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2305 9/21/1864

*From:* William Vaux  
Chaplain U.S.A.  
Columbian Hospital,  
Washington, D.C.

*To:* Majr. Genl. O.O. Howard

Com'dg Depart. Tennessee,  
Atlanta, Georgia

OOH-2254

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 "horn 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. Pelowze suggests that, as you were in Loudon, 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 served an old servant of the Lord, who desires to do his humble duty.

Praying that a gracious Providence 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'dg Depart. Tennessee,  
Atlanta, Georgia

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2306 9/22/1864     *From:* F. B. Gilman

*To:* Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2255

Boston

Comdg Army & Dept of the  
Tennessee

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 Charles.

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 Bit Shanty. At that time I had no idea 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 member 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 circumstances. 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 explicit authority from you. I requested Charles to send me such documents as might be necessary, 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 liberty 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 writing for you.

Rowland writes me that Col Howard was not with you at the fall of Atlanta. He also writes under date of Sept. 22d 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 writes of your Fathers death, news of which has doubtless reached you. If Charles has returned, as I hope he has safely, please give my regards to him and thanks for his letter of Augt 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'clk they have a prayer meeting for this purpose. Dr. S. in speaking of God's hand visible in the War, alluded to the voluntary charge of the troops at Mission Ridge (4th Corps, was it not?) and said, "Who animated those heroic 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 breathed into them the spirit of victory." He is full to the brim of zeal & love for the Army.

I am going to Portland for a visit and hope to make Rowland 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 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 confirmed, but I have not yet fully regained my strength.

I would like to be remembered to Stinson, Gilbraith & any others 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 General & believe me very truly yours

F. B. Gilman

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

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2307 9/22/1864     *From:* [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2256

*Source:* Bowdoin

Hd. Qrs. Near East  
Point, Ga  
Army and Dept Tenn.

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Hd. Qrs. Near East Point, Ga  
Army and Dept Tenn.  
September 22nd 1864

Dearest,

I have not written anybody and have done scarcely anything else since I began my reports. Genl Fullerton came over and patiently assisted me in drawing up the Fourth Corps report which was some 60 pages of Court Martial paper, and then I gave my attention to the Department report. Capt Gilbreth helped me, writing as I dictated, Capt Beebe, Jeanny's cousin, copied. This again made quite a volume. It 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 command. Now the work is done I feel quite free.

Just as I was closing three letters came, one from you one from Dellie & one from Rowland. I felt sure they contained bad news and put off opening them for some time. I read Delly's 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 not really 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 anger from him that I can remember, and I think I never said a disrespectful one to him.

Gen. Thomas' characteristics are much like those of my father; he, while I was under his command, placed confidence in me and never changed it. Quiet, manly, almost <stern> in his deportment, an honest man can trust him.

Father had strong prejudices or rather strong judgments, if he thought a man once a rascal, he could not credit a reformation. Pure in his intentions for so 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. Wh can say that he did not fear 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. God grant me the ability to live as uprightly as he. I dont think works save, 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 Rowland for the present. I hope she will now be able to have a peaceful age, and no more care, that God may perfect her spirit, before her rest.

I dont live much in the present, but almost altogether in the future. To me honor & position has come in war, but I long for peace, for home, wife, children, for the time when friends will only fall by <disease> and have time to think of Heaven.

Charles is I think at Nashville tonight on his way back. My Corps commanders are all away and Gen. Sherman will not let me go. I had matured a plan to send Charles for you & the two youngest & if Guy & Grace would stay with Mrs Jackson, to come to Richmond Ind, and meet me on my return from the Miss. Capt. Gilbreth would be glad to take you back after the visit, but the inflexible Sherman says not. I cannot go to the Mississippi, & I do not see how I could leave my command. I hope, however, peace is not far off. The rebs. are plucky, but they are wrong & are giving out.

I agree with you about Julia. I feel badly that you have worked so hard but God will reward you. If all other ladies had done so there would have been less suffering. I am an abolitionist but in every sense a practical one. The negro must be employed & instructed, clothed. [Missing Page]

[See Note.]

My heart draws me towards you & the children, and I am thinking about your coming West, but the school privileges are so much better where you are than anywhere in the West that I hesitate about my proposition to form a new home. I am all the while hoping that peace is not far distant.

There is a great deal of Union Sentiment in Georgia, but every mouth has been shut for a long time by a fearful tyranny. I believe Gen Grant will accomplish his portion of the campaign before winter. If he succeeds matters will put on a different complexion. At present it is hard for me to anticipate where I shall be or what I shall do. Only a small part of the Army of the Tenn. is here, and Gen. Canby has the military control of the forces along the Miss. Whether I shall be able to take some post & control the entire department or remain with this portion of the Army in the field rests very much with Gen. Sherman. If he makes a fall & winter campaign, I shall doubtless command 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 during the lulls in operations. You can think about it & tell me what you think.

I have now got three little visitors, Flora Niles, a pretty little lady one year smaller than Grace, Springson Sylvey & Jerome Sylvey –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 & prettily and is a nice little lady. We encamped on one of her father's farms near Jonesboro & brought him, Flora & her mother on to this place in an ambulance. We gave three empty wagons to him in which to bring his goods & chattels. He & his wife were from New Hampshire i.e. originally. Gen. Sherman is banishing all the people from Atlanta North an South as they individually may elect. I found the father & mother of a mate at West Point –Mr & Mrs Solomons. They have an elegant house and the costliest furniture. It looks sad to see them at 70 years obliged to leave home & all. At the beginning of the war he says he was worth 175000 dollars for which he was taxed and now he can scarcely raise enough to go to Nashville with. He dont think they have gained much by war.

Guy seems to have a good many studies. Tell him again & again from papa that it is all important to get every lesson he undertakes well. I am glad he had so happy a time during his visit. Yes, Grandma will be very happy with Grace. Uncle Rowland says she is a dear good girl and Jamie how does he train with that troublesome will of his. I hope you & Chancy are well. We have a beautiful Head Qrs. here –an arbor of pine boughs shelters the front along the entire line of tents, and another grotto like is in my front near the flagstaff. Our nights are cool and our days not unpleasantly hot almost always a pleasant breeze. In fact so far as the weather is concerned we have had a delightful summer.

I am afraid now that our communication is again open that the mails will bring us bad news from father. I opened a letter from Rowland to Charles since our return to Atlanta. Father was lying on the bed growing weaker, with a good deal of fortitude, but R fears no faith. I think father an upright man. He had been a true father to me and if his spirit can not seize upon the brightest of the promises & love earnestly the Saviour, still God will lead him & bless him.

Would God I might see him again & talk with him, but I fear not. Atlanta, the draft, the nomination of McClellan will all be familiar to you before this gets home. Much love to all the children. Capt. Stinson is rather weak but does not bleed and I hope is slowly improving.

[Missing Closure]

[Note. The following pages (2 sheets, 4 sides) were glued to the above. However the abrupt change from the preceding paragraph to this one seemed odd. In these pages Otis speaks of the restored communication bringing "bad news from father", that he had not died, and yet the beginning of the letter speaks of his death and Otis goes on to reminisce about his father. I believe these pages belong to an earlier letter. ]

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2308 9/23/1864     *From:* Tayler Lewis

*To:* Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2257

Union College  
Schenectady

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Union College Schenectady Sept 23 1864

My dear Sir

I thank you for your attention to my request and your favorable reception of it. I have an extreme reluctance to trouble you in the midst of your duties which you are so nobly fulfilling but you will pardon the interest I feel for 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 reduced that it was unavailing to him, - the regiment being less than one hundred men.

Although suffering from a sunstroke, which send him to the hospital for a few days, he fought steadily on from the first movement from Chatanooga in May, through all the severe battles, 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 Majority has been given to another but it is of no account in the present state of the regiment. Having become strong again, he is <insistent> to return to the army.

I am satisfied that the line service is too hard for him. He dreads no exposure in the battle field, but his youth make me fear for him in the hardships of the camp. His left arm is stiff from the wound received at Chancellorsville, 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 preparing a little book [Note 1] 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 between the Grecian States and our own, being mainly an attempt to show the mischief which their custom of autonomy, or "State Sovereignty", did, in destroying all true nationality in that ever waning land. The more I study it, the more striking do I find the parallelisms is the effects of the similar pernicious dogma among ourselves. 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 attention to military duties may not allow much time to attend to such productions. You can, at all events, receive it as a testimony of my high regard for your character as a man and as a soldier.

With <respect & esteem>

Yours

Tayler Lewis [Professor of Greek, Union College]

Maj Gen O.O. Howard

[Note 1. The book referred to is "State Rights: a photograph from the ruins of ancient Greece", published by Weed, Parsons and Company, 1865.]

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2309 9/24/1864    *From:* Milton Walsh

*To:* Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2258

Houlton Maine

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 your career with the liveliest interest since I shook you by the hand on that early morning in Augusta, when you left with the 3d Maine Volunteers. We were born in adjoining towns, (Leeds & Monmouth) fitted under the same teacher, Mr. J.G. 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 acts 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 last every cent I possessed by this accursed Rebellion. At the <[torn page]> of the war, I was keeping a book store in Cuthbert Randolph County Georgia which is about 200 miles south of Atlanta, I saved myself but lost everything 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 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 advantages, at this distance. I know nothing about them. If it is not asking too much I would like to have you return the enclosed envelope, and if you have no more time give me a simple answer to the question: Is it practicable?

Very truly yours  
Milton Walsh

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard



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2310 9/24/1864      *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2259

Augusta

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Augusta Sept. 24th 1864  
Saturday Evening ½ 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 wont see you before the next campaign and that must not be far 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 to have 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 Moses Copeland (colored) who went with Col. Bond one month before she left Athens. I will let it rest hoping something will turn up in my favor before a great while.

I miss Grace very much but as Miss Woodward has given up her school to a stranger and it is not as select 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 as 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 would get to see us oftener." 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 Isabella's. I will enclose this with some papers that were left at the door the other morning. I don't think you will have to pay a very large tax. I hear Chancy 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 "Stanley House" to morrow. I was coming up the hill not long after the cars came in with Jamie. He stoped 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 he must be Dr. Duncan. He walked home with me, and then I walked down to Mrs S. with him. Mrs S. and I are to call on his wife in the morning and I shall invite them to come and stay with me during the remainder of their visit. He will go over to the Arsenal also. Mr and Mrs Gilbreth were at Mrs Stinsons this afternoon.

Late and I must close. With best love from your own  
Lizzie

If you go on your inspecting tour I shall look for you here. Glad for you Maj Whittlesey joins you. He left Brunswick today.

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2311 9/25/1864 *From:* Marble

*To:* Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2260

Louisville

*Source:* Bowdoin

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U.S. Military telegraph

Sept 25 1864

By Telegraph from Louisville Ky

To Gen Howard

I require Treasy permits to ship the special Treasy agt as Nashville seems indisposed to allow sufficient to fill transportation. Will forward goods soon as Treasy agts will permit. No money has been recd here to pay the Troops.

Marble

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2312 9/25/1864    *From:* W T Sherman  
M Genl  
Atlanta

*To:* Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2261

*Source:* Bowdoin

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U.S. Military Telegraph  
Sept 25 1864  
By Telegraph from Atlanta 25  
To Gen Howard

I have no doubt Hood has resolved to throw himself on our flank to prevent our accumulating stores &c here trusting to our not advancing into Georgia. Some Cavy got possession of Athens yesterday. I think I will send a Divn from Thomas to Bridgeport & the balance of the one you have at Rome viz Corsets so as to act in case the Enemy put himself up west of the Coosa. Let Corset get all ready.

W T Sherman  
M Genl

[Written on the back of the telegram.]  
Telegram  
Genl. Sherman  
Sept. 25th 64  
Relating to Hood's movements

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2313 9/26/1864 *From:* L.M. Dayton

A.D.C.

*To:* Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2262

Atlanta

*Source:* Bowdoin

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U.S. Military Telegraph

Sept 26th 1864

By Telegraph from Atlanta 26

To Gen Howard

Your Brother is here & I will start him to you at 8 oclock

L.M. Dayton

A.D.C.

[Written on the back of the telegram]

Telegram

Capt. L.M. Dayton

Sept. 26th 1864

In relation to Genl. C.H. Howard









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2317 9/28/1864    *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-2266

Farmington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Farmington Sept 28/64

Dear Brother

We have heard nothing from you since Charles left, but do not feel so anxious as we would did we not know that you depended 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 affliction 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 class of Christian people that she cannot help loving, but I shall press nothing, leaving the future to be providentially developed.

Sheridans victory & the consequent reduction in the price of gold have caused a very cheerful feeling throughout the country. Volunteers are coming in fast. Our towns quota has been filled without drafting by a very fair set of men. I am delighted with Shermans letters to the Mayor of Atlanta & Hood. He has a way of putting things in writing that is almost as good as a victory at arms. McClellan 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 together for good to the Union cause.

Mother has counted somewhat on seeing Charles this fall –will she? Grace is with her Grandmother at Leeds & is both society & help for her. Sarah talks of going to Richmond, Ind. By the middle of Oct. I wonder if the foliage in Ga is as brilliant as here. Ella is quite busy making an album of autumnal leaves. Clara Davis is still in town. Dellie is engaged in quite a large business operation 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.

Lovingly  
Rowland

I expect to spend part of next week in Worcester at the annual meeting of the Am Board of the Missions.



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2319 9/29/1864    *From:* J Kilpatrick  
                                 Brig Genl Comdg  
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*To:* Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2268

*Source:* Bowdoin

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U.S. Military Telegraph  
Sept. 29, 1864  
By Telegraph from Kilpatrick  
To Maj Gen Howard

A column of Rebel Cavalry marched 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.

J Kilpatrick [Hugh Judson]  
Brig Genl Comdg Div

[Written on the back side]

Telegram

Genl Kilpatrick

Sept. 29th 1864

A column of rebel Cavalry moved up the Chattahoochee

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2320 9/29/1864    *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2269

*Source:* Bowdoin

Head-Quarters  
Department and Army  
of the Tennessee  
East Point

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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 we are lying idle. I have tried to get away to inspect the posts and troops on the Miss, but Gen. Sherman will not consent, not knowing how soon my services may be required. If I went to the Miss, I think I should invite you strongly to take a trip West and meet me at Richmond or Louisville. Something may happen, darling, so <have can> meet this fall or winter. If it were not for breaking up and taking the children away from good schools I should favor a Western trip with them all. I cant help thinking of Gen. Smith (Baldy) and wife meeting at Louisville and then burying their only child. If anything should happen to one of the children in consequence of the move, we would reflect much upon ourselves. Yet it might be not only pleasant but positively beneficial to the children, if I should send home uncle Charles as an escort. Gen Thomas says he has'nt seen his wife for three years and thinks he deserves to do so. He therefore sends for her & Mrs Baird to come to Atlanta. It would be delightful to me if you were included in the party, but I would'nt 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 Chat'a road & many were injured but he escaped. Three or more trains move on the same time. The leading one got off the track, the next came up & halted but left no signal out, so that the 3d and 4th came mashing into them causing a frightful disaster. Chas was in the lead and had got out so that he was not hurt. Such gross misconduct will not be punished but that will not cure the broken arms & the mush of cars so much needed. But to the awful carelessness exhibited by engineers and conductors on these military roads is added the dangers from guerillas & parties of the enemy breaking up the track and burning trains. One train of 16 cars was burned just above Marietta, while Charles was en route and as I was expecting him I feared the enemy had taken him off. But he arrived the next day. He heard of fathers death in Louisville, receiving a letter there from Dellie. At present I don't like to spare him but think by & by I shall let him go home.

I will enclose a Draft for 300 on the Asst treasurer –Nr 218 issued from Louisville Ky Sept 16th 1864, payable to the order of Mrs E.A. Howard. You have not written me whither a Check sent you from Chattanooga by Express was ever received. I think it started about the middle of August. I find it was 430 dolls & sixty five cents sent August 4th. I have the receipt from the Express Company.

Give much love to all the children. You and Mother will write me about everything there. How is Mother; is Dellie at home &c.

You were thinking of going to Leeds, when you closed your letter. I have written you since. With much love & and a committing you to the Divine care.

Your affectionate husband  
Otis

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2321 9/29/1864

*From:* Wm. P. Mellen  
General Agent  
Treasury  
Department

*To:* Major General O.O.  
Howard

OOH-2270

*Source:* Bowdoin

Treasury Department  
Office of the General  
Agent  
Cincinnati, O.

Commanding Dept. of the  
Tennessee  
East Point, Georgia

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Treasury Department  
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 name 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 Obt. Servt.  
Wm. P. Mellen  
General Agent Treasury Department

Major General O.O. Howard  
Commanding Dept. of the Tennessee  
East Point, Georgia

[Written sideways on the back page.]  
Mellen, Wm. P.  
Treasury Agent  
Cincinnati O. Sep 29, 1864.

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2323 9/30/1864 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2271

Augusta

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 Stinsons where we all were to take tea, but soon Mr Gilbreth 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 Hodsdon, Mr McKenzie, and Mr & Mrs Mulliken to meet them in the evening at supper.

The next morning I persuaded them to remain one day longer. I sent for Mrs S. and Harry to come to dinner, and Maj & Mrs Gilbreth with Mrs S and Harry to supper. I wanted Maj and Mrs G the first evening but could not get word to them till too late for them to accept. I hope his visit to Maine was a pleasant one. Is'nt 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 your  
own loving  
Lizzie

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2324 9/30/1864

*From:* J.F. Ellison  
Lt. 5th Ind. Battery  
Chattanooga Tenn

*To:* Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard  
Comdg Dept of Tenn

OOH-2272

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Chattanooga Tenn September 30th 1864

General

Having had the honor and pleasure of serving in the fourth Army Corps during the late successful campaign on Atlanta, as well as the entire time you commanded the same, as Lieut Commanding the rifled 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 you many words of cheer and encouragement, upon some of the battle fields of the late eventful and memorable campaign.

I remain General  
Your obt. Servt  
J.F. Ellison  
Lt. 5th Ind. Battery

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard  
Comdg Dept of Tenn

[written sideways on the last page of the letter.]

Ellison J.F.  
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Hd. Qrs. Dept & A. of Tenn.  
Oct 24, 1864

Respectfully referred to Capt Bridges, Chf. Of Arty. Of 4th A.C. With the request that if Capt Bridges deems Lt. Ellison worth he will write a letter recommending him and send it here for my endorsement.

Respectfully  
O.O. Howard  
Maj. Genl.

Head Quarters 4th A.C. Pulaski Tenn. Nov 12 1864

Respectfully forwarded to Hd. Qrs. Army & Dept Tenn.

When Lt. Ellison left this Corps I gave him a letter of recommendation to the State Dept of Ind. I have requested him to send that letter to Maj. Genl Howard for endorsement.

Lyman Bridges  
Capt. & Chf of Arty