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By Telegraph from

Atlanta 21

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To

Gen Howard

The Genl wishes if possible that you put some persons on the track of Hood and find out where he is going. He has been trying to get ant persons from here but does not succeed in finding a person that is worth much or reliable.

L M Dayton
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L. M. Gayton

C. D. C.

By Telegram from

21. 1864

of

Wishes Genl. Hood
the track of the

Columbian Hospital, Washington, D. C.,
Sep. 21st, 1864.

My dear Genl:

I have been appointed, by the President, through Brig. Genl. W. S. Ketchum, to this place, where I arrived and entered on active duty on Thursday last, and am grieved to find a "thorn in the flesh," in the shape of a malicious opposition from some of the underlings in E. Tenn. who have slanderously denounced me to the Sec. of War, as a rebel, and unworthy my position.

My good friend, Maj. Pelouze suggests that, as you were in London, and saw something of me, you can do me a great service by favoring me with a few lines, in refutation of these reports, which seek the ruin of myself and family.

I add, by way of apology for this intrusion, that my anxiety prompts the course I have here taken, and that a good word from you may effectually serve an old servant of the Lord, who desires to do his humble duty.

Praying that your friends may
watch over and protect you, I am, with
much esteem,

Your Obliged humble Servt.
William Vaux,
Chaplain U. S. A.

Majr. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Com^d Depart. Tennessee,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Boston Sep 22. 1864

Dear General

Soon after my arrival at home my sister wrote you a few lines which you rec'd as I learn by a letter from Chas.

I have been at home eleven weeks, during six of which I have been confined to my room, at first having been sick four weeks and subsequently suffering under an attack of dysentery.

I returned from the Country day before yesterday and now for the first time find a convenient opportunity to write to you as I have wished to do ever since my sudden departure from Camp at Big Shanty. At that time I had no idea of

of returning home. My decision
to come was not made without
sincere regret at leaving your
Staff & giving up the opportunity
of going through the Campaign.

I have wished to write that
I might tell you of the very
great pleasure to myself with
which I served my short time
with you, and the satisfaction
with which I look back upon
my brief Soldiers life as a mem-
ber of your Staff. I shall not
cease to regret my inability to
continue in the Service, which
by your kindness I would have
been enabled to enter under
such pleasant & favorable cir-
cumstances. With an increased
experience and better health I
think my highest satisfaction

would be to serve with you and
do some small part toward
finishing the great work of the
war. I have wished also to
write General and apologize for
coming away without any ex-
plicit authority from you. I
requested Charles to send me
such documents as might be neces-
sary, but did not wait for his reply.
My impression however was that it
was a matter of little consequence,
but it has since occurred to me
that perhaps I assumed more lib-
erty than I ought. If so, it was
from misapprehension of my true
relation to you and the Service. It
was not intentional desertion.

I have rejoiced very much
in your success and in that of
Genl Sherman's Army. Allow me

to congratulate you upon your
accession to the Command of the
Army of the Tennessee. Your
responsibility & labors must be
I should think largely increased
by the change. I often wish that
I could stand at the old desk &
do a little miteing for you.

Roland mites me that
Col. Howard was not with you
at the fall of Atlanta. He also
mites under date of Sept. 22^d
that they had not heard from
you since the battle of Jonesboro
and were feeling anxious about
your health. R. is going to
Worcester next week to attend
the meeting of the Am. Board.

He mites of your Father's death
news of which has doubtless reached
you. If Charles has returned,
as I hope he has safely, please

(2^d Sheet)

give my regards to him and
thanks for his letter of Aug. 6.

We are rejoicing over good
news lately from the Shenandoah
and Mobile. Gold and prices
are falling rapidly. May the
hearts and strength of the
Copperheads sink with them.

On Sunday Evg. I attended
for the first time since my
return an evening meeting at
Dr. Stone's Church. It was chiefly
devoted to prayer for the
soldier and the Army. Every
morning this week at 8 o'clock
they have a prayer meeting
for this purpose. Dr. S. in
speaking of God's hand visible
in the war, alluded to the
voluntary change of the troops

at Mission Ridge (4th Corps, was it
not?) and said, "Who animated
those men to go forward?
Who ordered that charge?
The Command came from no
human lips, - no banner
visible to human eyes floated
before them, but God Almighty
himself led them on, and
breached into them the
spirit of victory." He is free to
the brim of grace & love for the
Army.

I am going to Portland
tomorrow for a visit and
hope to make Kenland a
short call at Farmington before
I return. My letter is already
too long General. I hope it
will find you well. If you
come home in the fall or

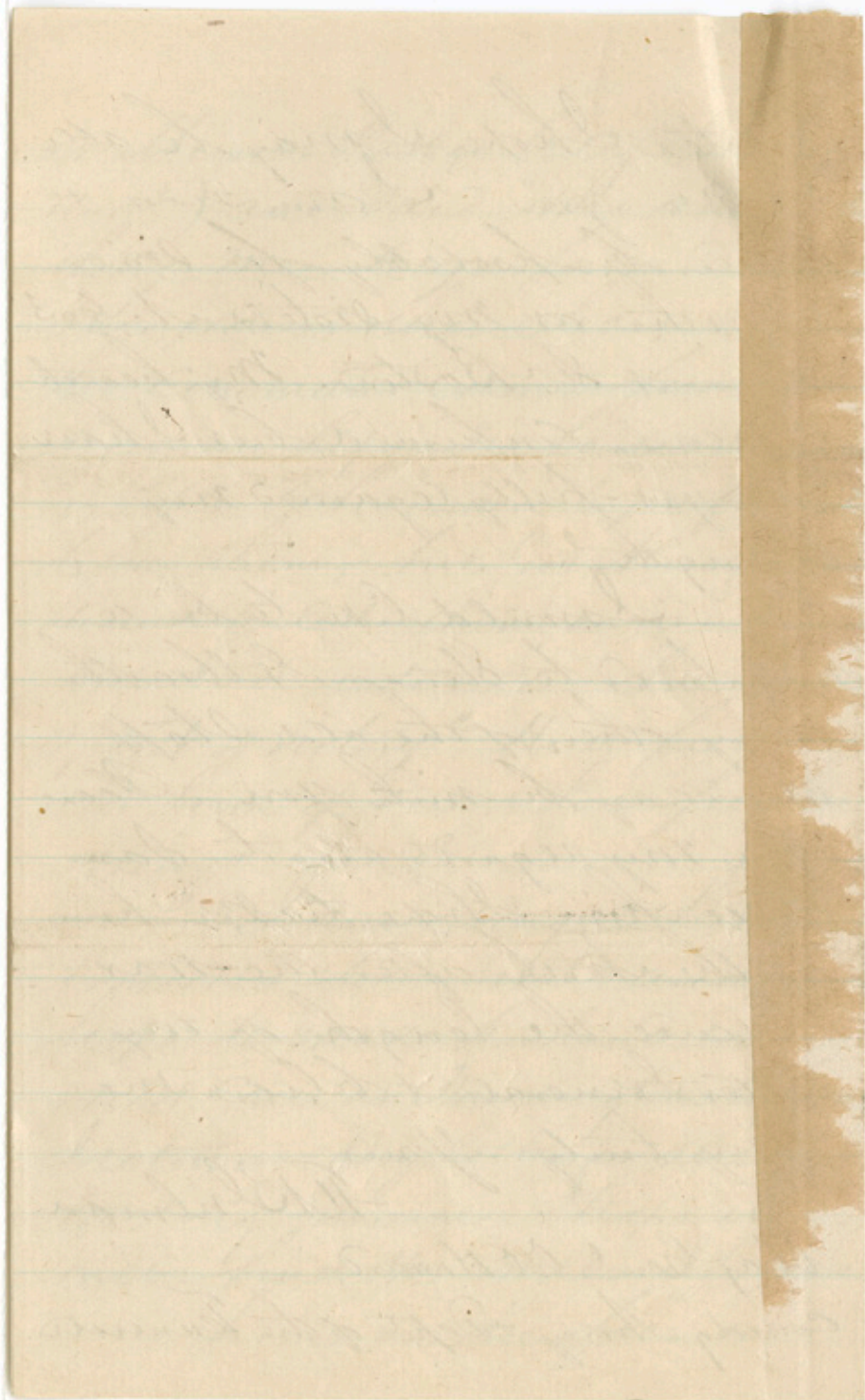
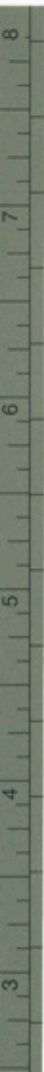
to winter I hope I may be able
to see you. I am now &
shall be probably for some
months at my sisters, No. 603
Tremont St. Boston. My health
is nearly confined, but I have
not yet fully regained my
strength.

I would like to be re-
membered to Stinson, Gibbith
& any other of the old staff
who may be with you. Please
give my regards also to Sam
& tell him I hope to see him
at the North after the war.

Excuse the length of my
letter I enclose & believe me
very truly yours,

H. B. Gilman.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,
Comdg Army & Dept of the Tennessee.



Hd. Mr. New East Point. Va.
Army and Sept. Term.

September 22nd 1864

Dear Sir

I have not written any-
body and have done scarcely anything
else since I began my reports. Col Fullerton
came over and patiently assisted me in
running up the "Hunts Corps" report which
was some 60 pages of Comdr. Martin's paper
and then I gave my attention to the
Department report. Capt. Libbelle helped
me writing as I dictated. Capt. Beebe
Fanning's cousin copied. This again
made quite a volume. There was more
work as I had to compile from notes,
letters, orders & other people's reports.
More work for the time before I
took command than after. Gen.
Sherman says the report was much
more "life like" after I took com-
mand. Now the work is done I
feel quite free. Just as I was closing

These letters came on from you
on your little box from Portland.
I felt sure they contained bad
news and put off opening them
for some time. I went to bed first
and for a few minutes seemed to
realize that Father was dead, but
I did not seem to feel much. I am
much occupied and I think very
nearly callous. What a good father.
How kind. How considerate, what
a warm welcome at every visit. I
believe Father loved me in his way
very much. No word of reproach or
censure from him that I can remember.
and I think I never said a disrespectful
word to him. Mr. Thomas' characteris-
tics are much like those of my father;
he. While I was under his command,
placed confidence in me and never
changed it. Sweet, manly, almost stern
in his deportment, an earnest man
and true to him. Father had strong

prejudices or rather strong judgments,
if he thought a man ^{once} a vessel, he
could not credit ~~any~~ information. True
in his intentions ^{now many years} and ~~strictly~~ honest in his
purposes, I do not wonder that his
character grew so fixed that it did
not change on the approach of death.
Who can say that he did not feel God
and keep his commandments. That
his early training made him see through
a glass darkly, that Christ's countenance
was not so clearly visible as to give him
a full assurance I believe, but I expect
to meet my noble father in Heaven. Let
you see the ability to live as uprightly
as he. I don't think water runs, but fruits
tell the character of the tree. May he
rest in peace. My poor mother is again
alone, but she will be happy with
Howard for the present. I hope she
will now be able to have a peaceful
age, and no more care, that our heavenly
Father be Spirit, before her rest.

about five weeks in the present, being
almost altogether in the future. I
in honor of opposition has come
in war, but I long for peace, for my
home, wife, children; for the others
when friends will only fall by disingenuous
and have time to think of them are
absent is I think. at Nashville, but not
on his way back. My ~~other~~ ^{other} commands
are all away and here. There are with
not let me go. I had mentioned a plan
to send ~~Chambers~~ ^{Chambers} for you & the two
youngest & if my father would stay with
Mr. Johnson, to come to Michigan and
but - and meet me on my return from
the Miss. Capt. Libbitt would be glad to
take you back after the visit, but
the inflexible Sherman says no. I
cannot go to the Mississippi. I do
not see how I could leave my
engagement. I hope, however, peace is
far off. The rebels are plucky, but they
are wrong & are giving out. I agree with
you about Julia. I feel badly that you have not
in hand but I will reward you. If all other
things had done to that would have been
less suffering. I ~~am~~ ^{am} an abolitionist but in
every sense a practical one. The negro
must be employed & instructed, clothed

My heart draws me towards you & the
children, and I am thinking about you
coming West, but the school privileges are
so much better where you are than any-
where in the West that I hesitate about
my proposition to form a new home.
We are all the while hoping that peace is
not far distant. There is a great deal of
Union sentiment in Georgia, but every-
where has been that for a long time
a very fearful tyranny. I believe Gen.
Sherman will accomplish his portion of
the campaign before winter, if he succeeds
the matter will put on a different complexion.
If present it is hard for me to anticipate
when I shall be or what I shall do. Only
a small part of the Army of the "Sea" is
here - and Gen. Canby has the military
control of the force along the ships.
Whether I shall be able to take some part
control the entire department or remain
with this portion of the Army in the field
depends very much with Gen. Sherman.
If he makes a full winter campaign, I
very much app. will stay in

shall doubtless soon want one of
the columns under him. So you
perceive how uncertain I feel as to
future movements. If you were at
Richmond Indiana with the children, I
could reach you sooner driving the bulls
in operations. You can think about it tell
me what you think. I have now got three
little visitors. Flora Miles, a pretty little lady
one year smaller than Anne. Spurgeon
Sydney & Jerome Sydney - two boys, twins
six years old. They are children of people
who were born in the North. At least
little Flora is. She talks very freely & freely
and is a nice little lady. We encamped on
one of her father's farms near Jonesboro &
brought him Flora & her mother ^{to this place} on the
ambulance. We gave them empty wagons ^{to go} to
bring his good blankets. He & his wife ^{now}
from New Hampshire is originally. General Sherman
is banishing all the people from Atlanta
North and South as they individually
saw elect. I found the father & mother
of a man at West Point - Mr. & Mrs.

solomons. They have an elegant house
and the earliest furniture. It looks
not to see them at 40 years obliged
to lean down Tall. At the begin-
ning of the war he says he was worth
14500 dollars for which he was taxed
and now he can scarcely raise enough
to go to Nashville with. He don't
think they have gained much by war.
They seem to have a good many studies.
Tell him again & again from papa that
it is all important to get every lesson he
undertakes well. It is not how much, but
how well. I am glad he has so happy a
time during his visit. Mrs. Brandon will
be very happy with her. Uncle Howland
says she is a dear good girl and Jamie
how does he ^{that} ~~him~~ with troublesome will of
his. Hope you & Nancy are well. We have
a beautiful Woodcock here. An arbor of pine
~~branches~~ ^{branches} shelters the front along the entire
line of tents, and another globe like is in
my front near the play stuff. One night on

cool and one day not unpleasantly
hot almost always a pleasant breeze
in fact so far as the weather is con-
cerned we have had a delightful summer.

I am afraid now that commerce in cotton
is again open that the mails will
bring us bad news from further. I opened a
letter from Portland to Charles since our
return to Worcester. Martin was dying on the
last evening week - with a good deal of
fortitude but he fears no fault - I
think further an upright man - He has
been a true father to me and if his
spirit can not seize upon the brightest
of the promises I have cherished the Saviour -
still God will send him to bless him -

would not I might see him again I shall
write him but I fear not. I thank
the dear - the more incision of the illness
will all be pardoned to you upon this
yesterday - much love to all the children
except Simon is rather weak but does not
believe and I hope is slowly improving

It will be published in a few
days, and my knowledge of your
own literary & scholarly tastes
induces me to send it to you,
although your unremitting at-
tention to military duties may
not allow much time to attend to
such productions. You can
at all events, receive as a testimo-
-ny of my high regard for your
character as a man and as
a soldier

With respectful
Yours

Taylor Lewis

My Gen

O. O. Howard

Amos (Maj) Schumaday Sept 23 1864
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My dear Sir

I thank you for your attention
to my request, and your favorable
reception of it. I have an ex-
-treme reluctance to trouble you in
the midst of your duties which
you are so nobly fulfilling,
but you will pardon my the
interruption I feel in this dear boy
of mine. I do not know as
I mentioned that he had rec'd
a commission as Major in the
119th, but it had been so re-
-voked that it was unavail-
-ing to him, the regiment being re-
-liefed from the line and then

Although suffering from
a stroke, which sent him to
the hospital for a few days,
he fought steadily on from

The first movement from Chattanooga
in May, through all the severe
fights, and was in the hottest of
the engagement near Atlanta
on the 20th of July. After that
suffering much in health he
resigned his captaincy, and
came home. The Majorcy has
been given to another but it is
of no account in the present
state of the regiment. Having
been home several years, he is imp-
atient to return to the army.

I am satisfied that the line
- service is too hard for him.
He needs no exposure in the
battle field, but his wounds
make me fear for him in
the hardships of the camp.
His ^{left} arm is stiff from the ~~wound~~
wound received at Chancellville,

but it does not at all prevent him from
managing a horse. I understand
your difficulties, but still hope
that you will be able to find some
position for him on your own
staff, or elsewhere.

I trust it will not be deemed
impertinent in me to say that I am pre-
paring a little book or pamphlet, to
which I have given much study, &
which I hope may be of ^{some} service
in the present crisis of our beloved
Country. It is a comparison be-
-tween the Grecian States and our
own - being mainly an attempt to
show the mischief which their de-
-tention of autonomy, or "State Sover-
-ignty", did, in destroying ^{all} true nation-
-ality in that ever warring land.
The more I study it, the more
striking do I find the parallels ⁱⁿ
- the effects of the similar per-
-nicious dogma among ourselves.

Houlton Maine Sept. 24. '64

Maj. General Howard,

My Dear Sir,

I will not take much of your precious time in reading a long letter. You may not remember me, but I have observed you since with the liveliest interest since I shook you by the hand on that early morn-
ing in Augusta, when you left with the 3^d Maine Volunteers. We were born in adjoining towns, (Leeds & Monmouth) fitted under the same teacher. Mr. N. J. True who by the way, has returned to the old school again, - graduated at the same College, but since then our lives have been as far different as the air of War and Peace can make them. I followed the business of teaching about 15 years. lost my wife and only child, lost my health, and finally lost every cent I possessed by this accursed Rebellion. At the time

out of the way. I am looking
a book store, in Guthrie Randolph
County Georgia, which is about 200
miles south of Atlanta, I sold myself
but lost every thing I had, Since then
I have been keeping a little bookstore
in this far away corner of N. E. Maine.

Now you have my story in brief, and
with it I wish to make a request,

If it is practicable I would like to
go to ~~the~~ Atlanta with a stock of books
and stationery and if possible retrieve
my lost property. You know all the
difficulties in the way and all the ad-
vantages, at this distance I know nothing
about them, If it is not asking too
much I would like to have you return
the inclosed inclosure, and if you have
no more time give me a simple an-
swer to the question: Is it practicable?

Very truly yours

Milton Welch,

May, Gen. A. C. Howard

morning. I don't think you will have
to pay a very large tax. I hear Chang
crying I will leave this now.
Monday Evening. Sept. 26th I have allowed
my letter to remain here all day waiting
for a large envelope to put all these papers
into. I have seen Dr. Duncan and shall
call on his wife at the 'standby house' tomorrow.
I was coming up the hill not long after
the cars came in with Jamie. He stopped
to pick up something and as I turned I saw
this officer coming behind me. and when he overtook
me he asked if it was Mrs. Howard and when he
found it was and he "was not mistaken", he
said he had a letter for me, then I knew
it must be Dr. Duncan. He walked home
with me, and then I walked down to Mrs. S.
Mrs. S. and I are to call on his wife in
the morning and I shall invite them to come and stay
at one during the remainder of their visit.
Lizzie goes over to the Quaker also. Mr and Mrs
Pitts were at Mrs. Stinsons this afternoon. Late
and I must close. With best love from your
Overliss

Augusta. Sept. 24th 1864.
Saturday Evening. 1/2 past nine
Dearest.
I have just returned from Mrs
Stinsons. I went down to see the Capt.
who arrived at four o'clock. I do not
think you can possibly leave at present.
I know you must have a great deal to
attend to and cannot spare the time.
Charlie will come will he not? on
Mother's account I want him to very
much. The Capt. gave me your message
"to return with him". I think I will
have ample time to get ready. I fear
I won't see you before the next campaign
and that must not be for distant. I wish
it was all over. I can't help being a little
impatient sometimes. Grace went to Leeds
last Wednesday. Mother said she would be
a great deal of company for her, and Grace likes
to stay. I want to go out again before it

gets to be very cold weather. I like to go
by carriage best. We are all quite well now
and Guy is very happy to know we are ~~soon~~
soon to leave the whole house. But I
rather dread fitting up this old house.

I fear if you stay away much longer you
will find me - not house-keeping. I think
I am able to look after and provide for
the welfare of the children, but there I
would like to stop. Would'nt it be splendid
if Mother could be with me and oversee
my commissary department, it would be as
much as she ought to do, and be enough
to keep her busy. I don't know what to
do with Julia and her children but to
keep her a while longer. She says
she has no idea of marrying this man,
- hoping to be found by Messrs Colcland (Coland)
who went with Col. Bird one month before she left Athens.
I will let it all rest hoping something will
turn up in my favor before a great while.
I miss Grace very much but as Miss Woodman
has given up her school to a stranger and it is

not so pleasant as it was. I am willing she
should stay all winter. I don't know but
it is a wrong feeling but I do feel relieved
from care, and have less anxiety when she is
alone with Grandmother. I do not like
to have her or Jamie play with Martha and
Fanny. They are more civilized than they were,
and I think Julia does not punish them so severely
as she did. But she talks to them in such a
way, that I shudder when my children hear it.
Sunday Evening. You will think, Dearest, that
I have opened my mind pretty freely to you
of late as regards my trials and troubles, but
I told you Atlanta was taken and you
now must hear them. I asked Capt S. if you
were in earnest when speaking of making a change
of home. He thought you were, "if you could get the
time, and effect the change &c you could get
to see us often." I like Mrs Jackson very much,
her example is excellent, and she always has a
good word for the children. She is worth a dozen
Parilla's. I will enclose this with some
papers that were left at the door the other

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By Telegraph from

Nashville

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To

Gen Howard

I require Treasury permit to
ship the special Treasury agt
as Nashville seems indisposed
to send sufficient to fill
transportation will forward
good soon as Treasury agts
will permit No money has
been rec'd here to pay the
troops

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To

Gen. Howard

I have no doubt
Knox has resolved to throw
himself on our flanks to
prevent our accumulating
stores &c here trusting to
our not advancing into
Georgia. Some Cavalry got possession
of Athens yesterday. I think
I will send a Division from
Thomas to Bridgeport & the
balance of the one you have
at Rome. Big Corpses so as to
retain case the Enemy put
himself up west of the
Tomb. Let Corpses get all ready

W. T. Sherman
M. Genl.

Telegram

Wm. S. B. Griffiths

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To

Gen Howard.

Your Brother is here & I will
start him to you at 8 o'clock

L M Dayton
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Capt. L. M. Dayton

A. D. C.

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To

In relation to Genl. C. M. Smith

L. M. Dayton

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To

Gen Howard

Gold was quoted yesterday in Cincinnati at 195 and in New York at 200 also that Sheridan had continued to drive the Rebels up Valley didn't stop to take prisoners but made it a point to demoralize the Rebel Army It is said he captured 16 pieces of artillery - We are momentarily expecting our usual report when it comes will send it to you in full.

Smith

Manager.

Atlanta Sept. 26

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movements up the Valley

movements up the Valley

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To

Maj Gen Sherman.

The richmond Engr
of Saturday reports that Beauregard
has been assigned to the command
of the army in Ga that his
star ever led to victory &
his very name inspires
Confidence of success. news
came to the Navy Dept via
Memphis & Cairo that Mobile
has surrendered I do not
credit it Sheridan has pushed
up the valley to Newmarket

E M Stanton

Sec War.

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Johnson's Island Ohio. Sep. 27th 1864.

Capt. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Comdg. army of the Tennessee.

General.

I take the liberty of an old West Point classmate and former friend, to request your good offices in effecting for me a special exchange or parole to return South. My reason is in brief, that my health is failing, and the almost certainty of a fatal termination should I be doomed to pass another winter in prison this far north. I was formerly Lt. Col. Comdg. 2nd N. C. Battn. U. S. A. but on the reorganization of my command was defeated and thrown out. Whereupon I was tendered the position of Vol. A. & D. C. in Brig. Gen. Daniel's staff, in which capacity I was serving at the time of my capture in a wounded train, just after the battle of Gettysburg, July 4th 1863. I have ever since been in prison, and for the last six months suffering from Chronic Sore throat and a strong predisposition to pulmonary disease. Should you General evince a disposition to help me

not doubting your ability so to do, I feel assured
that your overtures will be met in a cordial
spirit by our mutual acquaintance General
J. B. Hood, Com'dg. C. S. A. of Tennessee.
Regretting the necessity of troubling you, I am,
Gen. with high respect your obt. Servt.

Wharton J. Green.

Col. A. D. C.

in late Brig. Gen. James Daniel's staff.

Delate Prisoners of War.
Johnson Island, Ohio
Sept. 29th 1864.

Green, Wharton J.
Col. A. D. C. C. S. A.

Ask a Chat - Genl. How
and many intercede
for his exchange.

Grace is with her grand-
mother at Leeds & is
both soci- & help for
her - Sarah talks of going
to Richmond, Ind. by the
middle of Oct. - I wonder
if the foliage in Geo. is as
brilliant as here - Ella
is quite busy making
an Album of Autumnal
leaves - Clara Davis is
still in town - Nellie
is engaged in quite
a large business of per-
mit for him & Mother
seems to fear that he
will not make much. But
I think he will do
well - Ella joins me in
love to you & Charles - Truly
Yours
Rowland

I feel to send best wishes in Worcester at A.

Dear Brother

Hamington Sept. 28th
We have heard
nothing from you since Charles
left, but do not feel so
anxious as we would did
we not know that you de-
pended on him so much
to write. My last letter
from him was dated at
New Orleans the 13th and as
he was to start up river the
next morn. he is probably
with you by this time unless
the Rebel raids prevented.
I wrote you both as soon
as father died & wrote you
quite a full acct. of the
funeral - which letters I
hope you have received.
I enclose a letter from
Mother - by which you will

notice that her cares, her
state of health & her af-
fliction are telling sensibly
upon her spirits = I want
if possible everything closed
up at Leeds - and Mother
come & live with us with
frequent visits to her other
children = With us her religious
& social privileges will
always be good and she
will be thrown among a
clasp of Christian people that
she cannot help loving, but
I shall prep nothing, leaving the
future to be providentially de-
veloped = Sheridan's victory
& the consequent reduction in
the price of gold have caused
a very cheerful feeling
throughout the country = Wal-
ter's are coming in
fast = Our towns quotations

been filled without draft-
ing by a very fair set of
men = I am delighted
with Sherman's letter to
the Mayor of Atlanta & Howell =
He has a way of putting
things in writing that is
almost as good as a
victory at arms = McCallan
stock is very low, hardly
to be found in the market
here = His old friends were
disgusted at the platform
& Vice President, and the
Copperhead per se, has no
sympathy with Mac's war
& Union talk = Since the
Chicago Convention all
things seem to work togeth-
er for good to the Union cause =
Mother has counted some-
what on seeing Charles
this fall - Will she?

U. S. Military Telegraph.

[Sept. 28, 1864]

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By Telegraph from

Atlanta Ga.

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To Maj Gen Howard

Have you had the Country
reconsidered between your
right & Mt Gilead Church
Gen Kilpatrick wants to
strengthen his right If you
can support his left by
pickets near Mt Gilead

M L Elliott

Per Sept 28

Telegram
U. S. Military Telegraph
Genl. Eliott

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By Telegraph from

Received
Dear Genl. Eliott
In relation to reconnaissance
ing the country, &c.

Very respectfully,
Yours,
M. J. C.

U. S. Military Telegraph.

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By Telegraph from

Kilpatrick

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To

Maj Gen Howard.

A Column of Rebel Cavalry
Moved up the Chattahoochee
river this afternoon on the
opposite side and established
pickets on the Sweetwater I
have no news that Hood
is crossing the River if
he is crossing he should
or would establish pickets
on the Sweetwater

Kilpatrick
Surg Genl Comdg
Div

Telegram

Genl. Kilpatrick

Genl. Kilpatrick

Sept. 29th 1864.

A column of rebel troops
marched up the Chattahoochee
River.

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

East Point, Sept. 29th 1864

Dearest - I get so homesick that I can hardly
contain myself, particularly while I am lying
idle. I have tried to get away to inspect the
posts and troops on the river, but Gen. Sherman
will not consent, not knowing how soon my
services may be required. If I went to the
river, I think I should write you strongly to
take a trip West and meet me at Richmond or
Louisville. Something will happen shortly, so
~~that~~ I am sure this fall, probably. If it were
not for brotherly love and the children
among good friends I should favor a
Western trip with them all. I can't help thinking
of Mr. Smith (Baldy) and wife meeting at Louisville
and then leaving their only child. If anything should

happen to one of the children in consequence
of the noise, we would reflect much upon ourselves.
Yet it might be not only pleasant but
positively beneficial to the children, if
I should send home such Charles as an
escort. Mr. Thomas says he has not seen his
wife for three years and thinks he deserves
to do so: he therefore sends for her &
Mrs. Davis to come to Atlanta. I would be
delighted to see if you were included in the
party, but I would not risk you over this road
from Nashville to Atlanta. Charles has got
back, but he finds it a terrible trip. A bad collision
occurred on the Nashville and Chattanooga
many were injured, but he escaped. Three or
four times more on the same line. The
passenger cars got off the track, the freight cars
up & rolled but left no signal out: so that

[illegible]

But think best by I shall let him go home.
I will enclose a draft for \$2.00 on the
Apt. Lumber - No 218, issued from
Louisville Ky Sept. 16th 1864. Payable
to the order of Mrs E. A. Howard. You have
not written me whether a check sent you
from Chattanooga by Express was ever
received. I think it started about the middle
of August. I find it was \$30 dolls & 25 cents
sent - Sent August 4th. I have the receipt
from the Express company. This much I owe
to all the children - Now and Mother will
write me about every thing there - How
is Mother; is Fannie at home?
You were thinking of going to Leeds, when
you closed your letter - I have written
you since - With much love
and a committling you to the living
God - Your affectionate husband
Otis

Treasury Department.

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Office of the General Agent,

Cincinnati, O. Sept. 29th 1864.

General :

Your permit to Mr. George F. Marble to establish a Store at your camp under General Sherman's Order of Sept. 17. was this day presented to me by his partner Mr. Porter

Neither General Sherman's order nor your permit names the monthly amount of goods to be permitted, but names two and a half tons per day. This Mr. Porter estimates will amount to \$5,000. or \$6,000. per day, or \$150,000; and upwards per month.

I have granted them authority for \$25,000. per month, which will answer for their present shipment. I also promised to communicate with you and General Sherman upon the subject and if you desired they should have so large a

monthly amount, and would so state in your permit, I would give the authority and instructions to permit officers to carry out your wishes.

I have written to General Sherman calling his attention to the matter, and will feel obliged if you will confer with him and inform me by telegraph of the result.

I have suggested that the amount be divided, and the same rule be applied by you which I have adopted in regard to Supply Stores generally; viz, to confine them exclusively to persons who have lost their health or limbs in the service of the Country.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and will carry out your wishes whatever they may be, the amount

of supplies per month being stated in
your permit.

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

W^m P. Mellen

General Agent Treasury Department

Major General O. O. Howard

Commanding Dept. at the Tennessee

East Point, Georgia.

Waltham, 31st P.
Chesterburg Agents.

Enclosed - C. S. 29, 15644.



Augusta. Sept. 30. 1864.

Dearest,

I have been writing to Grace and wish to write you also to night, but it is almost too late to accomplish much. Dr. Duncan came Monday. I have not time to write you all about his stay at Augusta - will leave that for him. He went first to the Stanley house - the same evening started to deliver your letter and overtook Jamie and I coming up Bridge St. I turned to look after Jamie and saw this officer coming and he recognized me by the photograph you have. I called to see them the next morning, stopping to engage the carriage on my way down to take them to ride in the afternoon. But found ^{at the stable} the Dr. had got ahead of me. I had invited them to come to the house from Mrs. Stinson where we ^{all} were to take tea. But soon Mr. Gilbreath

came in with a message from his wife to spend
the night and next day with them. I consented
providing he would bring them to me immediately
after dinner as I feared they would leave
the following morning. and my visit would
be very short. I invited Gen. and Mrs. Hobson
Mr. Mc Hargie, and Mr. & Mrs. Mulliken to meet
them in the evening. at supper. The next
morning I persuaded them to remain one
day longer. then I sent for Mrs. S. and Harry
to come to dinner. and Maj. & Mrs. Silbush
with Mr. H. and Harry to supper. I wanted Maj. and
Mrs. S. the first evening but could not get word
to them till too late for them to accept.

I hope his visit to Maude was a pleasant one.
Isn't he an original character? He has
a very interesting little wife. We are well,
and Grace still at Leeds. I hope to go out
there soon. I wish to see Mother very much.
I think Charlie will come home but I hardly
expect you at present. I had a pleasant letter
from Grace this week. Good night from you
over loving Lizzie

Chattanooga Tenn September 30th 1864

General

Having had the honor and pleasure of serving in the fourth Army Corps during the late successful Campaigns on Atlanta, as well as the entire time you commanded the same: as First Commanding the rifle Section of the 5th Ind. Battery, and as the battery is soon to be mustered out of the service, together with its officers and being anxious to still serve the cause in some capacity after a brief visit home. I desire (if agreeable to you) a letter of recommendation to the military authorities of our State.

I am aware that in making this request I ask for more than I could anticipate. but I have endeavored for the last three years and three months, upon every field of strife, and at all times, to truly and faithfully discharge my duties as a soldier and now at the close of my term of enlistment I wish to reenter the service and your letter will assist me in obtaining the desired position in view.

Truly grateful
for your many words of cheer and encouragement, upon some of the battle fields of the late eventful and memorable campaigns.

I remain General

Your st. Servt

J. F. Collins
5th Ind Battery

Major Gen. C. Q. Howard
Comd'g Dept. of Tenn

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Oct 24. 1864.

Respectfully referred to
Capt. Bridges, Chf. of Engrs.
of 4th A. E. with the re-
quest that of Capt. Bridges
deems Lt. Allison accordingly he
will write a letter recom-
mending him and send
it here for my endorsement.

Respectfully

E. D. Johnson

Major Genl.

Head Quarters 1st A. E.

Potomac. Stearns. Chas. Stearns

Respectfully forwarded
to. Maj. Genl. Army, Capt. Stearns
Thos. G. Bellison, Asst. Chf.
Engrs. Organ troops better
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State. Asst. Chf. Engrs. Stearns
recommends him to assist in
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for endorsement. Thomas Stearns
Capt. Chas. Stearns

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