maj Genl. Hooker commanding 20<sup>th</sup> Corps, to advance to the summit of

the opposite ridge on which the enemy had a Battery in position, and a strong line of breastworks, and to take and hold the position if possible.

I immediately moved my line forward, down the hill - across the intervening plain and up the opposite ridge - The ground, for the whole distance of about half a mile, was thickly covered with Timber and Brush - and exposed to the enemies fire. On reaching the summit, we were met by a terrible fire from the Rebel breastworks - and also from sharpshooters in the trees - We returned the fire and moved steadily forward - until within a few yards of the Battery, when I ordered the regiment to Halt, and lie down, (the men loading and firing rapidly) and soon succeeded in silencing the rebel fire, and holding possession of the battery of four 12 pounder Brass Cannon - our line at this time was about 30 yards from the rebel breastworks, on a parallel line in rear of the battery, The Cannon were planted <sup>in</sup> a sort of Fort, sunk in the side of the hill, and about midway between my own line, and the rebel breastworks, with the rear opening into the battery, and the front of the Fort sunk so as to bring the muzzles of the guns near the ground, the position was one of extreme peril, and we had to contend without any cover whatever, against superior numbers behind very strong works - but we held the position from 12 1/2 P.M. till night,

The right of my regiment covering the guns, and preventing any approach to recapture them, on the part of the rebels. One Company of the 149<sup>th</sup> N. Y. V. under command of Capt Coville formed on my left and did good service in the charge, I cannot speak in too high terms of the brave conduct of the officers and men of the 111<sup>th</sup> Pa. regiment during the day, they never flinched, and many of them have sealed their devotion to <sup>the</sup> union cause with their blood.

I have also to regret the loss of Capt, Charles Woeltge, Co, I, 111<sup>th</sup> Pa, V. V. A brave and gallant officer, who was shot dead at the very mouth of the rebel Cannon.

Capt, Wells Co, F, was also severely wounded at the same time and place.

at 5 o'clock P.M. I received a written order from Maj, Genl, Hooker "to take command of the troops in front of the rebel works". I turned over the Command of the 111<sup>th</sup> P. V. V. to Lieut, Col, Walker and immediately placed them in position to command the ridge, and to resist any attack that might be made by the Rebels in our front - About the same time an Aid on Genl, Geary's staff informed me that Col, Ireland the Brigade Commander was wounded, and the Command of the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade devolved on me - The 102 N. Y. Vols, Col Lane took position on the left of the 111<sup>th</sup> Pa. Vol. by my order, with the 119 N. Y. Vols, Col, Lockman as support, joined on the right of the rear line by the 134<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Vol, Lt, Col, Jackson, and 109<sup>th</sup> Pa Vols

Capit. Kimber, and on the left by a part of the 33<sup>d</sup> N. J. V. Col. Fourat, the 149 N. Y. Vol. Lt. Col. Randal occupying the right of the 111<sup>th</sup> P. V. in the front line. In this formation the Command remained, with occasional firing on both sides until near 11 o'clock P. M.

As soon as the lines were formed in the above order I reported in person to General Geary commanding Division, and received orders from him to secure the Four Cannon in the rebel Fort, and remove them to the rear if possible - I immediately returned to the front, and ordered the 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Vol. Lieut Col. Kilpatrick commanding, to relieve the 111<sup>th</sup> P. V. their right then resting in front of the fort and covering it. The 109<sup>th</sup> P. V. Capit. Kimber commanding was directed to take position on the left of the 5<sup>th</sup> O. V. in the same line, and the 102<sup>nd</sup> N. Y. Col Lane on the extreme left, the 149 N. Y. was relieved by the 73 P. V. Maj. Cresson, and the 154 N. Y. V. Col. Allen - all the other troops (with the exception of the 33<sup>d</sup> N. J. V. who were held in reserve) I ordered to report to their respective brigades.

I immediately set a fatigue party at work digging down the side of the Fort, to remove the guns, when the Rebels opened fire on our line, and working party who were driven from their work, the fire was severe for a short time - and we were also exposed to a sharp fire from our own friends in the rear - through some mistake on their part; it was however soon silenced and the

rebels driven back.

I then sent 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut, Wm H. Cochran 33<sup>d</sup> N.J.V. who acted as aid for me during the night, with orders for Lt, Col, Kilpatrick 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio, to take charge in person of the working party, and to remove the guns at once, under cover of sharpshooters, regardless of the enemy's opposition.

I also ordered Col, Fournat of the 33<sup>rd</sup> N.J.V. to furnish a detail of 50 men without arms to report to Col, Kilpatrick and assist in removing the guns out of the Redoubt, and taking them to Division Head quarters.

After about two and a half hours severe labor, the digging was completed, and the guns removed to Div. Head qrs, by 3 A.M.

All the troops under my command were from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, all three Brigades being represented.

I therefore ask for the White Star Division whatever honor may be connected with the capture and removal of the rebel battery.

In conclusion I would tender my thanks to the officers and men thus temporarily under my command, for their cordial support, and strict attention to orders.

I would also notice as worthy of special praise, Lieut, Col, Kilpatrick 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Vols, for the prompt and energetic performance of the difficult and dangerous duty assigned to him - and also the officers and men of the 111<sup>th</sup> Pa. V.V. as worthy of special mention for their uniform good conduct under

a most severe fire -

I annex herewith a tabular list of casualties in  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade in the action of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

I have the honor Captain, to remain,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient servant

Geo. A. Cobham Jr.

Col. Commanding Brigade

1. 1st

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summar

Wonder the rebels are not  
staying in such a country as  
this. This is quite a pleasing  
change of scenery from the  
mountain near Chattanooga, and  
really of great practical benefit  
for the poor <sup>people</sup>; plenty of grass  
to eat. The people have nearly  
all gone <sup>away</sup> - frightened away by  
what lies - One man however  
an apt to pillage & destroy unless  
restrained. I hope you are very  
well and that the weather is not  
quite so hot with you as here. We are  
leaving for home your way from  
the army of the Potomac - bid my  
love & kisses to all the children & your  
own dear self. Tell Julia I am well.  
We have got to Athens Ga. yet but  
begin to do so - Lovingly. Oh  
God bless and keep you all

Dear Mother & all  
Newburyville Ga.  
May 22 1864  
Dearest - I haven't written you for  
several days and am not now  
about this letter getting back - but  
will try to send it. Love - Gilbert  
Shirer & wife and myself are  
all well. Instead of three days we  
have had some twelve or thirteen  
days fighting. It is not always  
engaging our main lines but  
heavy skirmishing. The rebels have  
a great number of cavalry supported by  
infantry. They arrange barricades of  
rails and logs along the road. When  
driven from one another force has  
another ready when help is then wanted  
up a mile or so. In this way they  
manage to check and hinder

one month. We have driven  
them across the plateau - &  
are now resting and collecting  
supplies for further progress.  
You will possibly see accounts of  
our operation in the news papers.  
We have had to change our line  
and constructed breast-works, &  
at times the fighting has been  
quite severe. ~~But~~ saw General  
Willrich and Col. von Gumbel  
Harkins were wounded. And I have  
wounds of a thousand killed &  
wounded in the Corps. We had  
quite a battle at Dallas. Then at  
Rosenau, then at Ainsville  
and lately here near Cassville.

A kind Providence has protected me  
and my staff in the midst of  
constant danger. We have been fired  
upon by sharp-shooters - small arms  
and artillery. But we have had

their horses shot and I sent one  
bullet through my coat being  
now in some ancient house.

We are preparing for quite a  
march and if you don't get a  
letter you must not think it is  
strange for, even our mail  
may be much interrupted.

I long to get this work done  
that I may return to you all  
if not a willing. I do not feel  
as though my work was done, but  
we ought always to be ready. The  
children are well, as you last letter.  
Elizabeth is bright and happy as ever!  
and now is full with his black  
laughing eyes. I am glad to hear such  
good accounts of my wife & Grace. The  
country this side of the river is  
very beautiful. Large and beautiful  
forests. Magnificent trees. It is no

re for his dear wife, whose the mother who so

Augusta May 22<sup>d</sup>/64.

Dearest

I received a note from Dall. yesterday saying they had received a letter from Charlie who wrote that you were writing at the same time to me with pencil. I ought to have had the letter long ago but it has not come. I wonder if you wrote that you had a bullet put through your coat. My heart beat quickly when I heard about it. I do believe I am more anxious about you both than ever before. You are at or near Kingston. Va. and how far away that is. I want the war over and you home. I don't expect the one without the other. Henry Wingate was here yesterday - had not heard from you, or Leeds, or from us for some time. Jessie has been sick is better. He thinks real estate very high here now. I heard that Mr. Farnell who is here at the Arsenal with his family was to take his wife to look at

Mr. Turner's house. I don't go anywhere so  
I have not called to see them yet.

Miss Jane, and Anna Tappin were expected back next  
Wednesday to spend the summer. I presume the Griggs  
and the rest will be here by and by. Mr. Pollen  
has offered four thousand for their house, but  
they now ask five thousand for both lots. I don't  
know as it is for us to always remain here. I  
can not bring another year here. A new house  
would bring other wants that could not be  
supplied here and I cannot make up my  
mind to leave Thosby here and go away unless  
I should have to before next fall. I ought  
to go to Portland or Boston now, this very week.  
We are all ragged-out at the elbows. &c. &c. &c.  
But what I put on, is one of the last things I think about.  
It is as much as I can do to keep all this big family  
covered. I only don't want to be shabby.  
We had a good sermon to-day (as we always do) about  
"Heaven begins here & on the earth" the new day  
words. I will write more in the morning  
if I can get time. Good night now. Best love  
from Lizzy

Augusta. May 25/64

Dearest

I don't think my letters can reach you in any good season as you are moving. I hope you have the mail if not a regular mail. your little one letter from Dalton has reached me - be leaf from an order book I take it. I am always so happy to get a word from you. your friends here are all very glad you got through the battles safely. I have been reading about the battle of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> inst. you had hard fighting and all of you must have been much exposed. I wish and wish it was all over and we had a settled peace. I am writing just as the clock is striking ten. All asleep in the house, but now and then I hear a step on the side walk - shut my light must be the only one now burning. and I will now stop writing as it is getting late.

Your own Lizzie

I did not write much of a letter last night. and as I did

not mail it this morning. I will add what I can while Chang is creeping about the library floor after Bugs foot-hall. I have been writing to Mrs Woodman this morning. I should think Mother could come to Augusta some time next month - it will not be a busy time and the roads are good. Col Gilmore could leave too. Dellie ~~wrote~~ is making money it seems. Write me from Farmington. I had no photographs of myself when he wrote, will soon send him ~~soon~~ one. I now resume my writing. Dearest, after all is quiet and I am alone in the library. Chang is asleep just outside the door in his cradle. Mary and Lizzie Otis and Willie Ellis have been here - took tea, and spent a greater part of the evening with Lizzie and Fred Morton. We had a good round table full of children at supper. Game enjoyed it most heartily - supper and company both. The girls had letters Tuesday from Aunt Ellen, "been to St. Pauls. now at her brother William's. thinks of coming home soon." I hear it raining hard, we have had very few bright days this month. It seems as if this letter will never reach you so far away. A

little more than three months you ~~was~~ were here at home - that seems a great while ago. When do you suppose you will be home again? can you tell anything about it? I hope you have written me a very long letter during the delay or rather that Thomas's army has had. I hope you are all well. Love to Charlie and to <sup>our</sup> friends with you. Good night. Love Lizzie.



about this - We don't leave from  
them except through the papers.

And your note which we were  
very thankful to for you.

I have been expecting Mother Lib-  
more up for three or four weeks, but  
she doesn't come - I suppose she may  
be waiting till the Western Army is  
more quiet - I think she always  
feels very anxious, and very little  
like leaving home, when Otto and  
Charles are in any danger.

My mother spent nearly a week with  
me lately - She has been up twice  
lately, but makes very short visits.  
The family is so small at home  
now, that she doesn't like to leave  
Papa alone very long. Rowland  
and I are hoping to go to the  
June meetings at Seaside, this  
year, and if we do, we shall go  
to Bath, and take Papa's leave, &  
go "overland". In that case, I

shall make a little visit at Bath  
on my way back - I shall take  
Alice, and leave her, with Fannie  
at Bath, while we go to the meet-  
ings. I wish Augusta was in our  
way - I should really like to see  
you occasionally! Why can't  
you take your whole family, and  
"rusticate" awhile, at Leeds, and  
Farmington? - The change would  
do you all good - It doesn't seem  
a year since you were here, and  
yet it is almost. I haven't  
seen Mrs. Woodman since she came  
home - The roads have been so  
bad all the spring, that we couldn't  
go over to Milton, and now we have  
no horse - and perhaps she would  
as lief we would wait awhile now.  
Still, we have talked a great deal  
about going, since the travelling  
has become good, but Rowland  
has so many things to attend to,

usual. The army opposed to us is  
large and in good condition - and we  
have no easy task before us, but  
under the divine blessing and  
with a cause as sacred as ours  
we shall succeed. As soon as  
Henry Stinson is able to take the  
ride we will send him North -  
He present he is better here with  
good medical care. Charles is quite well -  
I hope Guy is very well. I am glad he is doing  
well at school. Grace is well too. She must  
write the letters! - Fannie - how does he  
like school? But little Clarence is getting  
his teeth. I know you will be glad when he is well  
through with the dentistry. There is some firing  
along the lines and my officers find that  
some bullets alight right here at  
about Mr. Hubben & pass all through the thin  
strength. It is very odd that there be done  
so many things

and much more to mention -

Head-Quarters 4th Army Corps.

New Dallas Ga May 29<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dear Sir,

This is a little the longest and  
most fatiguing of any campaign we  
have had. For 9-15 days we have been  
more or less under fire (except two)  
thus far a kind providence has protected  
us except poor Stinson. The Dr. thinks this  
morning that he will get entirely  
well. He was close by me examining the  
evening works with a glass, when  
the ball struck him. He stooped  
forward and said he was hit, but he  
thought by a spent ball. He lay back  
and we found the wound the ball had  
struck his breast and passed quite  
through him. We carried him back a  
little way into a safe place. He began

to feel growing cold. I asked him if he  
was trusting in Christ or something like it -  
When he said yes, told them all at home  
that I expect to meet them in Heaven.  
After he was given a little stimulant  
he rallied and looked bright. The  
surgeon came to him. One over  
looked Mr. Director Mr. Ward is attending  
him. How much I wish he was at  
home. Simon is a perfect man; as  
I review his life and think of his  
personal character I find no fault  
in him. Always ready for duty - always  
cheerful night and day, always brave.  
I ~~never~~ thought how much I loved  
him till I thought I was bidding  
him a final good bye. I had seen  
him. Wood my own a beautiful young  
officer, <sup>who</sup> was mortally wounded earlier in  
the day. Now my turn came. The

Do not even come very near us all in  
these terrible blows. I had my foot hit  
by a piece of shell the same day (Friday  
May 27th) but my boot sole was so  
thick that my foot was saved with  
only a contusion. The shock was enough  
to make my foot black & blue across  
the instep & toes but I was able to wear  
my boot and walk today - yesterday  
I rode and walked in a shiffin. At the  
time I was wounded I was commanding  
two divisions of men. Woods Men Johnson  
attempting under the cover of the wood  
to throw the enemy's plank - but they  
were prepared and we had a severe  
engagement. We succeeded in gaining a  
position two miles nearer the R.R.  
but did not dislodge the rebels. They  
were behind well constructed intrenchments

P.S. Shall I send the books to you, or what shall I do,  
them, for they shall ever remain sacred to you - not that  
I count them of the slightest pecuniary value - for believe  
I do not. But I want my dear father's dear friends to be  
those companions of his best hours when he commu-  
nics his God - and you know he loved & prized you.

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Smythson 30<sup>th</sup> May '64

My dear friend General Howard!

We have looked  
with anxiety too great for language to describe  
for the news of your safety, and thank God!  
you are still unharmed! Oh, may the impres-  
sionable shield of His Love ever unfold you  
and ward off all evil from you, is our fervent  
prayer! I have been wishing for two years  
to send you a couple of boxes of books - on which  
I have inscribed your name - to do whatever  
you choose with - would they were a thousand-  
fold more valuable - although very precious they

My Cousin William Weston. Bebe will give you this letter. I  
enclose it to him because I wish you to throw your good & holy  
influences around him, and I know I need not beg this for  
him; your great heart will open to one so dear to us, I know?  
as indeed it encircles all God's creatures. Please ask my  
brother Charles to love him & be kind to him also?

With our most devout aspirations for your  
health, happiness, and security from ill — and his —

I am ever gratefully & affectionately

Your friend

Leann H. May

often commended them over, — yet I need not say to  
you, that earth contains nothing too precious  
in my estimation, to give to the good angel of  
our darkest darkest night! You whose coming  
I watched as the only event that kept me from  
despair! Oh may the Angel of the Covenant  
ever accompany your steps, and enfold you in  
his wings of love! and your kind wife! how  
often often I think — how gladly I would shew  
her my deep gratitude for her angelic kindness  
ness! to me in the hour of anguish and  
distitution! I know He will yet give me  
the happiness of ministering to her & her dear  
ones under our own roof! This I pray for!