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To

New York Gunboat Ft Morgan from Mobile 16 arrived Our Gunboats & Iron clads are near Mobile but no attack been made.

St Louis 27. Official information still puts Price main force at Fredericktown with his advance at Farmington The main body is estimated to 12000 strong principally Cavalry The advance consisted of about 4000 all mounted Light attacks were made on Pilot Knob & Ironton which were easily repulsed Price's plans are yet undecided but he seems massing his forces in Arcadia valley

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Gen Mower with strong force Cav & arty is still moving northward Considerable Rebel troops arriving militia are responding to Gen of the Commanding Gen A rope walk Corner gold and Bigby streets burned last night & very extensive quantities used by Govt also consumed Sandy Hook Steamer City of Balto Liverpool fourteenth passed here Spanish ministry resigned Times argues that the Chicago Convention will lead to peace Liverpool Cotton slightly depressed Consols 88 1/4

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recd intelligence from Farragut of successful expedition up Fish River he has removed 24 torpedoes
New York Gold 195½
Commercials Washn special says Seward prominent Georgian Refugees now here are confident that some kind arrangement will soon be effected between Gov Brown & Gen Sherman whereby Ga will secede from the Confederacy

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never been where you feel quite
yourself to have been so long
with only Chauncey for a companion.
Gracie and Grandmamma have had
a much joy and sorrow since we
were visiting & seeing Gracie bear-
ing. They seem to have traveled. I
can doubt with pain about Farr-
ington. Dear, I Battle - bless
them and take poor love -
In a few days this campaigning
will probably be settled. And we
shall see what then will follow.
Do pray for me, darling, and be
happy. With God, blessing you
shall be reunited to your long
lost husband, Sympathizing
to Isabella - Lovingly
Otis.

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Near Atlanta Ga. Aug. 4th 1864

Dearest,

I received a letter from you yesterday dated July 24th. It was ten days in coming. You stay anxious about father. I think hope Dr Hill would have given him some encouragement, but it seems not. Sam is always glad to hear from Julia. He says he has not seen Julia's mother but heard from her. Her sister Martha and that they were well. He has seen her brother Bob, working for a Captain in the 37th New Jersey. Their Captain was wounded and Bob went home with him. He was well and doing well. I feel sorry about the church. I suppose this direct providence was to rebuke covetousness

and I hope all the people will give liberally to rebuild the house of the Lord. I am now in charge of one of our large commissariats. I hardly realize the fact. The aggregate in the Department, out of it belonging to the army of the Tennessee is some 140,000 but the proportion of this force is quite small. But it is dangerous to let one's wife carry secrets because of the accidents which sometimes put letters into the enemy's hands. The country about Atlanta is very woody. Our lines extend more than half around the place at a distance off of a mile to a half or two miles. We are obliged to fight the rebel lines and work up to them, but if the country about get impatient we will get them out in time. Today may settle the matter. Gen. Schofield came to my right yesterday. He continues to show himself an able officer and a warm friend to me. Gen. Rousseau, dissatisfied with my promotion has left the field, perhaps I should say dissatisfied that he was not assigned to this command. I hope you will not be too anxious. A kind Providence has had us in its keeping ever. You will learn to learn a lesson that I have been slow to digesting, that is to work by the hands of others. I am very well now in every respect. Charles has been a little unwell, but is now better. I am glad the children have had so good a time at Dedham. I can imagine the abundance of Jane's quiet joy on her bodies of the bombs and other objects of interest at Bunker Hill. It

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Aug. 5th 1864.

Dear Mary,

Thus with the same days probably in which I cannot write you from location, but are hoping for the best of results. Sherm. took a heavy letter to you on his way to Louisville, Memphis &c. Was from father up to 12th in health. Love only no news. God bless him.

I have blotted my page. I am sorry but will let it go this afternoon. I am very well, so is Capts. Stearns & Philbrick. I heard from Sherm. at Chattanooga on

Sam is with the fleet

Our evening there a heavy thunder. Give my kind regards to our friends at Augusta & much love to the little ones at home. My heart is often with you. I do not feel homesick at all. Am anxiety - but have become reconciled to my work. I think tomorrow rejoice with exceeding great joy when we may see no more of our poor fellows wounded. May God bless you in his holy keeping. Did you receive a check from Chattanooga? Sincerely

Oliver

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his wory. He was well. Rosalind thinks he looks rightly worried. She is so quite well. She had visited him. She was going to take her breakfast. I sincerely trust that I shall see my father in no more. He ought to be a good pattern to me always! but it is perhaps better that I should not see him since his change. I wish I could see you all tonight. Lizzie, Ly, Lovica, Jamie, Chancy. Are they all well & happy? I hear from you there. Blessings. He warmly congratulates me on my promotion & reputation &c. and angers for me a Brigadiership in Reg. Army. I am not at all concerned, provided we are successful in preventing a destruction of the Republic, but I hope he favored enough in this business out of it, since it is time to think only of putting forth our whole strength. Had his instincts given me a hard task to perform, but I am still hopeful that he will bring us through the fire purified & pleased. I see the rebel sympathizers in the North are actually organizing & arming themselves. I am thunderstruck with the audacity & wickedness of these men, but am glad to see the chosen party. It is far better to deal with an

Coventry Aug 5th 1864

Genral Howard

Respected Sir

there is rumor that my husband ~~is~~ Edwin McDonald is dead it come from a ~~sh~~ soldiers on the Potomac but I cannot put confidence enough in it to believe it & I thought you would know wether he was a living or not I have not heard from him but once since he was wounded & that was the next week after he was wounded. & you will confer a great favor to forward a few lines for I feel very anxious to hear from him

Yours Respectfully
Sarah J. McDonald

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To Colle H Howard

By Telegraph from Washr 186

Troops must not be taken from the Mississippi River without first communicating with Gen Canby Gen Sherman & Gen Canby both understand it

H W Halleck

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Gale & Hawley

Buffalo

Have Must not be taken
from the messenger Boys under
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M. Millner

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A. A. Provost Marshal General's Office,

Hartford Connecticut,

Aug. 10th 1864

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General

It was with much pleasure, that I learned of your assignment to the Command of a Department. I only write to congratulate you, and to express my gratification that the merits of a personal friend, and the services of a brave and Christian officer have been acknowledged and rewarded.

May the blessings of God attend you, and the grace of our Lord and Saviour be multiplied and increased in your heart.

I also desire to thank you for your great kindness to me. I owe my present standing in the army to you, I shall never cease to remember your kind instruction and advice.

Please remember me kindly to Col. Howard.

Yrs. very sincerely

F. D. Sewall

Hartford, Conn.
Aug 10. 1864.

Hd. Qrs. 1st Division 2nd Corps
August 11th 1864

Dear General:

I am delighted to learn by the papers that you have been assigned to the command of the Department & army of Tennessee. and allow one who has the highest esteem for you - both as a General - benefactor - & friend to congratulate you on receiving such a command.

I presume you have learned ere this that I have received the promotion for which you kindly recommended me. My rank dates from May 12th - the battle of Spotsylvania where my brigade was the first to go over the enemies works in the assault and capture of twenty pieces of artillery and about four thousand prisoners by the 2nd Corps.

General Barlow is at present absent

Gen. U. S. Grant
Comdg. Armies U.S.A.
Cedar Mt. Va.

on account of the death of Mrs Barlow, the loss of his wife is a severe blow to him.

The old Division & Corps are very much changed since you were here. I think I am about the last of the old officers very many have fallen in this campaign poor Harry McKean my most intimate friend was killed at Coal Harbor — General I would like very much to have a command under you — although I have, I think the best brigade in this army, (of eight regiments at present only twenty-one hundred strong) yet I would much rather serve under you than any other General.

If there is any command, or position for which you think me qualified to fill in your army I should be most happy to be assigned there. Hoping that this may find you well & hear from you soon I remain Very Truly Your obt Servt

Nelson A. Miles
Brig Genl Vols

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Near Atlanta Georgia Aug. 11th 1864

Dearest – Since I last wrote you we have been digging up nearer & nearer to Atlanta. The city is near by and can be seen from various points. The country around Atlanta is almost a wilderness, and very rough. The rebels have a single line of communication left to them, which by forts & intrenchments, they have been far managed to protect. The news came to us through Prisoners that Mobile is in our hands, which is very good if true. I won in hopes the campaign this year would commence by taking Mobile. Better late than not at all. I heard from you as you were to Farmington. Mother wrote

Mr & Mrs Francis Parkman Boston Mass.

attempt to raise himself by depressing me. It matters little to me, for I have only my own duty to do. Capt. Shaw is perfectly well, so is Capt. Gilbert & Charles. Capt Burke, Fanny's cousin has gone home sick. Do you indeed a fine young man: Caleb Wright. He will probably be made Colonel of a Ohio regiment. It is said Miss Hoffman of Phila. who saw the telegr. announcement of McPherson's death fell speechless and has been in a very bad state since. McPherson told me he couldn't get time to go on & be married. She is with her mother in Baltimore. Her mother is secesh. Her brother in the rebel army. She keeps the Union flag over the mantel in her room. God bless her and comfort her afflictions. Write much oftener to me. I must have a letter from home before long. I want time to have truth as he does this way. Much love to Mama. She will be like her own dear Mamma. Jamie and Chancie must have a hard work & a loving kiss from Papa. A great many big guns are making music for us, but there is no battle. Good bye, Keep up your courage & love to all to God's Holy Keeping —

Lovingly, Otis

that Grace has gone to see you as you passed through Leeds. I could imagine the meeting at the cars. Jennie is getting to be quite a traveller. Already acquainted with Leeds & Harrington. The news is now confirmed of our having full possession of Mobile bay Forts Powell and Gaines having surrendered. Hope before this reaches you, we shall have better news still. The terrible conflict at Petersburg is said to contemplate. had greater. That this struggle may soon be over. The rebels are now putting forth their utmost strength and but may at the North are helping them all they can. We will require great fortitude of perseverance and endurance on our part to carry the war on to a successful conclusion. And I hope I do not forget that it requires also the blessing of God to make success real. Gen. Hooker left the army because I was assigned to this department, so that you need not be surprised if my name is sent and then associated with considerable abuse. I do not think the new responsibility will weigh very heavily upon me. At any rate I propose to take everything quietly, meet every difficulty as it comes and not anticipate untimely emergencies. I did feel worse than I meant to, when the Lin. Gazette said Chancellorsville disaster was due to my neglect. I think that came from a member of Gen. Hooker's staff. The Commercial the next day kindly & justly took ground against. I should think Gen. Hooker will be foolish enough to

Augusta Me:
13th Aug/64

My Dear Genl

Your promotion to the Command of the Dept and the Army of the Tennessee has been hailed by your friends and the public with profound satisfaction — Unless as was your record before, you have added to it immensely by your masterly conduct in the trying & splendid campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta — Not to detract from others I should say today that in popular esteem Grant, Sherman Howard & Hancock stand a

P.S. The best congratulations have with the Politicians but Lincoln & staff & Cabinet, he is pre-eminently the A.L. & means to be understood affirming you & Dept. Gen. in the Field Army — of you serve in Tennessee it will be Lincoln's wish & Mrs. Lincoln's — & Mrs. Lincoln, in fact —

Yours truly & Ever
Hannibal Hamlin
Genl. Sherman
Atlanta Ga.

much higher than any other Generals in our service —

As I rarely write you without asking a favor you will not be surprised to have me prefer a request of that kind now —

My nephew, Frank Flamwood, (son of Mr. Jacob Flamwood) now a 1st Lieut 3d Wis. Cavalry is very desirous of more active service and would be especially gratified if he could have a place on your staff — I feel the most profound interest personally in the matter — & if you could find it in your power to give him a place with Volunteer rank & Captain's or Major's pay would be conferring an unremitting favor upon me —

He is a good officer — well educated, brave and efficient and I should esteem it a great piece of good fortune for him to have the opportunity of honoring his military training under Your Eye — Can you adopt me in the matter?

Excuse I am as candid personally as you could easily have him transferred. Can the Adjutant Genl — the 4 very well —

Yours truly

W. T. Sherman

May Ten Thousand Thanks

Recd 15th 1864.

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Headquarters Inspector of Artillery, U. S. A.,

Washington, Aug. 15 1864.

Dear General:

In view of the appointment of a Surgeon Genl. the Medical Staff Corps have urged my cousin Lt. Col. A. C. Hamlin Medical Inspector U. S. A. to present his name to the President. The result of the movement seems to be this: the President will make the appointment and all that is needed is to swell the list of the names of those urging the appointment so that the President may be sustained in making it when the public presume he ought of course to give the nomination to Banner or some one of the old fleet –

Thirty Senators including Fessenden, Morrill, Wilson, Trumbull, Lovejoy – Chandler. Cowan – all the Medical Directors of the West & South West – the Medical fraternity of Philadelphia & Norfolk – backed by every Vol. Medical Officer of the Department – Secy. Blair – Prof Bache Henry Agassiz &c &c have given him letters.

In an interview with the President he told the

Doct to make his case as strong as he can. We have the impression that Hammond the Surg. Genl will not be disposed of until after the November election but still it is desirable to have the matter determined as soon as can be.

Now a recommendation from you, Genl. will be of great weight with the President — of value to the Doct — and gratefully received by his friends — and if among your present arduous duties you can find time to enclose me a letter to be added to the other named above I shall be deeply obliged.

I write you without the knowledge of my cousin.

Dear General
With respect
Very yours
Charles Hamlin

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Atlanta
Georgia

P.S. Please give my kindest regards to Charley. Direct in care of Genl A. P. Howe Inspector Arty U. S. A.

C. H.

maid friend to come and stay with me for company I should be all right. I get so lonely. Uncle Edward's wife has a sister Mrs Jackson living with them. I am going to write to her, asking her to come and stay with me. I dont feel that Chaney needs a great deal of care, but she ought to be ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~to~~ where there are so many children to wait on. Isabella is an excellent girl, but I would as soon have someone else. She may come back, in two weeks, or after school. She would rather come here than go anywhere else away from home. I am anxiously waiting for you to get through at Atlanta, and at the same time wondering where you will then go. I had a visit from William Merrick one morning last week I presume he is now at Farmington. I must ride down to Hallowell and see if any of the family are there. I have not been down since Rowland & Ella were here. I received a package of money by Express last week. I meant this letter to go this morning but I fear it will not get to the P.O. as Guy has gone to school. I try to have breakfast

Augusta. Aug. 17th 1864.

Dearest

It is now nearly tea time. I am waiting for Guy to bring the mail but as he has gone to the Mill also with a little boy and will not be back for some time I will begin the letter I wish to send by to-morrow's mail. I received your good long letter dated Aug 4th yesterday morning. It was a long time on the way. I oftener get them in nine days, and then once in a while a letter will get here in eight days. I was very glad to have you speak of yourself - your health. I am indeed glad and thankful that you are so well. I hope Charlie is quite well again. Guy came home from Leeds last Friday in the train he came alone. That same day Mrs Stinson and I took a ride to Winthrop. We went in season to take the Cars for Lewiston, where we arrived about twelve o'clock. We walked to Dr Wiggins where we stopped a short time at the

door; there we separated to meet again at three o'clock, at the Depot. I called and dined at Cousin Frank's. She was away with her baby Grace, but Aunt Betsey was there and I was very glad to see her, and Uncle Alden. I visited Major Whitman and family - Cousin Lucretia has fine children. I hear from Aunt Lucy, she has entirely recovered her health. I was sorry not to have seen Uncle Hicks; he is not at all well one of his kidneys troubles him and he is quite thin and lame. I met quite a number of friends at the Depot. Dr. and Mrs Higgins send kind est regards to you. We said 'good bye' to them when the train arrived and returned to Winthrop where we found the carriage and after a pleasant ride of two hours arrived at Mrs Stinson's door, where I found Guy, who arrived at four o'clock, and Jennie, waiting for a ride. That night I did not get to sleep till two o'clock. I was so very tired. almost sick the next day. Sunday morning I went to Church after making a strong effort to start. I am as well now as before I started. Mrs G. has gone away for two or three weeks. Guy says that he would like to have stayed longer at Grandma's I do not think he comes home very well. he seems to have exercised too much for his strength. his leg aches as when he has been running very hard - the leg the carriage ran over at Auburn, the same day you were wounded. He commenced his school last Monday. He has Geography. Arithmetic, Reading, Spelling. French exercises, and is beginning Latin and not English grammar, with drawing and writing. I think this full enough for him. I tell Guy I will study Latin with him. The school seems pleasant to him and I hope he will have a good effort this term. Grace does not say anything about coming home and I can just as well let her stay through the warm weather. Mother is quite alone and I presume prefers to have her stay as long as she is contented. Thursday Morning I have only Julia and her children with me now. Isabella went home yesterday to go to school. Now if I only had an old

earlier than I have been in the habit of having it. The children wake about six and then we get up. I have to go to bed earlier in order to do so. But it is well I do for I have injured my eyes reading, writing, and sewing as much by gas light as I have the past year. I dont think I am worth much any way. I wish it was not so far out to Mothers, so I could see her often. Sometimes I wish you would let me break up house-keeping - and again I wish you had a permanent position somewhere where I could be with you. Evening Dearest. I left my letter unfinished this morning and will now almost ten o'clock add a few lines. Mrs Wigatt was here this afternoon said Aunt Fanny is with her will visit me next week and will go to Leeds'. Dellie wrote Mr Wigatt on business and said his father failed very fast. Guy said he got sick town-meeting day, but that was all I could learn by him. Guy wished to write you, but night came too soon for him. Love to Charlie and yourself from your own

Lyzzie

Head Quarters 3rd Division, 4th Army Corps,

Near Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17th 1864.

Dear Genl:

I avail myself of first stage, going to your army today, to report for duty, to send you a few words of greeting, salutation, and congratulation.

I have been anxious since you left us to make you a visit, but, though we have not been doing much, have not felt authorized in the attenuated condition of our lines and the possibility that we might at any time be called on for some service, to go so far from our post of duty. I trust you will all

both Genl, I could to have it granted.

I trust he may be able to render much useful, successful, and honorable service in the position to which he will be assigned.

I will be glad to see you at my headquarters whenever you can find it convenient to call.

Pray present my respects to the members of your staff with whom I have my acquaintance.

Very truly your friend,

Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

Th. J. Wood.

find ample reason in this explanation for my not having called to offer you my congratulations in person on your elevation to a higher command, and to express you of my heartily gratification at the distinguished success which has so far attended you in your new position. Please accept them now. You have my humble, but sincere earnest prayers for the continuance of your good fortune, with the supplication that you may be blessed with health and the capacity to render much valuable service in the future to our country. And having rendered such service, may you receive, in ample measure, the reward so dear to a true soldier — the acknowledged appreciation of our countrymen, and a large extension of your present well-earned reputation. "He who like the soldier suffers, should reap honor as well".

I regret much losing Genl Hazen, but could not be guilty of the selfishness of interposing my convenience in the way of his advancement. So far from this, I not only cordially approved his application for the transfer,

to my duty to keep her - at any rate, as long as she continues to do well - When she won't do well, I shall have to let her go. I was quite surprised to find she wanted to stay - I am very much obliged to you for your kindness - I must say I don't want to hear the word "Contraband" mentioned!

How are the children now? Frank seems nicely, and very happy - Mr. Merrick & Sam are coming here tomorrow - He is at Rangely now, with the Abbott party - He was going, but Roland was not well enough.

Julia's visit did Alice good I think - Roland will write a line to tell you how his father is, after he gets back - Sadie is not very well - I have cut her hair, & he looked like a real boy now - Good bye - Your sister Ella

Farmington Aug. 18th [1864]

My dear sister

I should have answered your kind letter before, but Louise has been sick, & I have been kept otherwise employed, ever since I received them. Roland had had his attacks of Summer Complaint the last of which had been pretty severe, & he is by no means well yet, though he went to Leeds this morning - He has not preached for his Sabbath - Last night, I felt note that his father was growing rapidly more feeble, & that his stomach was entirely closed, so that he could swallow nothing, & could take nourishment only by injections of beef tea, & such liquids - Roland wanted to see him very much, & thought he

was not really able to see it, went down this morning, lest he might delay it too long. Grace has been here two or three days, and went back this morning.

I have heard nothing from Mrs. Munger, and perhaps she has given up the idea of having Alice. I find in talking with Alice that she feels very badly to think she may have to go away. She got the idea from the children some way, that I was going to send her to Lids, & I found her crying about it, & took occasion to talk pretty plainly with her. She says she has been here so long that she don't like to go to a new place. I told her that so long as she did well I should never send her away, but that I could not get along any longer with her bad temper, & unless I could see that she was trying to overcome that, I couldn't keep her. I think if I can only have patience & firmness, for a few or two, that she will come out a good girl. But the ordeal seems rather severe, I confess.

I think Julia judges her rather too severely. I don't think there is any real bad in Alice, only as any child would be led away by a "gay & festive" youth like John Irvy! And I don't believe but Julia put her up to talking about him too. For I have made particular enquiries of the girls at Bath, & I don't think she has ever mentioned him there, and she has never been willing to go out into the street at all, when there, even on the Common, with Dadie.

It seems at present, as far as I can understand my duty, to

Maj. Gen Howard:

I intend to enter the Cambridge Law School in two weeks.

If you have anything considerable for me to do. I will gladly defer my plan.

Yrs respectfully.

18th Aug. 1864 Albert B. Ellis

Belfast, Maine.

Marshfield Aug. 19th 1864.

Dear Gen. Howard:-

Can you with all your responsibilities listen a moment to a note from your cousin, Lucia Bradbetter. That was. I have been married nearly two years and have always opposed my husband's going into the army on account of consumptive tendencies. He has, however, about decided to try it, knowing nothing of military life he, of course, will have to commence as a private and I feel that the hardships may be too much. The thought has occured to me that perhaps you can give him a better chance - a clerkship or something of the sort -

I believe him competent to fill a responsible place. He is a young man of good moral and christian character or I would not take this liberty. Should it be in your power to confer this favor will you oblige

Your Affe. Cousin

Lucia L. Curtis

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Marshfield, Mass. Aug. 19th 1864

Major Genl Howard

Army of the Tennessee

Sir.

With the introduction in the accompanying letter from my wife I beg to intrude upon your valuable time, I did not intend that she should ask a favor of you without first making plainly evident my character and business qualifications, To this end I sought to obtain a letter from E. S. Tobey Esq. I am unknown to him yet I doubt not he would willingly speak from the representations of men in high standing in the business community, Owing to his absence from home I could not procure his testimony. I have been connected as junior partner with a house on State St. for 5 or 6 years and am familiar with accounts, correct, and can execute any reasonable matters committed to my charge. Should you reply to this please address me at my home in

Medford, Mass.

Very Respectfully

Elisha B. Curtis

McCleary, A.C
A.A.G. 14th Corps.

Aug. 19th 1864

Head-Quarters 14th Army Corps,
Department of the Cumberland.

Before Atlanta Ga. Aug 19th 1864

General

General Johnson, who is still upon the extreme right with Genl Schofield, directs me to state to you that his entire front extending over two or one half (2½) miles is now held by three brigades only, the remaining brigades having been drawn out of line last night, under the orders of Genl Schofield, and sent to the extreme right as a support to the cavalry. This renders his line so extremely weak and

attenuated that he deems it unsafe to attempt to move it forward unless he can send back troops to strengthen his left. This he hopes to do this afternoon. If so he will notify you and will cheerfully co-operate with you in your movement.

I have the honor to be, Genl.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt. &c

A. C. McClurg
Capt. & A.A.G.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comdg Army & Department
of the Tennessee

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Near Atlanta Ga. Aug. 19 1864

My dear Mother,

We are very well this beautiful morning and the lines are comparatively quiet. I suppose Charles has told you all about my new command. These changes do not modify my duties much as yet. It only gives a little larger command & hence more responsibility. All your accounts from Father give me a great deal of anxiety on his account. He has always enjoyed such excellent health, that it seems hardly possible he can be so poorly. I hope things will take a better turn than the Drs. predict and that he will yet be well. Is he cheerful in spite of the depressing influences

of his disease. He must now be looking up with a prayerful spirit to make him to endure all things. To be prepared for the rest of time & for eternity. Father never said much on religion to me. I hope in his heart he can rely upon his Saviour. God grant, if he cannot, that he may be able to do so. Probably Mary & Grace will have left you by the time this letter reaches you. I hope they behaved well & afforded Grandma a great deal of happiness. Jennie seemed to be having an illness when Lizzie last wrote me. He was better, however, when she closed her letter, than when she began it, and I presume it did not amount to much. We are West & South west of Atlanta but the wheels do not seem much inclined to leave that famous city. They have had a force of cavalry on our R.R. but were driven off.

and your opinions in less than two days. I hope there will be good news for you before this reaches you. Give my kind regards to Roland's family, also to Oscar's family and Cyr. Turner. How is he. I expected to find Warren Lothrop in this Department, but think he is in St. Louis. Does his mother ever hear from him? ~~How~~ Much unique Fanny and the baby! I am glad Sister has reached home and hope by this time that he is completely well. Charley I learn writes his new regimental commander in his behalf as he is a very fine man & good friend of ours. I am hoping he will soon get his promotion. I left his name with the Governor with a request that he would remember him as one able & worthy. I don't think Dillon's choice of Albany as a place for study a good one

I don't think much of Albany or Troy — the standard bearer & adjutant in Troy was known to be a very immoral man and in more than one way. I would rather go to any school in New England than there. Give my love to Willie. If he and Willie should be chaplain I should regret the fact that I have no Maine regiment in my Department. I will help them in getting substitutes provided they get good ones. Give much love to father. I hope this will find him well. Is George Bates at home? and how are they on the hill? I wrote Willie your address — but Charles seems to write more easily. Harry Rincon is completely well and with us. I try to pray for you each daily and very much need your earnest prayers in my behalf that I may ever act wisely and uprightly — Your affectionate son

Chas

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Hd. Qrs. Army of Tenn.
Before Atlanta Ga.
August 21st 1864

Dear

Charles has been sent to the Valley of the Mississippi via Louisville on duty and I am going to send this note by him to be mailed as far North as possible. I hope you can enjoy well this beautiful Sabbath morning. The Episcopal church is probably the nearest for you during the interregnum in your own - perhaps Mrs McKenzie has found a place to preach in. The enemy appears to be firing quite rapidly with artillery this A.M. on Gen. Schofield's front to our right. I was in hopes to have a quiet Sabbath. Last sunday we had services at 5 P.M. I had hardly gotten much weight before the enemy opened on our lines with musketry & artillery. The Chaplain came to me to ask if he should close. I told him to go on but to be brief. A

novel way of shortening sermons. We heard a very pleasant service in spite of the rebels. Our lines are close together, so that the men can fire in many places from one to the other and firing does not always indicate a battle. An old lady who has a place as nurse in the 16th Mass Hospital came in to see me the other day & said as she sat trembling in my tent "what a battle there must be going on" but it was simply a cannonade such as we often have without results. I read a letter from Rowland & another from Dallin last night. Walter seems to be growing proverbial. I feel anxious & sad about him. I wish something could be done. I hope Jamie got over his ill turn without getting much sick. Rowland mentions his being much better when he got home Tues. did you. In my new duties I do not find time for any manual labor. I offered to make Capt. Stinson Major & Judge Advocate, but he prefers to remain as he is. Mr & Capt. Lickorette are well. Amy and Lucan must begin & write me. I am very anxious to hear them. I will answer every letter as soon after I receive it as I can. Does my blackeyed boy remember me. Rowland thinks Chauncey very amiable. Give much love and many warm kisses to the children. Charles is waiting for the letter. God bless you my darling

Lovingly

Otis

Geographical Department & Reuben's Brother is dependent upon him for support. It will be a great help - 2nd I hear that the clerk now in A.A.G. Office (the red-haired boy) is a 3 months man & goes away soon if so & it will insure Sheden's promotion as he already knows a good deal about the business - if you can spare him sufficiently he might at least spent a part of his time there. If we could get him a commission in the Reg or any other Regt - it would do just as well & better as then you could always keep him for your own individual use.

I am rather sleepy - Don't think Gen. Sherman makes so good a Post Commander since he has embraced the District - Many drunken soldiers & not altogether as I like here in Chattanooga.

P.S. Capt. Cist would like to be on your staff -

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Chattanooga Aug. 22, 1864

My dear Brother

I arrived here 8 P.M. today after a good many delays - Came through with a Regt. of 4th Corps going out of service - so I was pretty safe - The Conductor was very polite giving me his blanket & place in the Cabboose.

I took supper with Gen. McArthur - who feels that his command is hardly adequate especially to protect from Moretta to Vinings.

I shall leave here tomorrow at about 8 P.M. - I found Capt.

Gen. Sherman - Capt. Kilpatrick - Gen. McArthur - Gen. Morgan - Capt. Cist - Capt. Howard

I feel very anxious to have about Kilpatrick's corps (Cavalry) to Memphis - I will let you know when I write or when I get to Vicksburg -

Monroe a.a.G. with whom I took supper. Capt. Norton was making a call & has not yet come in – I was over to Hd. qrs of Cumberland this evening & saw Capt. Crist. He says Gen. Sheadman is going up the R.R. towards Knoxville with some two or three men tomorrow morning in hopes to catch Wheeler who is reported between the Hiwassee & Little Tennessee & unable to get out on account of rise of water. I guess he will manage to get out however when he finds Sheadman in pursuit – Sheadman is to have some of John E. Smith's troops.

Capt says Purple Cavalrymen are much disgusted at Stoker & Palmer. He says also that you have left behind you in the army of the Cumberland the best of impressions. I am rather pleased to hear of Gen. Jeff C. Davis' success but sorry Gen. Wood gets nothing.

Everything is orderly here. Capt Monroe expects a Scene.

When I think of it I will mention Shaden's case. 1st – His name should go on the Hdqrs. rolls for extra pay – entitled to 40 cts. per day at Hdqrs.

Chattanooga

Wed. 23 August 1864 – 6 a.m.

Incidentally I learned last night that Lt. Col. Bowers, Gen. Grant's Adjutant General held the Commission of Judge Advocate of this Department when he was ass as Corps a. a. G. with rank of Lt. Col. – Capt. Monroe thinks he has never resigned that Commission & in fact, as you know, he cannot (unless he accepts some other) without throwing him out of his Lieut. Colonelcy at the same time. I think this is the secret of Capt. Hickenlooper's not getting the appointment as Judge Advocate – And until Lt. Col

Bowers resigns it will be unless to apply for any one to receive the Commission - I am inclined to think Lt. Col. Fullerton would like to join you in that capacity - holding his Com- as Maj. & L.A.G. but doing the Judge Advocate duty. or if for the best there is Col. Lowell, also already holding a Commission. Fullerton told me he thought leave the 4th Corps & if he could not join you thought he would get a place at Washington. If he would like it - knowing you so well & you him & being at once available - I feel as though it would be wise to give him that duty until there is a vacancy to which some one not in the service can be appointed.

Affectionately O. O. Howard

Lt. Col. C. W. Asmussen
Aug. 24th 1864.

Endorsed.

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Headquarters Twentieth Corps,

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

August 24th 1864.

General.

I have made an application for an appointment as Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers, basing it upon the following ground:

"Holding a commission as captain of "a company, which will be mustered "out of the service in a very few "months, I would ask for an "appointment as Assistant Adjutant "General of Volunteers, to enable "me to remain in the Inspector General's "Department, in which I have served "so long; it being necessary to have a "commission in the Army or Volunteer "force, before I can thus be assigned. "I make this application, as I do "not desire to leave the service, which "necessarily I must, when the company

"is mustered out, and I ask for this
"appointment to enable me to remain
"in that particular branch of the
"service, to which I have devoted
"nearly two years"

"Referring to the enclosed
"recommendations as well as to
"officers, under whose immediate
"supervision I have served, I remain
&c &c."

Will you please send me p. bearer the promised recommendation to accompany this document; I have the promise of a strong endorsement at Dept. H.Qrs. Can I also ask you to speak for such an endorsement for me at Genl. Sherman's.

Awaiting your answer p. "Bang",
I remain, General,

your obedt. servt

W. H. Musser
Lt Colonel Tenn Bty
20th Corps

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comdg. Dept. of Tennessee.

Union College Schenectady
Aug 24 1864

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Maj Gen Howard

Dear Sir

Your former kindness makes me look back and ask another favor of you on behalf of my son Capt Charles T Lewis. He is now home suffering from the effects of a chronic rheumatism and a sun stroke which he received near ~~Dalton~~ Dalton. After being in the hospital a short time, he went back & was in the severe engagement on the 20th of July under Geary. His health after that demanded some change, & so he returned home. He is now better, and is longing again for the military life. I feel here made the Atlanta campaign after my dear boy, and find in all things, a favorable record. Although barely 20 years old he has been ~~two~~ two years hard service. He was badly wounded in the arm at the battle of Chancellorsville, where Col Peissner fell. He afterwards went with you to ~~the Ohio~~ Cumberland army, had a than

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Atlanta Ga.
Aug 24th 1864

in the fighting in the fall near Chattanooga, was with you in your East Tennessee campaign and has been in most of the severest fighting since the army started in May on Atlanta. He was at Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Dallton and in the battle of the 20th July. He was with Col Lloyd of the 119th when he fell.

My son has thus secured a commission as Major, one in the 178th, and again in the 119, the regiment to which he belonged and which Col Pierson raised. In both cases the arguments were so reduced as to make the commission of no actual avail to him.

He is desirous now of obtaining some position on a General's Staff, where then would be equal exposure to battle, and less the hazards. It is my strong desire that he should succeed in this, since military life seems to be a passion with him, and I cannot persuade him into my own taste for books & study. Could there be such a position on your own staff, it would greatly please me, and I know of no other place for him that would make me so content with his being in the army. Or could he obtain through your influence some similar position elsewhere. I know I make sacrifices, heavy ones, in this more righteous cause, but I am astonished at the spirit displayed by our young men. Purer patriotism, I think, never existed than in this ardent boy of mine; and I feel quite confident that he would not dishonor any effort you might make for him.

I endeavored, three years ago, to get him a position at West Point; but my politics were not Democratic enough to suit my Member of Congress. I hope my two years hard service, may compensate for the want of such military training as he might then have received. I hope, too, he may not be deemed out of place, in urging such a request as I am now making, to state that my own father was in the Revolutionary War from Berkshire to Yorktown, and I wish Charles to inherit the Cincinnati diploma.

Pardon me for troubling you with so long a letter and believe me

Yours with high respect and Esteem

Hon Gen Stoneman

Sayles J. Lewis

Writing direct from Gen. Sherman — a copy of which ought to be furnished you.

I feel very desirous that in your future arrangement of these things that you will not refer to my report in the presence of Col. Clark but that you act as if you knew the state of affairs & without giving your source of information.

Capt. Smith said Kiesle showed us the first car that offered & seemed astonished that Kiesler with such an order had been compelled to wait. — We fortunately (Norton & I) reached Nashville in season to take the morning train for this place. I have mailed Gen. Sherman's letter & thank you gave me.

I reached for McDonald & found that he entered Hospital No. 2 at Chattanooga June 26th & they have no further record — They seemed somewhat chagrined that they could not account for him & have to certain the land & report to Capt. Thomas etc. into land to you. I do not believe they will find any record but think he will be reported to be with his command.

Write a few lines to Gen. Halleck tonight although I have no answer as yet from Gen. Halleck. The telegraph operator said he would send it at once and that was two hours ago. I found that there was a rule that the telegrams to the Department at Washington be prepaid — so I prepaid that one — amounting to $3-05. I can get the money of the Qr. Mr. Dept. when I return. If I get my pay here I shall have funds enough.

I saw Kiesle at Capt. Miller's [illegible] Lousiana [illegible] Northern [illegible] Capt. Miller [illegible] Capt. Howard [illegible]

tanooga I found he had been waiting several days for transportation. Capt. Monroe told me of a good deal of trouble he had had about transportation so I went to see Capt. Smith a.a.q.m. I found him (Smith) gentlemanly & he said that there were no privileges granted to the Army of the Cumberland in those matters not granted also to the Army of the Tenn. and that it was certainly false that your order was not as good with him as Gen. Thomas'.

One important fact seems Capt Monroe a.a.q.m. Dept. Tenn. at Chattanooga has evidently had a quarrel with the Army of the Cumberland people – I could tell you all that was said in the matter by Smith & by Monroe himself but it is not worth while to write it. If I were you I would allow Capt. Monroe to have the leave I wrote to you about. In this way without censuring him in matters in regard to which it is doubtful if he was much to blame – the way to have everything go smoothly between the two Departments may be provided.

I do not think it advisable that the Officer at Chattanooga have the power to give your orders for transportation & other matters except under certain general specified rules.

Capt. Smith has written in

[We are obliged to our young friend, F. F. Patterson, Esq. for the following truthful and beautiful biograghical notice of the young and gallant soldier, whose death the country mourns.]

THE LATE BRIG. GEN. HARKER.

It was the writer's privilege to enjoy the early and continued acquaintance and friendship of the late Gen. Charles G. Harker, who fell in defence of his country mortally wounded, at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain in Georgia, on the 27th ult., while heroically leading his command in an assault on the enemy.

He was born at Swedesboro', Gloucester County, In 1835, and at the time of his death had just attained his 29th year. His father, the late Joseph B. Harker, Esq., died when the subject of this sketch was but six years of age, leaving a widow and large family of children unprovided for. His mother, a woman of great energy, independence and self-reliance of character, died in 1852.

The General, after his father's decease, continued to receive such advantages of common school education as offered in those days until he attained the age of 12 or 13 years, when he removed to Mullica Hill for the purpose of engaging as a clerk with Hon. N. T. Stratton in the mercantile business, and in whose employ he continued some four or five years, until he entered as a cadet the Military School at West Point. As a class-mate during the early period of his life, I recall vividly those indelible traits of character in his youth which in later years stamped his brilliant though brief career as a Christian, Patriot and Soldier. Modest and unassuming to a fault; an innate sense of that true dignity and honor which abhors a mean or trivial action, with strong reverence for the pure and good, were traits which grew stronger and more fully developed each succeeding year of his life. At an early age he publicly connected himself with the church, designing, when circumstances should admit, to enter its ministry. As a student he joined to quick and comprehensive faculties that energy and perseverance which overcomes every obstacle in the way of acquiring information, and to which end he neglected no opportunity. The range of studies in his school days were limited, being only such as pertained to the common school system of our State at that time. His favorite study then was mathematics, in the progress of which he rapidly and far excelled all class-mates, establishing that discipline of mind which proved the foundation of his future success as a military scholar.

Shortly after his entering the employ of Mr Stratton, that gentleman was elected a representative in Congress, and near the close of his second term was called upon to recommend a suitable person from the District to fill a vacancy in the West Point Military Academy. Though pressed with numerous applications from influential constituents for the place, he wisely determined on recommending an orphan boy, if one deserving and fit could be found willing to accept the position. The appointment of young Harker suggested itself, and Mr. S. in a letter now before me thus alludes to it: "I had supposed and it was the opinion of many of his friends in the church at the time, that he would enter upon the duties of the ministry in early life, and therefore I did not expect that he would long desire to remain in the service after graduating. I went to see the late Brig. Gen. Totten, then in charge of the Topographical Bureau, and stated to him my wishes and told him frankly of my expectations of the future life and pursuits of Harker. He remarked, 'I am glad to hear you say he is a pious youth; it is the good fortune of our country to have many Christian soldiers and officers, and he will make a better soldier on that account.' He further remarked that although the Government required the cadet on graduating to give his word that he would serve four years, yet it was not really desirable that all should remain in commisssion; that the object of the Government was to have diffused through the country a large number of well-educated men in military science, whom it could call to its assistance when needed." With this understanding the appointment was made and gratefully accepted.

He entered the Academy in 1854, graduating with distinction in 1858. Gen. Robert Anderson, one of the Board of Visitors appointed by the President to examine the class of that year remarked to the writer that he regarded young Harker as a model of a soldier and one who would distinguish himself should opportunity offer—a prediction fully verified. Entering the United States Army as a brevet 2d lieutenant of the 2d Infantry July 1, 1858, he was promoted to a full second lieutenancy of the 9th Infantry on August 15, 1858. The regiment at the time was on duty at the frontier, where he at once joined it and remained until the summer of 1861, when he was detailed for special duty at a school of instruction for volunteers, in Ohio. While there, permission was obtained from the Secretary of War allowing him to accept the Colonelcy of the 65th Ohio regiment, and at the same time he was promoted to a Captaincy in the regular line. His brilliant subsequent career from that time to the day of his death is a matter of history which will be recorded and read with pride by every patriot. Joining General Buell's Army of the Ohio, he assisted in constructing the military road in Eastern Kentucky, participated in the battle of Shiloh and siege of Corinth, and commanded a brigade of the force that chased Bragg out of Kentucky. With his brigade he afterwards joined General Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland, and so greatly distinguished himself at the battle of Stone River, that his superior in command recommended his promotion to a Brigadier Generalship, which, however, was not then complied with. At the close of the campaign he obtained a leave of absence for twenty days, enabling him to make a brief visit home. It was then he expressed to me an earnest desire to be connected with the troops of his native State, speaking proudly of what she was doing for the suppression of this rebellion, and how gallantly her sons on every field had maintained her honor. With his usual modesty, however, he was averse to his friends making the effort to have him promoted and transferred. At the expiration of his only leave during the war, he rejoined his brigade, assuming command as ranking Colonel, and took part in the Tennessee campaign. Under Gen Thomas he again shone conspicuously at Chickamauga, receiving credit for being largely instrumental with that officer in saving the army. His command stood like a rock under his inspiriting presence at the critical moment, the rebel hordes surging against it like the waves on the sea-shore, only to be broken and scattered. His undaunted courage, coolness and discretion is described by a witness to the occasion as rising to sublimity, so grand did he appear when aroused to his full strength. Though two horses were shot from under him he personally escaped injury, and upon a second and stronger recommendation from his superiors, he received his commission as Brigadier to date from that battle.

At Mission Ridge, on the 7th of May, he had his horse killed and was slightly wounded. At Resaca, on the 14th of May, he was again slightly wounded and had another horse killed under him. In writing to a friend, after the fight at Resaca, he dates his letter on the march, near Kingston, Ga., May 22, 1864, and says: "You are aware that the great southwestern campaign under Gen. Sherman is in progress. Thus far we have had several quite severe engagements, in which we have been entirely victorious. In the battle of Resaca, on the 14th inst., I was wounded, though not dangerously. I was struck on the leg by a shell, which exploded immediately after passing me, wounding Gen. Manson, and killing my own horse and that of one of my orderlies. It was quite a narrow escape for me. My leg, though slightly cut and painfully bruised, is doing well. I did not leave the field, though unable to exercise full command for about thirty-six hours. You and my family will be glad to learn that I can walk and ride very well now. I am able to discharge all my duties, and hope to be able to conduct my brave little command which has so nobly stood by me in so many severe engagements, through the great struggle or perhaps series of struggles which will doubtless ensue before the fall of Atlanta. The result of the great battle before us cannot be doubted, though all of us cannot hope to witness the great triumph which must crown the efforts of our magnificent army."

You have already published the particulars of his death in his last noble and heroic effort, which are too fresh and ineffaceable to need recounting. In his death the nation mourns the loss of as gallant and true a hero as has fallen on any field a sacrifice to this hell-inspired rebellion. His courage was no offspring of vanity or selfishness, but of that exalted type which called forth every power to the conscientious discharge of a duty; his known military skill and ability commanding the confidence and esteem of his superiors and making him the idol of his subordinates, who were ever animated by his voice as with electric fire, to any deed of daring. "Have we taken the mountain?" were his last words of inquiry as he lay insensible to the fearful carnage and din of war around him. Death had no fears for him, but he could not bear defeat.

His remains were forwarded to the scenes of his peaceful childhood for burial, the spot of all others he would himself have chosen for their resting place; and though no gorgeous pageantry followed them to the grave, a large assemblage gathered without notice to pay the last sad tribute of respect. F. F. P.

Salem, July 15, 1864.

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My Dear Genl

I was highly gratified on reading your letter to Col. Buell in regard to the lamented Genl Hawkes. In behalf of his family I tender you thanks for this noble tribute to so brave and patriotic Young Officer. You state "that you do not know his family or you would try to write to some of them" I will mention that his eldest brother Jno. G Hawkes, a sister Mrs Gen. Frank H Cobb, and a widowed sister Mrs Emma Norman (a member of my family) all reside here - a second brother Wm is at Macomb Ill, Asa & James B - Hawkes Merchants at Portland Oregon & the youngest sister Mrs Dr. Wm H Smith at Salem Oregon, It would no doubt be very gratifying to all of them if they could get but a line or two from you in regard to the Genl. but especially may I ask you to write to Mrs Smith, the Genl. had educated her and she loved him so dearly: I have just received letter from her acknowledging receipt of my Telegraphic Dispatch concerning his burial

Genl. Hawkes was an officer that I have always been proud of as I could have been of an only son

During a service of four years in Congress from 51 to 55 a vacancy occurred in the Academy at West Point - I was solicited by many personal

and party friends for the appointment but I had made up my mind to give the position to some Orphan boy if I could find a proper one willing to accept of it. I had entertained the highest regard for the father of young Harker in his life time, for when a friendless boy he had taken me by the hand and spoken words of hope and encouragement and my mind turned to this youth then a promising boy of seventeen years. his father and Mother were then dead. The position was offered to him and accepted with many thanks. How well he deserved the position your noble letter most fully proves.

When the telegraph announced his death I took the earliest opportunity to obtain his body - while I was in correspondence with the Sect of War & Senator Sherman. I received dispatch informing me that Lt. Lamb of his Staff was en route with his remains & to meet him at the Continental July 9. My family with Mr Jno Harker met Lt Lamb at the appointed time and returned home with the remains same day. The funeral was held next day Sunday. he was buried in my family lot in the Episcopal Church burial Ground at this place beside my father & Mother. I send you a slip from our County paper containing a notice of the career of young Harker. It speaks the feelings of the community where he formerly lived and was so much loved. I had kept up a regular correspondence with him since his connection with the

Sewin and was always anxious and willing to aid him in any way in my power. When after the Battle at Murfreesboro his Superior Officers joined in recommending him for promotion. being in Washington attending to my Son Capt Shalton who had lost a leg in the Service I called upon Mr Lincoln & stated to him the history of this brave young man, saying that he had no personal or political friends to push his Claims and away from his native State he could not command or disposed to do so the influence so much required now a days to obtain promotion - but that I only asked him to consult the Official reports and see what he had done - The President said that if the statements I had made in regard to him stood appear to be correct he would ask Genl Halleck to report the same to him and a commission would be made out for him as soon as there was room - It was for a long time delayed after the President had sent the Nomination in to the Senate. I had called the attention of Our Senator Ten Eyck & also Senator Sherman to it on the 4th Apl & on the 7th the Confirmation was made. Senator Sherman always spoke of Genl Harker in terms of the highest regard and no one more deeply regrets his early death - I had charge of his financial matters here and had taken the liberty to say to Lt Lamb in the absence of any instructions from his brothers on the Pacific Coast that any disposition of his property or effects then

which his judgement would suggest would be satisfactory in my opinion - I expect to receive some definate instructions in a very short time -

- It may be that he has left a will - but of this I have no information - Near a year ago I sent $900. to his brother Asa - ~~the amount~~ was near $200 - over what was then in my hands but he expected to make a remittance he said in a short time - I understood him him to say that he had made some arrangement with his brothers in case he should fall in battle in regard to his property

I should be pleased to have a letter from you if you find some -

I am dear Genl. Very Truly

Yours

N. T. Stratton

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard

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Louisville, Aug 25 1864

7 P.M.

To Maj. Gen. Howard

Cmdg. Army of Cumberland Tennessee

I mail to you Halleck's reply. He directs that I communicate with Gen. Canby before giving orders from you. Shall I see Gen. Canby & give him all the papers?

C. H. Howard

Lt. Col. & A. D. C.

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Louisville, Aug 25 1864

To Maj. Gen. Halleck
Chief of Staff

7 P.M.

Gen. Canby is at New Orleans. It will take some weeks to communicate with him. Cannot Gen. Grant's orders already given to Gen. A. J. Smith be carried out if not yet countermanded?

W. A. Howard Hibbard

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U. S. Military Telegraph.

Louisville Aug 26th 1864

By Telegraph from Washington DC 11 a m 26th 1864

To Lt Col C H Howard

Louisville Ky

A despatch just received from Maj Genl Canby states that Lt Genl A J Smith's Command has already been detached to Cooperate with Genl Sherman

H W Halleck

Chf Staff

Cipher

Hardeck Maj. Gen.

Aug 26th 1864

Genl. A. J. Smith's command has been detached to co-operate with Gen. Sherman,

Boston Augt 26th 1864

My dear Friend,

I want to ask a favor of you and it is this, that you will be so kind as to write to Genl Howard, you being a personal friend) to get him to take Edward on his staff. if you will it will confer a great favor on me

Respectfully yours &c

Thomas B Blasland

We are all very well and send our best regards to you and family

To Rev F. W. Alwood

Portland August 26 1864

Dear Niece -

You Mention in your letter that you may have occation to trouble me to collect your dividents & Interest on the Coupons - I want to let you know that it is no trouble at all to me not the least - as I have plenty of time to do all such collections -

I hope the Surgeon will permit Edwd to come home and stay with us till his wound is fully healed -

have you any late News from your Dear Good Husband hope is well -

Yours Affectionate
Uncle - E Waite

Pattison's Campbellton Road.
Aug 27. 64 10 50 am.

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Gen Howard.

I have your letter of this morning. The position of your troops is good. Rest there till tomorrow and then move to New Hope. Crossing the Railroad. Having East troops well covered. Stanleys Head of Column must be near Mt Gilead. His Column is pressing hard at a dreary pace. I will be here some hours. and then go to Mt Gilead. Jeff Davis may get his trains to Mt Gilead. and a part of his troops. Schofield will hardly get out till tonight and tomorrow. He has separate Road to his position near Dallas Mill. Thomas will be near Red oak or Cooks tomorrow. When I want Kilpatrick to free for him. Where is Garrard. Is he at Sand Town. If so tell him to move his Cavalry to Utoy Post office. (Kennesaw) Butler Schofield moves out. & follows his movement. I would like to see him.

W. T. Sherman Maj.

Lt. W. T. Sherman
Aug. 27th 1864.

Headquarters, ~~1st Div.~~, 4th Army Corps,

Aug 28th 6 P.M. 1864

Genl.

Genl Stanley - who has just started off to put some troops into position -, requested me to write this note in forwarding you that we do not cover any Atlanta and Campbellton road, but he thinks that Genl Schofield covers the road you refer to. It is understood that he is to come up and connect with this Corps tonight.

We followed the 14th Corps. taking a road that turns off from the road on which we marched yesterday about 200 yds South of Mt Gilead church, and which runs East about one mile and one half, and then directly south to ~~Rcad~~ Red Oak. The Corps is just now going into position - our right rests about 800. yds from the rail Road ~~to~~ one half way between Red Oak Station and Red Oak Post Office (also on the R.R.). Our line of battle will face formally Atlanta, and will extend along the road on which we marched, so that our left will rest almost on the fork of Camp Creek in lot No 2. - where our left will rest I cannot exactly tell now. The 14th Corps faces Atlanta. Its left resting on side of the R.R. & connecting with us.

Very Respfly. Your Obedt Svt

J. Fullerton Chf Staff

Genl

Per Lt. Col. Fullerton
Aug. 28th 1864.

Head Quarters 17 Army Corps
near Sheldon Church on the Atlanta
& West Point RR. August 29th 1864

Col.

I have the honor to report that my command has thoroughly destroyed the Atlanta & West Point Rail Road from my left towards Fairburn to the point where the 16th Corps commenced operations

This destruction has been made complete by burning the ties, twisting and making the rails and filling up the deep cuts with dirt & brush

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Francis P Blair
Maj Genl
Comdg

To
Lieut Col W. McK. Clark
A.A.G. Dept & Army of the Tenn

to Augusta last week = Alice is with mother while Ella visits Beth and is of great assistance to her, as she can get no girl = Ella & I have offered Mother a home with us just as soon as she may feel to need one other than that at Leeds = Father has planned a good deal of work for "knees" timber & sleepers this fall & some for next this winter = He showed the same interest for Mother after he gave up living as he voted for himself = He has given her 7000 $ in old RR. bonds that are worth their face & bear interest - 3000 $ in other securities - & 10,000 $ of the new set of RR. bonds whose value now is v.ry small.

Lansingburgh Aug. 29/64

My dear Brother

I am up early this Monday morning for me (5 O'clock) & my first thoughts are my last at night turn to you in the camp = We hear rumors of dissensions among the corps commanders that delay military operations and of the death of Gen Sedgwick. May God sustain & strengthen you under all these discouragements = How earnestly a minister - Old Mr Beaches of Bridgton - prayed for you the other night at a little tea party where I was! Yesterday was a beautiful & happy Sabbath to me = Rev. E. L. Butterfield here on a visit - addressed a large meeting for the Ch. Com: in the evening & preached us an

Excellent Sermon in the P.M.
His Brother is an acquaintance of
Charles in the Schofield Corps =
Col Hayes two brothers, Rev. Stephen,
& Gustavus have been to see
me this week = They both hope
he will be able to follow
you at no distant day = I
had a note from Lizzie on
Thursday - Chauncey had been
ailing but was better -
Lizzie lent me 125 $, which
I hope to pay 1/2, in a month
& the rest before long - I
was glad you were able to do
so much for the Church, but
some of those rich men ought
to pay your subscription for
you = Farwell says he told
McKenzie last Summer
that "if he didn't pay for
the Country - if he (Farwell)
were God Almighty, he would
destroy his Church by lightning"
When it was done he wrote
to McK. & reminded him
of his increment remark -
& subscribed 800 $ towards
the new one! Well, wrote
Friday that father continued
to fail = I was down Wednesday
& he did not incline to sit
up a course at all = When
I said "father I may never
see you again, shall I read
& pray with you?" he replied
"if you wish to" = Lucia is
there & feels earnestly for
his Salvation - but he seems
to have a settled Stoicism
with regard to a future State =
Mr Armes is very kind, helpful
& considerate, but not a Christian.
Aunt Fanny Bartlett is also
there = Henry Wingate brought
her up & took Gracie home

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New York, Augt. 29. 1864

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

The enclosed I forward to you, as it is from one of my old parishioners in Boston.

If you need a young man of activity, intelligence & courage I can recommend Edward — a lieutenant formerly, & I believe at present, in the 32 mass.

I watch your progress before Atlanta with deepest interest, & congratulate you upon your accession to the command of the "Army of Tennessee". May God shield you in the perilous hours & give you much of his grace. At

Rd. & Ansd. you on 1864 Sept.

West Point [illegible] the
locality of your old Sabbath School
& hear the people speak of you
with much affection — sending love &c
I am still at my Army work —
though more occupied here in the
rear in getting published the large
supplies now needed by the Christian com-
-mission (also for the Sanitary com) — going to the front occasion-
-ally to superintend & help — Can I
get to you this Autumn? It would
give me great pleasure to see you, &
for a few weeks do something personal-
-ly for our Western Troops. — If you
will be so kind as to send me your
pass I will come if possible.

Kindest regards to your bro,
Wm Howard & all on your staff
who know me, In spite of the politicians
we are anticipating military success
for you, God is with us in this struggle,
& I am looking for a great outpouring of
his spirit upon all our armies & the long
are honorable peace — Truly yrs P. W. Alwood

Augusta. Aug. 30th 1864.

Dearest,

I was very happy this morning to get a letter from you - dated as late as the 21st inst. My last letter from you before this one was dated the 11th - think that there is one or more not yet received. Grace came home very unexpectedly last Wednesday - Mr Wingate took Aunt Fanny out to Leeds, and brought Grace home. She is looking very well indeed, and is ready to go back again. I have not heard from Mother's since Grace came from there - seems as if Col. Gilmore could not live many days longer. I wonder if he is a Christian I wish he would make an open profession. Mrs. Jackson is with me and I take great comfort and pleasure in her society. Her Christian character shines forth at all times, and she is much like Uncle Edward I think. I am hoping she will remain with me some

time. It is so much better to have such a Motherly sort of person. Edward is here (and at camp also) he had quite a serious wound. The Examining Com. is here of which Dr. Palmer is one. He came from Annapolis. Mr McKenzie has been preaching in the Baptist church. but hereafter the morning service will be held in "Mechanics Hall" and evening at the chapel. I shall go in the evening for the present - half past two o'clock. We are all very well now. Charey is quite well again. I have just taken him from the cradle and put him into bed - he gave a slight hoarse cough which I hope won't amount to croup. Guy has commenced a letter to you. Grace and Jamie have no school to go to now Miss Woodward is away. Jamie has been very constant up to the present time. I do not and have not missed Isabella scarcely at all. I am very well indeed now that the weather is cooler. I should like to go to Leeds if I could. I am glad Aunt Fanny is with Mother. I think of her a great deal. How long will Charlie be away from you. I have been thinking about moving lately and would like to find a convenient house to rent before Winter. Mr Thomas Lambert has sold his house for $3750.00 I dont think this is any time to buy here. Sometimes I feel like breaking up housekeeping all together I get so weary look out for so much and so many of us. Nobody will take Julia and her children as we have, and the only way is for her to get married, and I hope she will as she seems inclined to. It would be the best thing for her. The children commenced going to school again this week. Martha can read already. and Fanny can spell quite well. I am finishing my letter in the Morning now. Charey is with me very happy. You dont know what a big boy he is. I must go down street this morning and see about my corpora coming due soon. I have money enough. Prowland asked for one hundred and twenty for which I sent him. Guy is going to school now and will take this to the P.O. I hope you are all quite well. I dont look for you home now.

Your own Lizzie

Camp Douglas Illinois
August 30th 1864

General Howard.

Sir as I am detained at this place as a prisoner of war contrary to my expectations I now write you this short epistle reminding you of your promise made to me on the 6th of July (the day that I was captured) at your Head Quarters near Vinons Station at the Residence of Judge Lace. If I mistake not your promise was this, that if I would ~~go~~ around with you and make you acquainted with certain roads that I could cross the Ohio River and take an Oath not to return during the present war. Now I am willing to do so and you will please write to the commanding Officer of the Post and have me release as the law requires and you will oblige your most humble Servt very much

Respectfully Sergt J. C. Reese
Co. "E" 29th Ala Regt

Sergt. J. C. Rerse
Co. C. 29th Ala. Regt.

Camp Douglass, Ill.
Aug. 30th 1864.

Answered.

Gayoso House 137
Memphis Tenn.
Aug 31 1864

My dear Brother

It is late but I will write tonight in order that the letter may go by the first mail – I find that Gen. Washburn had recalled A.J. Smith's Command and now intends sending Smith with our Div as soon as transports can be obtained – he expects in two or three days. But he has not Gen. Sherman's full despatches about the matter – He says the rains made the roads so bad that he did not deem it advisable for Smith to proceed by land marches as indicated by Gen. Sherman – It would take great time by this plan & route.

State it seems has called on Gen. Washburn for help which the latter is disposed to grant but would be is disposed to use only Mower's Div for such a purpose & that not unless it is really needed.

Gen. Washburn has more Generals on his hands than he knows what to

Letter – Sept. 1st Morning (date Aug 31st)

The last news from the Army of the Tennessee was that Gen. Washburn was detached Gen. Gorey of Minn to Arkansas – with a force of 15,000 – He might do there by this time & effect all necessary work – Gen. Gorey has been a Wisconsin man from Camp Randall & Recd a favorable force of all kinds. Yours ever affy

J. H. Rusk

I received your letter of the 26th this morning

Yours –

do with. He dont think Veatch is fit for this place. Prince is already here doing nothing – boarding at this house. Gen. Washburn is favorable to Buckland but I dont understand why the latter allowed Forrest to get in here – I cannot think the troops & pickets were disposed in a very military way. I hear that Buckland has been nominated but begged to be allowed to go home. If Morgan L. Smith is not needed at Vicksburg they could be not be employed here? I find that the proprietor of this house Col Corkerile (who is a personal friend of Gen. Sherman's to whom I brought a letter of introduction from Dayton) would be glad to see Morgan L. Smith in command. He did not seem very favorable to Veatch.

Gen. Washburn has nothing special to send back but proposes to send despatches by me to Gen. Canby and I will at least go as far as Vicksburg and will do what I can to get those fragmentary organizations relieved – according to Gen. Washburn's latest despatches from Canby I have little doubt that they can easily be relieved.

Gen. W. has taken no measures whatever about including Vicksburg in his Command, he learned about Gen. Dana's assignment before your order. – I will ascertain from Gen. Dana whether he needs Gen. Morgan L. Smith & inform you – but I have no doubt it would be better to have Smith here & treat one of the more indifferent Generals under Dana.

Gen. Morgan L. Smith was at Cairo when I left & will probably be here tomorrow. Gen. Veatch has not yet arrived.

The last telegram in the newspapers from Louisville said that Gen. Sherman was making a flank movement to the right with his whole Army.

Your Affectionate Brother
O. O. Howard

P.S.

Gen. Washburn if his opinion had weight would not replace Buckland – but I feel sure Smith would do better.

HEAD-QUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,

In the Field, Aug 31. 10 P.M. 1864.

Gen.

I have your Report which is of course very satisfactory. But I am so nervously alive to the importance of the next Ship that the fact of your Battle of today seems a year old. If Hardee commences at Lovejoy and Beck remains at Atlanta with a Corps & the Militia as is, the present appearance of things they will try to effect a junction. I have put Thomas & Schofield on the guard, but I think you could detect the move sooner. You could make your pickets observe a change and then calculate the direction. We have gained by strategy today great advantage and I don't want to lose it. Please do all you possibly can to follow Hardee the moment he gives ground — as soon as he starts & Thomas can get Stanley & Davis on your left I will put him away in pursuit & keep your Right & Schofield left. But tomorrow I think Hardee will

try & Sculle on us. If he remains at Jonesboro, with the assistance of Flint River I think we may lay him, but we must be smart. Have the best Staff officer you have out tonight & get him to push parties of Skirmishers up at point S, so to keep the Enemy "shell" Line of Rail road. If you can only get into Jonesboro some one then can see the direction of the Enemy. If he remains tomorrow I am content.

Yrs.

W. T. Sherman

Major Genl.

Genl. W. T. Sherman
Comdg Mil. Div. Miss.
Aug 31st 1864.