
2280 9/3/1864

From: C.H. Howard
Lt. Col.

To: Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2228

On Stmr James White
Near Vicksburg

Comdg Dept and Army Tenn

Source: Bowdoin

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[Sep. 1864, written in pencil]

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By telegraph from On Stmr James White 186
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To Maj Gen Howard
Comdg Dept and Army Tenn

My interview with Gen Canby was satisfactory. Start on my return tomorrow stopping one (1) day in Memphis.

C.H. Howard
Lt. Col.

[Note. The date had been estimated by someone to be Sept. 1864. I estimate it to be Sept 3 1864, because Charles in a letter he wrote from Memphis on Aug 31 said that he was on his way to Vicksburg to speak with Canby. I assume it three days to go from Memphis to Vicksburg and conduct his business, and then to get on the boat to Memphis.]

2278 9/1/1864

From: C.H. Howard
A.D.C.

To: Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2229

Gayoso House
Memphis

Source: Bowdoin

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Later –Gayoso House Memphis
Sept 1st 1864 Morning

To/
Maj. Gen. Howard

The mail does not go till towards evening. I have seen Gen. Washburn again & find he has further despatches from Duval's Bluff on White River (Steele; base of supplies) and from their nature has decided to send Mower's Divn at once up White River to that point using the transports which were to convey A.J. Smith. He was thinking somewhat of sending A.J. Smith there also. I cant quite understand why it is that Gen. Washburn has so much to do with Gen. Steele's Deptmt. I talked earnestly to him about the superior importance of Atlanta to the Rebels & also that these were probably mere side issues of the rebels. He now says that Smith shall go to Atlanta by the first transports that can be obtained after shipping Mower. But he must go the round about way, viz. up the Tennessee the North Western R.R. thence to Nashville &c. I saw Maj. Gen. A.J. Smith & Gen. Mower this morning. They both said they would like much to join the Army at Atlanta. But Mower will be off to Arkansas tonight or tomorrow.

I proposed to Gen Washburn to allow Mower to relieve those fragments of regiments at St. Charles on White River & Washburn says if they are not captive when Mower gets there & as soon as the danger is over he (Mower) may relieve them. In this case being replaced by other troops of our own. I will not need to see Canby except perhaps about their transfer to Atlanta. Gen A.J. Smith told Gen Washburn that he would never see the troops again which he is going to send to Arkansas. Why cannot Canby & Steele take care of Arkansas without Gen Washburn's meddling? But the Commanders at Duval's & Helena (neither of them belonging to this Deptmt) keep harassing Gen. Washburn with alarming reports & calls for help!

Respectfully
C.H. Howard
A.D.C.

2279 9/2/1864

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Sister Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-2230

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Sept, 2d / 64

Dear Sister Lizzie

I received the draft or cheque in due time and am very much obliged for it. Ella & Dadie are at Bath, went down a week ago Wednesday. I went down with Wm Merrick Tuesday & returned yesterday. He will be up to see you today probably & tell you about us. I hope Sam can make Guy & Grace a little visit & hope William will stop some with you. He is a capital good fellow & seems to enjoy himself among Marias friends very much I hope the Aunt (?) you were expecting to live with you has arrived. Are you all well now. I saw Del. At the Leeds Depot last night & he said there was no change in Father except the slow gradual sinking.

Charles sent us a piece of sheet music from Louisville Ken. So I suppose he is up there for some purpose. I can hardly hope he is on his way home. I have had no letters since the 10th ult. Alice is at Leeds and Dell says she seems very well contented and is very useful. I had no time to speak with him further, but I suppose Louisa & Mrs Ames are still there, and Aunt Fanny there or at Uncle Ensigns.

I don't enjoy being alone very well, but am glad Ella can have a good easy time & that Alice can help Mother.

With love to all the children & kind remembrance to Julia.

Yr. Aff. Brother
Rowland

2281 9/3/1864 *From:* E Waite

To: Dear Niece [Lizzie
Howard]

OOH-2231

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland Sept 3d 1864

Dear Niece

We recvd your letter with Edwds yesterday –was very glad to hear from you all. I have written two letters to Edwd which I suppose he did not mention having recvd any. One I sent by a Soldier and one by Mail.

We were in hopes that he would get a pass to come home for 8 or 10 days if no more, and trust he will yet. He seems however to be favored with a New home, by your kindness.

Tell Aunt Susan that we went to Poland Camp Meeting day before yesterday, and had a very pleasant time.

You will probably hear the good news of the capture of Atlanta before this reaches you. See the account in the daily press which I send you this morning.

In haste
Your Affectionate Uncle
E Waite

2282 9/3/1864

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2232

Hd Qrs near Lovejoy
Station

Source: Bowdoin

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Hd Qrs near Lovejoy Station
Sept 3d 1864

Dearest,

You will have heard of the fall of Atlanta before this reaches you. By the kind Providence of our blessed Heavenly Father we have been enabled to succeed in this our hazardous campaign even beyond our expectations. My column was very successful, in moving and in fighting a battle on the last day of August, which was rendered more complete on the first day of September by the assault of the 14th Corps.

Charles has not written lately, and I have got no mail, so that I have not heard from home I cannot expect very cheering news from father, and am fearing the announcement of his death in any letter I may get.

Harry Stinson is not well, has had quite a severe hemorrhage of the lungs, but I hope it is only owing to the wound and that he will soon be quite well. I am sorry he did not go home instead of coming back during this prolonged & arduous campaign.

The courier is nearly ready to return. Give papa's great love to his children. I shall look for letters from Guy and Grace pretty soon.

You would think there was a battle going on by the sound, but it is only cannonading & skirmishing. I do not much expect another battle in Georgia.

God bless you & the little ones.

Lovingly
Otis

2283 9/4/1864

From: Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2233

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta, Sept 4th 1864.
Sunday Evening, 8 o'clock

Dearest,

I will write to you this rainy, quiet, Sunday evening. Chancy is asleep. Jamie has gone to bed "too tired". Grace and Guy are listening to Bible stories that Mrs Jackson is telling them. Edward has gone to our evening meeting at the vestry. Mrs Jackson went with him this morning, and he and I went this afternoon. Guy and Grace went this morning.

I got a letter from Rowland Saturday. Ella and Dadie were in Bath. He returned to Farmington the day before, saw Dellie at the Leeds Depot, "No change in Father except the slow, gradual sinking." Alice is with Mother, contented and useful. I had a visit from William Merrick and Sam yesterday. I was very glad that they came to see us. Sam stayed till night. William left after dinner -two o'clock. I think I shall write more doleful letters now Atlanta is taken, not because it is taken, but because it will not bother you so much to receive letters full of troubles and trials now as before.

I wonder what you are going to do now. When are you coming home? I hope you wont have to come to this house. I fear I am restless and don't know what I do want. I wish Julia was married! As Annie used to say to Guy. I wish you would let us come to you, but I fear you wont be in any suitable place to receive us. I don't love to keep-house really and truly. I don't like neighbors who "don't like darkies" I have little trials upon little trials I don't know what to do, but I think I eat and sleep well as yet, so you need not give yourself great uneasiness about me. Come home and tell me what must be done. I think I better try closing my eyes and ears and let things do themselves. Mrs Jackson is herself useful and is agreeable to all the children as well as to myself.

Grace came home with the expectation of returning to Leeds in a few days, but concludes that she will stay at home awhile. I don't know where to send her to school till Miss Woodward comes back in the spring. If she and Guy are not so near of an age, so near together in their studies, and didn't have so many jealousies I would like her to go to Miss Fuller. I may try the last half of this term to send Grace and Jamie also.

I have not been writing all the time, but now the evening has passed. Julia has come from meeting (Edward came in early). All have gone to bed leaving me alone and I will now leave my writing till morning. Good night. I hope you are well, happy and not working too hard.

Monday morning. I will write a few more lines dearest this bright, sunny morning. I asked Grace what I should send Pa-pa this morning for her. She came and gave me many kisses, saying send that. Guy says "send love" I then asked Jamie, he answered "Send Jamie a little letter" Then I asked Chancy what shall mamma tell Papa. He answered "pa-pa"and walked into the hall to look at your picture. We are all in the Library. The children are all happy now playing cars. I must prepare Guy's things for school and he will take this letter.

Your own Lizzie.

2284 9/5/1864

From: Mrs Estelle E. Lewis

To: Major Genl Oliver O.
Howard

OOH-2234

Clinton La

Commanding 4th Army Corps
Army of Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Clinton La September 5th 1864

Major Genl Oliver O. Howard
Sir,

I learned from a Soldier who was in the battle of Gettysburg that my husband, Col L. D. Lewis of the 8th La had been killed, & that you had had him buried. Will you please let me know if such is the case. I have been kept in a painful state of anxiety ever since that time hearing several times that he was still living & a prisoner at Davis's Island, New York. Any information concerning him would be most gratefully rec'd, and I assure you it would be a great gratification to me to know that if he had been killed, that he was decently buried. He is reported to have fallen on the night of the 2nd of July while making a charge on the heights.

Please address Mrs Estelle E. Lewis care John Adolphe DeRussy, Esq. Baton Rouge, La.

Major Genl Oliver O. Howard
Commanding 4th Army Corps
Army of Tennessee

Please direct to Mrs. Col. L. D. Lewis, care of Major J.A. DeRussy B. Rouge La. Please answer her as soon as possible. Can you say if any thing was found on his person as he went on the battle field with a fine gold watch and chain and his bridal ring. Any information would be so gratifying to his afflicted widow and fatherless child.

[Written on the back. Two lines not readable due to glued remnant.]

Mrs. Estelle E. Lewis

Enquiries concerning her husband Col Lewis 8th La. Inftry supposed to have been killed at Gettysburg.

Answered.

2285 9/8/1864

From: Th. J. Wood
Br. Genl Vols
Head-Quarters, 3d
Division, 4th A.C.
Office Assistant
Adjutant General,
Near Atlanta, Ga

To: Major Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2235

Comdg Army of the
Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Head-Quarters, 3d Division, 4th A.C.
Office Assistant Adjutant General,
Near Atlanta, Ga, Sept 8, 1864.

My dear Genl:

I hope to be able to cheat the doctors. My foot is very sore, but is doing better than I could have expected. I think it may not be necessary for me to leave the field. I will, at all events, remain here till I have written my report and finished all the work connected with the campaign; then, if it should seem that my foot will be a long time in healing, I may ask for a leave of absence.

I will divide my report into sections. The first to embrace the operation of the division while you commanded the 4th Corps, the second the commanders of the campaign. The first I will send to you, the other to Genl Stanley. I will be glad to see you soon. I write this sitting up in my bed.

Very truly your friend,
Th. J. Wood
Br. Genl Vols.

To
Major Genl Howard
Comdg Army of the Tennessee

[Written at the bottom of the second page]
Brig. Genl. T. J. Wood
Comdg 3d Div 4th A.C.
Sept 8, 1864

2286 9/10/1864

From: Marcus P. Miller
1st Lt. 4th US Arty

To: Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2236

Box 407
Annapolis Md

Source: Bowdoin

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Annapolis Md Sept 10th 1864

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
Dear Genl.

I received a letter yesterday from Capt F.W. Sisley of my Regiment, informing me that he had been applied for as Inspector of Arty on your Staff, but that he had resigned his commission in the Army, consequently the order was not issued.

Although unknown to you I send this as an applicant for such a position on any others on your staff.

I am the Senior 1st Lieut of my Regiment and will probaly be promoted to Captaincy this month or the next. The vacancy occurred on the 11th of May and I understand that a Genl order of promotions is now being made out.

I graduated in Class of 58, served two years at Ft Monroe, one year in Utah, was Adjutant under Genl. C.F. Smith at Camp Lloyd, came to the States in 61, served in Gibbons Battery four months, was instructor for the Commissioned Officers of the Vol Batteries in the Brigade, was appointed Regimental Quartermaster and assigned to Genl Hunt's staff in February 62, assigned to command of Battery G, 4th Arty in August 62, which I kept till after the battle of Chancellorsville. I then went to the Head Qrs of my Regiment at Fort Washington Md. and have been on duty as a member of the Ex. Board for promotion of Enlisted men Regular Army since the 10th of March 64.

I have with me no letters of recommendations at present, have had flattering ones from Genls Hunt, Howe, Segwick and others. I sent them to Gov of Mass when applicant for a Regiment.

I got one from Dr Palmer this morning, and send an old one given me by C.H. Morgan, in whose Battery I served for a time. Should you desire the services of an Arty officer on your staff, please give my case a favorable consideration

I am Genl
Your Obedient Servant
Marcus P. Miller
1st Lt. 4th US Arty

Address Box 407

[Written on the back page of the letter.]

Annapolis, Md. Sept 10 64

Miller, Marcus P.

1st Lt. 4th U.S.A.

Asks for appointment as Inspector of Artillery for this Dept. & Army.

Hd Qrs Dept. & Army Tenn.

Oct. 24th 1864

Respectfully referred to Maj T.H. Osborne, Chf of Artillery, D. & A. of T.

By order of Maj. Genl. Howard.

[s/]C.H. Howard

Lt. Col. & A. D. C.

[Additional comment.]

Respectfully returned to the General commanding, Maj Sawell having been assigned as Inspector of Artillery for this Army & Department, and there being no reason why he should be relieved it would seem inadvisable to make the application within asked for.

[/s/] T.W. Owens
Maj & Chief of Arty
Dept & Army of the Tenn

Artillery Hd Qrs
A&D of the Tenn
Oct 14th 64

2287 9/10/1864 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2237a

Head-Quarters
Department and Army
of the Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,
September 10th 1864

Dearest,

Since my return I have recd two welcome letters from you, but none of a very recent date, the last of the 19th ult. and the next to the last the little one that told of your writing to Mrs Jackson at Uncle Edwards.

My portion of the last movement was to drive out of the works near at Atlanta pass to the rear & extreme right and push ahead first to the West Point R.R. & then on towards Jonesboro. This we did. The first two marches brought us to the West Point road. This was near a place called Sideling or New Hope Church. There we staid a day and spent the time as ordered in turning up & destroying the R.R. The next day we marched in two columns for Renfro place, with an injunction to push for Jonesboro if I thought I could get to the R.R. We encountered strong opposition all the last half of the way. When I got to Renfro place I found it a dry barren hill, no water near, so I pushed on for Flint River three miles distant. We drove the rebels so fast that we saved the bridge, all but a few planks, crossed over our entire corps & entrenched close up to the town, said to be defended by about four brigades. During the night the rebels ran down on the cars as much force as possible. In the morning we had two Army Corps under Hardee. He attacked my lines during the day & quite a battle ensued, but the rebels did not come up so near nor suffer so much as in the battle of the 28th of July. Gens Thomas & Schofield swung around on the R.R. breaking the only remaining communication of Hood. In the afternoon of September 1st the 14th Corps charged & carried the enemy's works taking a 1000 prisoners & 10 pieces of Arty. It was near sundown when the battle began. The enemy fought till night and then retreated to Lovejoy Station where a junction was formed with the portion that had run from Atlanta. Hood secured a strong position & made a bold front. Sherman pursued to this point where we staid two or three days and then withdrew by easy marches to near Atlanta. Atlanta is a handsome place, with wide streets & houses much scattered. My Head Quarters are at or near East Point about four or five miles out of the town.

Charles I heard from Aug 24th and not since. He was then at Louisville, Ky on his way to Memphis, Vixburg and perhaps New Orleans. It will take a month longer before I expect to see him back. I dont know anything as to the future. I have got my reports to make out, which I fear will be voluminous; and also my army to report and reorganize, and I ought to inspect the different posts in the Dept as soon as I can. Every affection of <[Missing Page]>

[Written on the margins of the first page]

I shall send him home as soon as it is safe and he is a little stronger.

God bless you all.

Lovingly
Otis

Sam is well tell Julia, has'nt heard from his wife yet.

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and fed, borne with and kindly treated as well as emancipated. God in his wise providence will hold us to it at the north and at the south.

Julia will be much better off every way with a good industrious husband. Who is asking for her? I don't think you would be happier boarding or live easier. No boarding place is fit for the children. Bear up, darling, a little longer. Get two good girls an not one alone. I am grateful indeed to Mrs Jackson for the comfort and

assistance she renders you. You must not lose the family altar, the house. There is always a place there for papa when he comes.

Gen. Sherman asked me lately if I wanted a Brigadiership in the Regular Army, said I must try for one. I told him no. But if it was offered me for services, if they were deemed of sufficient importance to warrant it, I should consider it a high compliment, but I should never ask for it. I told him this was getting to be my profession & I would hardly be of the age or condition to begin another after the war, and probably should accept such an honor if offered. Such was substantially my answer. However, I would about as lief leave the service. I feel ready to follow the indications of Providence, if my life and health are continued to me.

I am glad you are going to have the whole house. Two hundred dollars is not high according to the price of Gold. Did you get my check sent you by express from Chattanooga the latter part of August? You never have mentioned Harry Stinson, so I think you could not have received my letter regarding his bleeding. He has gone home and you will see him before this letter, also Dr Duncan, who accompanies him.

Grace sends papa a good many kisses. Guy must not get too big to kiss papa. I feel afraid he will take too many studies at the same time. I prefer not more than two at a time, and every lesson perfect. Let papa have the rest of time not included in "play time" now & then for a letter. Does Jamie know all those wonderful letters on every side of the blocks [sketch of a block with a letter on each face], and the little boy Chancy, can he know his papa?

The future will be plainer to us before long, let us now my beautiful wife take care of the minutes make them as happy as we can and as useful. A good time of enjoyment is coming "Deo volente"[God willing].

My kindest regards & thanks to Mrs Jackson. Much love to all the children. Sam has not been able yet to communicate with his wife. He is very attentive to me, does his work well, quickly & cheerfully. I have a little short <> with a <cheruby> look, Tom, by name, who takes care of my horse. Guy would be somewhat amused at him.

Good night my darling wife. May god give you his blessing with good health & good hopeful spirits. I shall write to Mother tomorrow if I can.

Your loving husband
Otis

2288 9/13/1864 *From:* R.H. Gilmore

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2238

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Sept. 13. 1864

My dear brother:

The event which we have for sometime been anticipated has taken place. Father has at last gone. He had had considerable pain during the night but for half an hour before he died he was resting and perhaps sleeping. I was lying upon a lounge in the dining room. Mother had gone up stairs to lie down. Aunt Eveline was sitting by him so when she noticed he was breathing short and quick. She came to me to tell me that she feared he was going, and before I could get there he had breathed his last. He is now far from pain and suffering.

Mother bears it heavily and I am in hopes she will not give out. She has been obliged to work pretty hard as have all, but she appears as well as usual this morning.

We are sorry that you and Charles cannot be here. I have written the latter directing the letter to Louisville. I will write you more about it in a day or two.

The funeral will be on Thursday at 12 oclock. Today is Tuesday.

Your aff. Brother
R.H. Gilmore

2290 9/14/1864 *From:* A G Murray

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2239

Canandaigua NY

Source: Bowdoin

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Canandaigua NY
Sept 14, 1864

Dear General

The accompanying letters will inform you of the fate of our dear son Albert.

Mr Murray having made your acquaintance at West Point and your having spoken favourably of our dear boy, she intended to write and thank you for your christian example, and the interest you expressed and exercised in his spiritual welfare. But as she has not been able to do so, she desired me to express the gratitude and great obligation that we feel to you for the part you have taken in preparing our child for that rest to which he has been called. Although it is hard for us to part with him, we are comforted with the belief that for him to die is gain, and we bow in submission to the wise providence of God.

It would be a great comfort to us to procure his remains. Lt Breckenridge has been very precise in his letter in describing his grave, and it may be possible that an opportunity may present itself for its removal which I feel assured you would improve and have it done, or advise me if it could be done and the manner of doing it. We may be unreasonable to feel so anxious, but it is a long time since we have seen our dear child, and we have not a relic as a memento. Everything belonging to him was taken with his battery.

I congratulate you on the brilliant success of your Army. It has imparted hope to the country and encouraged recruiting so that our depleted armies will soon be strongly reinforced and the rebellion subdued.

I ask pardon for thus trespassing on your valuable time.

Very Respectfully Yours
A G Murray.

2291 9/14/1864 *From:* D.C. Porter

To: My dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-2240

Chattanooga

Source: Bowdoin

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Chattanooga Sept 14 / 64

My dear Sir:

I reached here this morning, having been as far North as Cincinnati. I bought about 4000 lbs Tobacco & succeeded in getting Mr Mellin to permit it; it was the largest amount he would pass. The tobacco will be here tomorrow and this is as far as the Express Co are allowed to take any except "soldier's freight".

Capt Gilbert took down a telegram for me asking you to send me permission to ship from here. Col. Easton has I understand prohibited them (the Express) from taking any thing below here & what I wanted was a permission for them to take it. I saw however this morning Capt EK Smith who said he would furnish transportation from here on Genl Howard's request.

I telegraphed to you to day to let me come to the front with Capt Meek who leaves here at 6 P.M. as I could not get transportation on my pass. Genl Sherman's order being to allow no citizen on any pretext to leave Chattanooga for the South. If I can come I suppose it will need Genl Sherman's own order. If you think best send me such papers as may be necessary to come & bring the Tobacco with me. I think Genl Sherman might be induced to allow tobacco to come on the recommendation of Genl Howard, Genl Thomas & Genl Slocum. Papers from the last two, I think I could get & on such papers approved by Genl Sherman I could permit & ship all I want from Louisville. I am very anxious to see Genl Thomas as without new papers from him I will have to stop business here & at Nashville. This personal request is necessary to enable me to get my present permits renewed.

I left Louisville Sunday night. Maj. Allen & family quite well. I shall be much pleased to hear from you, if you can spare the time.

Very truly Yours
D.C. Porter

2292 9/14/1864 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2241

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington
Sept 14, 1864

Dear Brother

A letter from Dellie received last evening informed me the [sic] father has ceased to suffer. He died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock without a struggle, had been conscious, but perfectly helpless for a few days past. If Dellie has not written, I will write more fully of the circumstances after my return from the Funeral. I go down today & Ella & Dadie come tomorrow. It is at 12 tomorrow. I will write anyway while there.

We have lost a good, true & faithful friend. I want Mother to stay with us, if she will be contented, after affairs are settled at Leeds, which will not be probably till winter.

We have heard nothing from you except by Gen Shermans Dispatch since the Battle near Jonesboro. The fall of Atlanta helped the Union triumph in Maine vastly. Richmond would aid in the National Contest in the same way & I trust will.

My little family are well. I hope to see Lizzie at Leeds.

Father gave us sign of a discovery of Christ. He is now in the hands of a just God & we can but leave him there. Mother must be very much worn out.

Your loving brother
Rowland

P.S. I write to Chas at Memphis today.

2293 9/15/1864 *From:* Otis [OO Howard] *To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2242 Headquarters [Eleventh
Corps was crossed out]
Source: Bowdoin Dept Tenn.

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Headquarters [Eleventh Corps was crossed out]
Dept Tenn. September 15th 1864

Dearest,

Capt. Stinson expects to start this morning for home and Dr. Duncan will accompany him, certainly as far as Hartford Conn, and probably quite to Augusta. The Capt. Has been gaining, but has now a cough and I am afraid of settled disease. Harry Stinson has been with me now for two years and I assure you a better you man cannot be found. I love him as a brother & hope it is the will of God for him completely to recover. I have offered him the position of Judge Advocate with rank of Major, but it not being according to his taste, he declined

I have procured the appointment of Prof Whittlesey to that position, telegraphed him so yesterday but don't know yet whether he will accept. It becomes everybody to be patriotic now.

I would like exceedingly to go home during the rest or to meet you and the children anywhere, but my future movements are so uncertain that I don't think of either just now.

An officer is now en route from Gen. Grant with Orders for us and Gen. Sherman will not consent for me to leave the Dept. at present.

You will find Dr Duncan very good company and he will give you some idea of our head quarters and probably tell you some incidents of the Campaign that may interest you.

I received a letter from Charles up to Sept 1st from Memphis. He was on the way down the Miss. And well.

I have time to write no more now. I have to make out duplicate reports of the entire campaign and am hard at work. I shall finish by the middle of next week.

Much love & many kisses. I fear poor father has worn out before this. My kindest regards to Mrs Jackson.

Lovingly
Otis

2294 9/15/1864 *From:* J. B. Bachelder

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2243

125 Washington St.
Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston Sept. 15, 1864
Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Sir -

I enclose you a copy of my Isometrical Drawing of the Gettysburg Battle Field which please accept with my respects. I regretted exceedingly that I could not see you personally before its publication, as I was able to do most of the officers of rank of the Army of the Potomac. I was fortunate however in meeting several of your Brigade and Division comdrs which, with the many other officers which I have met together with the corroborative materiel which you furnished me has enabled me to complete the positions of your command; and I have taken the liberty to add your name with the other Corps commanders to the testimonial annexed. If however this does not meet your approbation, I will have it removed if you will apprise me.

At first sight I presume the right wing of the line will appear short to you. You will however take into consideration that the surface over which it runs is foreshortened in the drawing.

If you feel so disposed and your public duties will allow, I should value a letter from you, (which I may use publicly), expressing your opinion of this method of representing military operations and the result of my effort in this.

I am Sir
Yours with Respect
J. B. Bachelder, [John Badger]
125 Washington St.

Maj Genl O.O. Howard

2295 9/16/1864

From: J.S. Fullerton
A.A.G.

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2244

Head-Quarters 4th
Army Corps
Atlanta Ga

Source: Bowdoin

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Head-Quarters 4th Army Corps
Atlanta Ga Sepr 16th 1864 9 P.M.

Dear General,

Herewith please find enclosed Casualty List of the 4th A.C. from May 3d to and including July 26th.

Maj. Morhardt will get up as good a map as he can to accompany your Report. He lost his note book and cannot give the Resacca battle field or anything back of that point. I will try and get what is wanting in his map from Div. Topogs.

44 Commissioned Officers and 1499 enlisted men were captured by the Corps up to and including July 26th. These figures are not very imposing, but the number of prisoners is large when it is considered that the most of them were jerked out of intrenched rifle pits, after some severe and bloody skirmishes. Given that number of our men have been killed and wounded in capturing them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J.S. Fullerton
A.A.G.
(Over)

P.S. Sepr 17th 8 A.M.

The Report of Casualties cannot be made out before this evening. The one I had prepared is not correct as it shows the No. down to August 1st. The reports from Divs have been made to this office by months. I have sent out to Divns to get a report for the days July 27-28-29 & 30, and the No. shown in it will be subtracted from the report that has been prepared.

J.S.F.

[Written on the back of the letter.]

Fullerton, J.S.
A.A.G.

Sends herewith list of Casualties from May 3 to July 27 inclusive in Fourth Army Corps, &c

2296 9/17/1864

From: T.E.G. Ransom
Brig. Genl.

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2245

Head Qrs Left Wing
16th A.C.
East Point Ga.

Comdg. Dept. & Army of the
Tenn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Qrs Left Wing 16th A.C.
East Point Ga. Sep 17th 1864.

General:

To your flattering offer to make me your Chief of Staff, I have given the deliberate attention which it merits, and while gratefully acknowledging the confidence in my ability which such a proposition implies. I have arrived at the conclusion that I can be more useful to the service and give better satisfaction to my superior officers in the position I have heretofore occupied.

No consideration but this, General, would induce me to decline a position which I am confident would in other respects, be a much agreeable one.

I have the honor to be General
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
T.E.G. Ransom
Brig. Genl.

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Comdg. Dept. & Army of the Tenn.

[Written on the back page of the letter.]

[The top two lines are hidden behind a strip of glued tape.]

Ransom, T.E.G.

Brig. Genl.

Declines, respectfully position of Chf. Of Staff to Dept. Comdr.

2297 9/18/1864 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: My dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2246

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Sept. 18, 1864

My dear Brother

As we have heard nothing from you since the battle near Jonesboro & as Charles is so far away from you, we are feeling a little anxiety about you. My last letter from C. was dated Memphis Sept 3d. I wrote him & you immediately on Fathers death & Dellie wrote also. I hope those letters have been received.

He died Tues. morn. The 13th. I went down Wednesday. Ella & Dadie went down Thurs morn. & the funeral was at 12 that day. Louisa, Mrs Ames, Roland & family, Arzas family & Francis' children & May F. Lathrop were there. Also Henry Wingate, Laura Ann, your wife & Chancy & Uncle Ensign. There was a large gathering of the towns people. Mother & Rev. Mr Downing, who baptised & married a no. of fathers family conducted the Services and preached from Acts 13.26. He said little directly of fathers character & the little he did say was in praise of his integrity & uprightness.

They sang the hymns & a voluntary. The hymns were: "Why should we start & fear to die" & "I would not live always" The singing was very good, Roscoe Gilbert playing & Salmon Wings daughters & Mr Davee singing. The coffin was a dark colored rich looking one. Father was dressed in his best suit, but looked so much emaciated that I hardly think you would have recognized him.

Mother went thro. All with calmness & fortitude, & we prevailed upon her to come home with us the next day, leaving Mary F. Lothrop to keep house for Dellie & his men who are cutting Ship timber on the bog. Mrs Ames started for Easton the same day. Her presence & assistance have been invaluable thro. It all.

Mother improves every day. Today I exchanged with Bro Hackett of Temple (7 miles) & she rode out there with me & seemed to enjoy the day. I hope she will remain here two or three days. Lizzie wrote up with Henry W. & returned Friday. She seemed unusually well & Chancy waddles about with his little dumpy figure & behaves about as Jamie used to. He is a good boy.

Father was buried next his wife, none of us got out at the grave. Oscar conducted the funeral very quietly & well, & has been with William very kind & obliging during fathers sickness. Orin Bates & wife have also done a great deal for the family in their trouble.

Dellie is full of his timber business. Mother says she don't see how she can leave home this winter, but I am in hopes, after Dellie goes away, she will arrange to make us a long visit & go to see Lizzie. I wish that every thing could be sold & invested in U.S. Bonds for Mothers benefit, but she wants a home of her own where her children & grand-children may visit her. Leeds & our old home have sadly changed as you may suppose. Not a single thing can the eye look upon but is identified with Father & without him all seems changed & lonely. So accustomed had I become to look to him for all home arrangements that it seems almost impossible that anything there should now go right?

Our victories in the field & at the Ballot Box have encouraged & rejoiced our hearts. Our Drafting commences tomorrow. Our quota lacks 16. If I am drafted, would it not be best to telegraph to you & get you indirectly to obtain a substitute for me to serve in some Maine Reg? Fathers death & Dellies expected absence this winter seem to render it still more necessary that I should remain at home & out of the Army as long as is consistent with duty to my country. I do not think Dellie would pass a Surgeons examination. I preach "Fill up the Armies" & I do hope the Draft will be thoroughly enforced.

With love from Mother & Ella & Dadie & myself.

Your Brother

Rowland

2298 9/18/1864 *From:* Mrs F T Sherman *To:* General [OO] Howard

OOH-2247 Chicago

Source: Bowdoin

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Chicago Sept 18th / 64

General Howard
Dear Sir

I reached home yesterday after an absence of four weeks from Chicago which will account for the long delay of my answer to your kind favor of the 20th of Aug.

I have been on a mission to Washington to procure an order for the exchange of the Colonel which I accomplished with some trouble. The order was forwarded immediately to the proper exchange commissioners to act upon, and I have great hopes that it will be accomplished. I have since my return home heard of a rebel Col reported to have some influences at home who is very anxious to be exchanged. His name has been sent to the rebel authorities to be exchanged for Col [Francis Trowbridge] Sherman.

I was very much surprised to hear that Gen S did not favor this exchange of our prisoners for it seems to me that <common> humanity would prompt the desire to have our brave soldiers released from what they term that boring desk. After all they have suffered in the field are they to be left to die in prison. I pray God not. I think apology should be laid aside when 30000 or 40000 lives are at stake. I found on my return home two letters from the Colonel. The first tidings from him since his capture. You can imagine General the joy and gratitude that filled my heart to know that my husband was safe and in his usual health. He says their sufferings have been very great but since their removal to Charleston their condition is somewhat ameliorated. He says despair nearly overcomes them at times, poor fellows how my heart aches for them one & all. I would consider it a great favor if you would write him a few words of cheer. (his address is Roper Hospital Mil Prison Charlston via Hilton Head) Give my kindest regards to Col Howard. Take many thanks for your kind interest in my husband & myself. With much esteem I am very truly yours &c

Mrs F T Sherman [Eleanor (Vedder) Sherman, wife of Francis Trowbridge Sherman]

2299 9/18/1864 *From:* William Harrow
 Brig Genl
 Louisville Ky

To: Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2248

Source: Bowdoin

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Louisville Ky Sep 18, 64

Maj Gen O.O. Howard
Sir

Upon arriving at Nashville, I was surprised & pained to find that ten (10) wounded Soldiers of your command had been put off the train, before daylight and at least one mile distant from any accommodation. They were put out on a platform from which not one of them could reach the ground without aid. They were entirely unattended. The ten men had just 10 legs and twenty (20) crutches to get along with. One in ascending to help himself fell and was seriously hurt.

I succeeded in finding an ambulance which was going to bring Qr. Mr. Jenkins from his sleeping quarters to his breakfast, and compelled the driver, a kind-hearted <> to take the soldiers referred to and go <> to soldiers home, myself I taking charge of some of their knapsacks.

Genl, I know this simple <account> is enough to command your prompt attention without omcment from me. God grant a change may be speedily made.

Rspty
Yr Obt Servt
William Harrow
Brig Genl

[Written on the back side of the letter.]
Louisville, Ky. Sept 18, 64
Harrow, William
Brig. Genl Vols.

States that ten men were left on a platform with only ten legs at least a half mile from any accommodations in Nashville, Tenn.

2301 9/19/1864 *From:* Col Kilburn
Chf C.S.

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2249

Hilton Head

Source: Bowdoin

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United States Military Telegraph

By Telegraph from Hilton Head

Dated [ca Sept 19, 1864] 1864 [The date had been written in pencil]

To Genl Howard Comdg

I have turned over to Col Remick the cargo of Str Patapsco consisting of two hundred thousand rations hard bread and five hundred thousand rations each of coffee and sugar.

I will also give him three hundred large cattle in addition to what has been sent up to yesterday. The Patapsco I have requested the Qr Master here to send as high up broad river as she can go and there be lighted to McKies landing. The Louise I am afraid will be sent to report at Savannah but the Lewisburg will be given us instead.

We ought to have two boats at least to lightner. The Neptune will ply between Head & Beaufort with cattle. She can make only about two trips daily on account of bad wharf. She will carry about sixty five 65 cattle at a trip. Col Conklin and Col Remick also Capt Owens are here, with the three hundred thousand and over of hard bread in the Harbor at Beaufort. I can easily give your whole army fifteen days supply of meats, hard bread, sugar, & coffee if the Qr Mr Dept will give us transportation to Land.

Col Kilburn
Chf C.S.

[Written on the back page]
Hilton Head
Col. Kilburn chf C.S.

Has turned over to Col. Remick, the cargo of the Patapsco.

2302 9/19/1864 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2250

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Sept. 19th 1864

Dearest

I hope you get letters from me. I have received none from you since the one dated the 25th of Aug. There must be some on the way.

I went to Leeds last Thursday to attend the funeral – Mr and Mrs Wingate and myself – we stayed one night and took Aunt Fanny home with us. Mother is all worn down and looks ten years older than when I saw her in July. I wish she was not going to have so much care this Fall. It is too hard, she ought to have rest.

I sometimes think Charlie ought to come home. Dell is just good for nothing to take care of and watch over Mother. Mrs Ames was of the greatest assistance to them.

I wish everything in Leeds could be sold as some think it might. Dell thinks he can do just as well, and carry on the business as well as his Father. Poor boy he don't know what he has lost.

Mother has worked enough in her life and now ought to be relieved from every care. I wish I could do for her as I would.

Guy is now going to school and I will send best love and close this. We are all well this morning.

Your own Lizzie

2300 9/18/1864 *From:* David P.
Conyngham

To: Major General [OO]
Howard

OOH-2251

Atlanta

Commanding Army of the
Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Atlanta, Sept 18th 1864

Major General Howard
Commanding Army of the Tennessee
General

I am Collecting Materials for writing "Shermans Campaign in Georgia". I have made arrangements with a publishing house in New York for bringing it out.

I intend giving short biographical sketches and engravings of the most distinguished Generals.

Would you do me the favor of letting me have copies of official orders and important documents since the opening of the campaign. Also, a short sketch of your life – perhaps some of the staff could let me have McPhersons life. I would also like to have a photograph for the copy my engraving. Hoping that I am not intruding on your kindness.

I have the honor to be
General, your obt. st.
David P. Conyngham, N.Y.H Correspondent
Atlanta Post-Office

2303 9/20/1864 *From:* W. T. Sherman
Maj. Genl.

To: Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2252

Atlanta

Source: Bowdoin

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U.S. Military Telegraph

Sept 20th 1864

By Telegraph from Atlanta Sept 20th 1864

To Gen Howard

Genl Thomas will send two (2) of Garrards Brigade to Kilpatrick & order him to <well> down toward Fayetteville & Lovejoys. Support him if necessary only so far as is consistent with the times and to discover what Hood is about. I will have spies tonight at Macon to watch which way he goes. I think he will move back to Macon & Sand Town or to Richmond.

W. T. Sherman

Maj. Genl.