

may be spared to you - again I  
must beg pardon for prolonging this sheet -  
Hoping to hear from you speedily,  
I remain Dear Affectionately  
Cousin. Dear

Addres. { Oscar M. Whitman.

Watsonville. Co.  
Pentagon. Wis.

Mrs. L. A. Wansel;  
Augusta.  
Ms.

Watsonville. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> / 1864.

Dear Cousin L.

Pardon the familiarity  
I use in thus addressing you; but I  
have thought much of you, and  
learning from my friends at Auburn  
that you were still residing at Augusta  
I have resolved to address you:-

More than a year has passed  
since I rec'd. your kind letter:  
(A year of sad changes to me.)

After receiving your reply - I was in-  
tending to visit you on my way  
home: suddenly I was summoned  
home to meet a dear friend,  
returning from the Army, on a  
sick furlough; I started at



once, buoyant with the hope of so soon meeting him; of whom after six years intimate acquaintance, I considered worthy of calling more than friend: But alas! I arrived just in time to receive a telegram of his relapse and expected death!

It is impossible to describe my own feelings - even now when I recall those scenes - I can but exclaim "Is it real? Am I not dreaming?"

"But it is no dream; But there is one thing real - A God, 'who doeth all things well' - Thy will not mine be done: - This is my support; my consolation -"

His remains arrived in a few days after my return: They rest beneath the Pines, in a cemetery near our village; I have a monument which marks the sacred spot. Oh! it is a comfort - a great con-

solation to me, that I had the privilege of this: -

Excuse this narration: but to my mind only wanders over the past, I have not been able to write only to a very few of my friends, since my return; Now I am feeling more resigned; So I have been teaching the Summer in our Grammar school and am now continuing the Fall term, numbering fifty pupils -

Mother often speaks of you with remembrance of love:

Father is Manufacturing Brick & Matches: He reside in a very pleasant "so called" New England village - Mostly Maine people -

We are in hopes to see you and family some day: Would it be expecting too much, to ask for your pictures:

Please to write the earliest opportunity and gratify us with the health of yourself and children: Especially the success of the General; Oh!



# U. S. Military Telegraph.

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Cipher Oct 12th 1864.

By Telegraph from Atlanta 186

To Gen Howard and Cox

I have not yet heard from  
Gen Grant as to my proposed  
campaign but it is well for you  
to have in mind that if Hood  
swings over to the Alabama Road  
and then tries to get into Tennessee  
I may throw back to Chattanooga  
all of Thomas men as far down  
as Kingston and draw forward all  
else send back all Cavalry &  
Locomotives destroy Atlanta & make  
for Savannah or Charleston via  
Milledgeville and — If Hood  
aims at our Road this side  
of Kingston and in no manner  
threatens Tennessee I will have  
to turn on him — Keep these  
things to yourself The movement  
I propose is less by 200





# U. S. Military Telegraph.

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By Telegraph from

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To

(2)  
miles than I made last fall  
and less than I accomplished  
in February and we could  
make Georgia a break in the  
Confederacy by running back  
East & West Roads and not  
running against a single  
Fort till we got to the Sea  
Shore and in communication  
with our ships —

W. Sherman  
Maj Genl.



Telegraph

Telegram  
(Private)

1881

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

1881

Cheney, N. Y.

May 1881

Has not heard  
from Genl. Grant  
in relation to his  
Campaign.

Mr. Sherman  
May 1881



Augusta. Oct. 2, 1864.

Sunday Evening.

Dearest

I must wait till Julia comes home before  
I retire and I will employ myself in writing  
to you. I would like to talk to you to night  
a long time and about a great many things.  
I think I shall ride out to Leeds next  
week if I possibly can get away. I think that  
Grace must be contented and happy judging  
from her letter. Mother wrote a few lines asking  
or rather hoping I could go to Leeds for a visit  
before cold weather. I told Gracie I thought  
I should go when she went away. I hardly hope  
to see you before the next campaign. I could  
<sup>as I am now situated</sup> not go to meet you far from home this Fall.  
Sarah Largent was thinking of visiting Richmond, Ind.  
I heard when at Leeds. Would take Otis with  
her, and wanted Ella to take Frank but she  
could not. Julia has told me rather confiden-  
tially that she has given herself away, but she is



in no haste to leave, and no time set to be married. But I hope I shall not have to keep them all winter. It is a common thing to go into the kitchen and find as many as three darkie visitors morning, noon or night. and late visiting in the evening. I cannot stand it any way. I have had no time. Dearest to finish my letter till now - Tuesday evening. I have just received a letter from Grace - to "Guy and Mamma". She writes that she will be home between now and Nov. I like the pleasure in informing you that Julia will be married D.V. some time this fall. What a weight will be off my hands. O how would it do for us to go out to Lee's and spend the winter? Would Mother desire it? Guy's school closes in three weeks, and then the vacation comes. Fannie and I went over to meet Guy to-day and Miss Fuller spoke very well of Guy as we walked home together. "His Latin and arithmetic, he does particularly well in". I have no fear but that I can get someone to do the work in Julia's place. I fear Mother is still alone, I believe I should love to shut up the

house just as it is all spring. I hardly feel like doing so much work this fall - filling up the house, entertaining this winter. It would save me a heap of trouble and care to say nothing of the expense. Five hundred dollars I think the smallest sum I can name to make ourselves comfortable for the winter here. Every thing may look better in the Spring. I could go to Lee's with or without a girl as Mother thought best. I wonder if you will think this a wild idea. Tellie said he was going to the Law School in Nov. I suppose you know where. Mary James was with Mother when Grace wrote before her next to the last letter. Will Charlie come home I have been thinking that he will. Love to

Go for you and  
Bizzie

# U. S. Military Telegraph.

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(Cypher)

East Point Oct 2 186 ✓

By Telegraph from Memphis Sept 29 ~ 186 ✓

To Maj Gen Howard

Yours of 27<sup>th</sup> rec<sup>d</sup>. I have  
not-Infantry that I can send to  
East Point. Your Staff officer not  
arrived. I shall send all my  
Cavalry about 3000 to morrow  
in pursuit of Forrest—to Middle  
Tenn as I believe he will press  
North. Shall cross in Clarence  
County unless advised to the  
contrary.

C. C. Washburn

m. h.



Telegram

C. C. Washburn

May 2nd

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

States he has not left  
that he can send to  
Eastport.

HEAD-Q'RS. MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,

Atlanta Oct 2, 1864.

Gen Grant,

Friend,

Let Ransom come in slowly  
and if the Army approach  
sally and attack him  
firmly. Davis will be in  
our support. I will  
throw Stanley across the  
Chattahoochee and be  
prepared to put an whole  
force in motion to interfere  
between those who may attempt  
to reach our River at  
Milledgeville & his Bridge at  
Camperdown. Be prepared  
to send in all your troops to  
Atlanta and to follow



Stately.

I never attack the  
Cups in position but  
know it is strongly  
entrenched.

I am &c

W. P. Sherman

Major Gen

Comd,

## U. S. Military Telegraph.

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By Telegraph from

Atlanta 2

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To

Gen Howard

There is a flood in the Chattahoochee which has damaged our Railroad Bridge & will of course carry away any of Hood's Bridges. I want that reconnaissance pushed out boldly as soon as it reaches Fairburn let me know as I may push it on to the rear of their bridge. All the valuable part of Enemy Army is now beyond Sweetwater & we can do them damage on this side now. The same cause which produced the rise in the Chattahoochee will affect the Tenn & Forrest will be in danger with a swollen River to his rear.

W. Sherman  
CSA.



Telegram

Genl. Sherman

Oct. 2, 1864

There is a freshet in  
the Chattahoochee river

## U. S. Military Telegraph.

By Telegraph from Ochs 2d 186 Atlanta 2d 186 To Gen Howard.

All our Cavalry is across  
the Chattahoochee. Hood may  
attempt to swing in between  
Marietta & Atlanta with 2  
Corps leaving Lee to cover his  
bridge. If so I may turn on  
Lee and then on the other  
force. Keep your Command ready  
I await the arrival of the  
Cavalry

M. Sherman  
Maj Genl.



Telegram

Genl. Sherman

Oct. 2nd 1864

To Genl. Sherman

In relation to Sherman's  
Movements,

W. V. Sherman  
Genl.

# U. S. Military Telegraph.

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Cypher East Point Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 186

By Telegraph from Cairo Ill 10 A.M. 2<sup>d</sup> 186

To Maj Gen<sup>l</sup> Howard

I am here on my way up  
the Tennessee River with 1500 Infy  
and a Battery. Gen<sup>l</sup> Hatch with  
3000 Cavalry is on his way from  
Memphis and will cross in  
Clarence County on the evening  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> Telegraph me at  
Johnsville

C C Washburn  
mly



Memorandum

Gen. Washburne

Oct. 2, 1864

Reports, on his way up the  
Tenn. River with 1300. Infy  
I'a Batty, I. Genl. Hatch  
with 300. Cavalry,

(Copy)

Head Quarters Mil. Div. of the Miss.  
 Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 2nd, 1864.

Genl. Davis -

Communicate with Genl. Howard,  
 and be prepared to send into Atlanta all  
 your traps, and to move with ten days rations  
 toward Marietta or to Fairburn, as the case  
 may call for. I think Hood has crossed  
 the Chattahoochie with two corps to attack  
 our road, and has left one corps on this  
 side near Campbellton. We should interpose.

(Signed) H. T. Sherman,

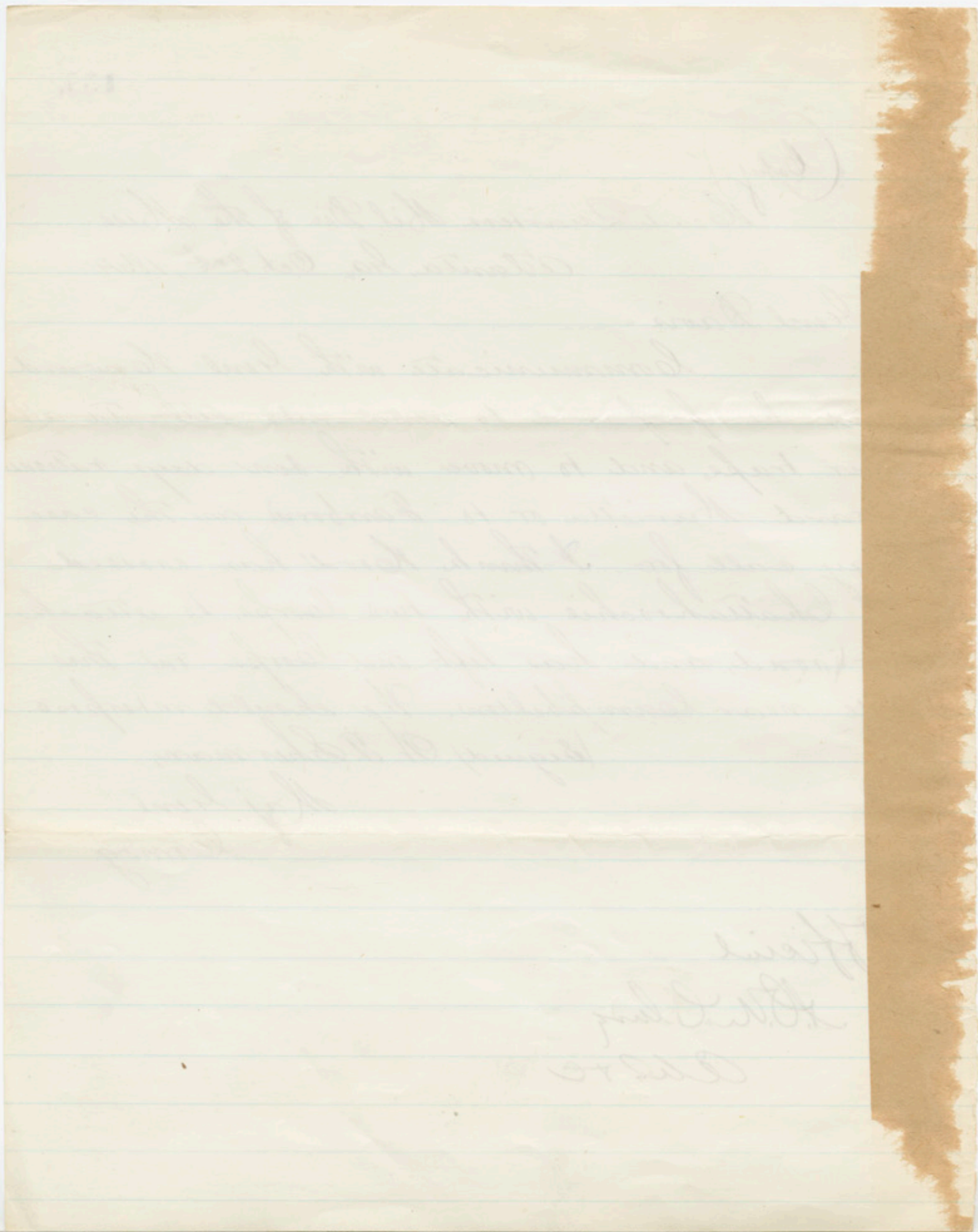
Maj. Genl.  
 Comdg

Official

A. M. Clark

Advt





# U. S. Military Telegraph. 21

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

By Telegraph from Scott's Bridge 1864

To Gen Howard

The head of  
my column is  
just coming in  
from Decatur will  
you please inform  
me whether your  
Army has acc crossed  
so that I may  
determine whether  
the road will be  
clear for me part  
of the 17<sup>th</sup> A. I. is crossing  
but I cannot learn  
what position it has  
in the column

J. D. Cox  
Brig Gen

Army 23ac



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Telegraph to Genl. Howard. 2. 13

1801 Brig. Genl. Cox

1802 Comd 23 Alp.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

Dear Genl. Howard,  
Army all crossed &c.

Powder Springs Oct 7, 64

4 1/4 P.M. 1864

Gen. Belknap's head of Col-  
um is just starting forward on the  
(left hand side)  
Dallas road following Kilpatrick

The latter sent back word from a fork  
of the road five miles distant (where  
(Edmond's)  
the left hand leads to Pumpkin Vine)  
that he wanted the Infantry - that  
the opposing force was Cavalry but  
that he could not drive them from  
their earth works. Gen. Belknap intends  
to move out to that point and lead  
here if he can. He thinks it best to  
encamp here and he may not push  
so far as where Kilpatrick now is.



listings say no Infantry has been  
here but that Lieut. Hodge's  
has been out there and that some of the  
Rebel Infantry went from there on towards  
Lost Mt. I intend to return to camp  
after I ascertain <sup>certainly</sup> where Gen. Bell  
will encamp and whether Kilpatrick  
succeeds in dislodging the enemy.

Respectfully  
W. H. Howard  
Maj. Gen.

Prof. W. H. Howard  
Cruz Bay, St. John  
P.R.

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Headquarters, Military Division of the Mississippi.

In the Field, near Marshall Oct 1864.

Gen A. S. W. S.

I want you to select  
a line to connect our  
Right with Stanley and  
the Left to cover the Powder  
Spring Road. I don't care  
about you being cut as far  
as Culper. It may be  
the old Rebel Line this  
side is equally good,  
but you can select. I  
want to advance the Right  
of our General Line. Cox to  
the Sand Town Road; and  
will put his left on Stan-  
ley's Right (River top marking)  
and his right forward as far  
as possible.

Yrs  
W. S. Sherman



Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the application for a patent for an improvement in the method of making paper.  
The application has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.  
Very respectfully,  
J. M. Smith  
Assistant Secretary

Wil. Ins - Can -

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

11 am -

Col Clark -

A.A.S.

Army of Tenn -

Col -

I am at Powder Springs -  
Enemy left last evening in  
direction of Dallas - I am  
marching now for Pumpkin Vine  
& roads south of Dallas -  
I would respectfully suggest  
that ~~that~~ the Infantry be  
pushed in direction of Dallas - to  
protect my right - Woods, Infantry -  
I learn is moved to the right of  
Dallas - - - - - - -  
This side river creek -

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. T. R. L.



Wd. G. Cavalry  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

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McLpatrick J.  
Brig. Genl. Comd.

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States that he is  
at Powder Springs.  
Enemy left last even-  
ing in direction of  
Dallas. Suggests that  
Infantry be pushed out  
towards Dallas to pro-  
tect his right flank.

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Stinson, Capt.

Augusta Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

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

Dear General.

I should have written to you before but I wished to be able to tell you the real state of my health and the probabilities as to my returning; this I have only known since Wednesday when I was thoroughly examined by Dr. Hill who is considered very skillful in such cases.

He told me that the attacks of bleeding I had while in camp had caused inflammation in a portion of the left lung; that I might recover or it might prove fatal; that under the most favorable circumstances I ought not to think of returning



in less than six months. There  
is a sort of unnatural beating  
to the heart which throws the  
blood into the <sup>lungs</sup> heart with great  
force; this of course was very bad  
but lately my pulse does not seem  
so rapid. The Dr. has placed  
me on a low diet and allows  
me to make no exertion that  
will put me out of breath: says  
I can go out during the pleasant  
part of the day. He says the  
the Western climate would be  
no better than that of Maine  
and that I had best remain  
here. Perhaps I have written  
too much about myself but I  
thought you might like to know  
just how I was. If I could  
only be back once more in the  
army with strength and health,  
I think I would be very happy.  
My return seems very doubtful

and I thought I would ask  
your opinion as to whether  
I had better resign at once or  
hold on for awhile. I intend  
to wait until I hear from  
you before taking any action  
in the matter.

Since I have been at home  
the time has passed very  
pleasantly indeed and now  
I am feeling first-rate  
and can hardly realize that  
I am unwell. The mail  
is just about to close and  
I must close though there is  
much I would like to add.  
I'll write again soon.  
Much love to all the old  
staff; I will send letters  
to the Major by next mail.  
I am, General,  
Very truly yours,  
H. M. Stinton



think she better stay with her Grand-mother, if  
it is convenient, till after Julia is married.  
She is to marry a man who came here with  
an Officer from the South, and I hope will,  
be married by the first of Dec. But Mrs Jackson  
says many a slip between the cup and lip. I am  
going to run away from everything burdensome  
this afternoon and go over to see Mrs Gilbreth.

I think Mrs Jewell must be there alas. A report  
came the other day that Chas. Humphrey was killed.  
I have not heard if it is really so. I am finishing  
my letter Monday afternoon just after dinner. Guy is  
learning his lessons - then is amusing himself - then Parker  
is writing. Daniel is coming in now. Weather is doing our  
darling for school. It is quite a cold fall day - the  
sun not shining, and altogether quite a cheerless day.

Now I will close my letter and Fannie is waiting  
to come to the desk to paint "Guy said he might  
have Guy's points." He has been drinking champagne & Kate  
(a piece of paper with a thread tied to it) <sup>he is now</sup> giving it.  
Fannie "wants to have a kiss and Fannie's letter" Guy thinks  
he ought to write to her too.

Love yours  
Bessie

Augusta, Oct. 9th 1864.

Sunday Evening

Dearest,

I received a good long letter from you  
this morning dated Sept 22<sup>d</sup>. I sent Guy to  
the office for I felt that I must have had a letter  
come in the late train Saturday night. I am  
glad for you that your reports are made out.  
I want to know what you mean by Mother's  
"living with Rowland"? As I have not seen  
any of the family - expecting at the funeral - I  
have learned nothing of their plans, or wishes  
expressed or unexpressed, and I do not understand  
it. I heard a little about business - getting out  
timber - which no one seems to approve, but  
poor Dell who seems to think he can carry on  
this business as well as his father with his experience  
of many years. Dell don't realize yet his great loss.  
Why is Mother going to Rowland? I don't understand  
it. William Merrick made somewhat the same  
remarks, but I was so astonished I could make



our owner, or inquire into it. My last letter mentioned about going to Leeds, so you see I am ignorant of all plans. I feel badly enough I assume you all alone, with the care of four little children, no father's house, no brother, no sister, no anything but a precious husband far away at the wars. I hardly dare to go to Leeds now for fear I might say how happy I should be to have Mother with us. There are many reasons why I should not speak. Mother wrote in Grace's letter that she found in talking with Dottie, he had said nothing to me about "my part." I haven't the slightest idea what sort of a part is mine, or what she could mean - hoped I could go out and stay a few days. I will get Cousin Edward to dine out with me, if he is able to come to Argentea. He is home now - been very sick - hope he is now improving. I do want Mother to have no more care, and live in whatever way will bring her the greatest amount of happiness. Mrs. Stinson was in to see me last evening. Herbert is established at Skerport - for the Mary. The Capt. is not as well as when he reached

home. I fear he has acted too much like a well man. Mr. B. is glad he has written asking you advice, knows you will not let him resign &c. There is every reason why he should not. I thought I would write till Channy asked he is still asleep. He is getting to be quite a talker - talks a great deal to 'Pa-see.' I hope you will get this letter with the one I wrote a few days ago for it seems to be a part of it. I did get the money from Chattie - sorry I neglected to mention it. I shall think no more of coming West. I could not take the small children or leave them with Mr. Parker. We are all not yet prepared for cold weather and it is not possible to do any thing until the fall goods are purchased by the merchants and they are going to put off making their purchases for the present - the prices are high and the market uncertain. I am glad you spoke as you did about a Pinigadee ship - I hope it will be offered you. Others have spoken about it to me - think you deserve it, and your humble servant thinks so. I want to see Grace very much, but I

Tuesday Morn. Oct. 14/62

Dearest

I have just received your dispatch from  
Albionia, and I am very thankful to get it. I went  
over to the Arsenal yesterday - Guy and I. Mr. Lambart  
oversaw us on the bridge and took us down to the  
gate - for the ride I was greatly obliged. I met Mrs. S.  
the Maj. Mr. Jewell and little Alice had a pleasant  
visit - entertainment of grapes and apples. Went out  
into the garden to see Murphy. This son the Lieut  
has lost his left leg - amputated and is at Winchester.  
I ought to have received your last letter a week  
earlier. Capt. Gilchrist wrote the same date and that  
came much sooner. I have given up all thought  
of going West this Fall or Winter. I think it best  
although I should be so very glad to see you.  
I think it will be as much as I can do, to carry  
out the plans of my campaign mapped out for  
me here in the house. I had the offer of an excellent  
girl yesterday - thanks to Mrs. Gilchrist - because I  
shall have her. I did not think to give Guy my  
letter when he went to school and will add this  
note. Love to Charlie who must be with you by this time



if he is not on his way home. I begin to wonder  
if he will come. Your own loving Lizzie

will send dispatch to Mother.

I had a visit from Mr. DeHenge the day Prof. Whittier  
left to join you. I was quite surprised when he  
told me. I don't know what Mrs. W. will  
say to you for laying violent hands <sup>and taking his away,</sup> on his husband,  
suddenly. I have thought of going to  
Brunswick - leaving here at eleven o'clock  
and returning the same evening - but I dislike  
so much to go in the cars alone and unprotected.  
I shall make out too long a letter I fear  
so will write no more this time.

Yours as ever

Lizzie

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

October 18<sup>th</sup>

1864,

Dear Marietta

Dear Sir,

Charles is just starting for  
Altoona and will take a line for you.  
For a week we have had our commu-  
nications cut and probably you have  
got rumors that may have occasioned  
you much anxiety. Had expect the  
Whittaker's below Campbelltown  
and moved up in force between Marietta  
& Altoona, breaking the R.R. Attacking  
Altoona, he failed to carry Altoona  
and we were soon upon his heels. He  
has drawn off towards the West and  
we are just repairing damages. I am  
now left at Atlanta which is all



right. We don't know what Janet  
has been doing though we get  
surveys of good news. Her word  
love to the children from Papa &  
Mama. Capt. Gillette is well  
please tell us about the checks  
you have received. Thank you &  
many kisses and God bless Papa  
Yours lovingly

Livingly  
Oxide

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Portland Oct 11 1864  
Mrs Elizabeth Howara  
Dear Niece

I Enclose the  
Certificate of the 6 Shares of  
Stock in National Bank —  
as you did not say whether  
you wished me to Remit your  
dividends of Bank Stock. I await  
your orders — the whole amount  
will be \$164, 50 I did not know  
but you intended to make some  
further investment — if you wish  
me to collect and remit the  
money I will do so as soon as  
I receive your Answer —

Edward Francis is still  
very sick and weak has not been  
able to leave his Room for 3 or 4  
weeks. Some days not able to leave his bed  
in haste  
Your Affectionate Uncle — E. W. W.



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Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not yet able to pay the amount of the bill. I am not however, but am anxious to make some further arrangements if you wish me to collect and report the money. I will be so far as I receive from the Western States Branch in full. Very truly,  
 J. B. Brown for 200

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Augusta. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dearest

I have just received your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup>, but I have received your telegram since. I am very glad to learn that Charlie has at last reached you in safety. I had some fears that the enemy might take him off. I hope you can indeed come home some time this winter. I shall not think of going anywhere for I am not situated so I can leave, and shall not be. I have a strong desire to go to Leeds, and mean to go with Guy, as soon as his school is finished. I hope Mother is getting rested and looks better than when I saw her. Dellie was going to 'Law School' in Nov. I presume he is still intending to go. Do you are going to have the opportunity of voting for the reelection of Pres. Lincoln. Will it not be your first vote! The draft for 1864. came in the last letter, how happened it to be



payable to the order of E.L. I will address you as  
I once did, when you said "please not" if it  
comes again without sufficient excuse.  
Julia's marriage does not seem to be a settled  
thing yet, but I have decided not to keep  
her all winter any way. I feel that I have  
done enough for them. She could get a  
cent taken in work and support herself. I  
should look after her a little, not letting her  
know it though, so they should not suffer  
for anything. I should feel confined at home  
just as long as I should have her with me.  
I saw Mary day before yesterday - I was at the  
house. He seemed about the same. We have  
had a great deal of damp, rainy weather  
which keeps him confined to the house.  
Mr. Blaine is at home. Kept Guy till 7 1/2  
in the evening - yesterday - and then came home  
with him, so I wouldn't blame Guy for staying  
<sup>over</sup> without permission. Mr. Mason sent me a  
dish of delicious grapes this evening. How  
I wish you could enjoy them with us. If  
I couldn't look forward with bright hopes for

the future. I don't know what I should do  
with myself. I try - but I fear I do not try  
hard enough - to perform my daily duties. Oh!  
I do not do any one thing as I ought. I want  
your help, sympathy encouragement. I am thankful  
I can at least hope I may have all these <sup>some</sup>  
not any far removed, future day. I like  
Mrs. Jackson's company and assistance.  
Edward is still confined to his room at home.  
I received my dividends for June a few  
days since. I left my writing last  
evening when Charcy waked, and now  
I will add a few words before Guy  
goes to school. Rowland was in Boston  
when I last heard of him, Ella remained  
in Portland with Lizzie. Guy and "him"  
and love to Papa and Uncle Charlie. hopes he  
(the latter) can come home. I suppose from  
what has been said, he thinks there is  
more prospect of Uncle Charlie's coming home  
first.

Much love to you both.

Yours Lizzie



leave & Maria & I want to be very happy to  
see him if possible at any place we may be.  
Our movements are so uncertain, that we cannot  
tell where we shall be - but if Maria is well,  
we expect to go to Poughkeepsie till we can get into  
our house - from here, in about two weeks to Syracuse  
then to Poughkeepsie - then home -

"What a tedious letter!" say you! but I could write  
on forever to him, who I think feels an interest  
in the widow & orphan he has done so much to  
comfort - God bless him!

What a badly written letter too? pray pardon it?  
Our warmest love to our Willie & our dear  
friends! My mother's & that of

Very sincerely your grateful  
and affectionate friend

Leavin' Hill

HC

Audron Ohio 18 Oct 64

Dear General Howard!

Maria made you the  
first visit in August, on the receipt of  
dear cousin Willie's letter telling us you  
had so kindly unfolded him in your "family  
Military." What a response to our anxious  
fears for the darling fellow! How just lonely  
of you to take him under your wing in that  
hero's place! & then send him to bless his dear  
mother's longing eyes! God bless you & your  
generous brother - of whom Willie speaks so highly  
- for your great kindness to him & to us!

I wrote to you shortly after my mother  
wrote that I was about send those books to yr  
brother in Maine (I sent them by Express the  
17<sup>th</sup> of August) but I suppose your hands  
are full - indeed I never expected you to  
answer all my letters - only I feared you had  
not received them, as my cousin Willie does  
not speak of getting my letters to him in his  
home letters. I have not heard whether your



has assigned the books  
brother, I directed the books to "Rev. Roland Howard  
Farmington, Maine." Was that right?

Excuse me for sending a hastily assembled list.  
I <sup>toasted</sup> for fear they should be lost - & I thought you  
might <sup>or at least the Express charged, which I fear the books</sup> reconnoiter them if you had this list.  
worth the worth to you!

Oh, how we have rejoiced & praised the  
"Lord of Hosts," for your triumphal march through  
the "Dead Man's Lane!" & your (plural) safely  
through such scenes of horror!

We say with Cooper -

Let laurels deck'd in pine Parnassian's laws  
Rewards his memory, dear to every muse,  
Who, with a courage of unshaken root,  
Planted in honors fields advancing his firm foot,  
Plants it upon the line that justice draws  
And will prevail or perish in her cause.  
'Tis to the virtues of such men, man owes  
His portion in the good that Heaven bestows."

Mrs. Col. Taylor of Washington  
& her daughter Mrs. Col. Knigshorn have our cottage  
till the 22<sup>d</sup> of November - when we expect to "hail"  
from Exeter - We expect to go east as soon as  
Mamma is able - & while the pleasant fall weather  
lasts, and Oh, how happy I should be to receive  
our good friends there, Gen. Howard and family & Colonel  
Howard - We heard the other day through Dr. Miller's letter  
to his father that Col. Howard gave home on a



Tues. A. M. Oct. 20 1862

Gen. O. O. Howard  
Army of Tennessee.

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Dear Sir.

After a journey of four weeks we have arrived at my place of destination. I have thought much of your kindness to us during our stay near your Ad. Quarters. We suffered much on our way here, we were ten days in the box car we started in from Atlanta, when we got to Nashville they sent us down to ~~Franklin~~ and from there to Louisville by boat - several hundred miles out of our way as you will see, the boat was fired into by a hundred Benbowhatchers - we all lay down in the boat - one was wounded - several shots passed through the boat. I hope you are well. I would write you about that girl at Mr. Silvey's but I presume she has gone long ago. I bought an Album for photographs and also your photograph to put in it - it was a perfect likeness of you - If possible, I would like to have the soldiers who are guarding the rail road near my plantation see to my house and out buildings that they may not be destroyed - any thing you may be able to do for me in way of saving my property will be remembered with gratitude. If that girl has not gone I will find a place for her if you will write me at ~~North~~ <sup>West</sup> Reading, Conn of William Carter. My wife and Miss Stevens send their kindest regards to you. Flora sends a kiss. I would like to hear from you but do not suppose you can get the time to write. I shall go to Mass. in a few days.

Very respectfully yours.

S. D. Mills -

P.S. Please hand the within to Mr. Silvey as I do not know as a fellow would go through to him. -



William J. H.  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1844.



+ Sherman's Armies  
are very conflicting. How  
the former got up so far  
with so large a force is  
a mystery & I fear can  
never be certain. I  
wrote to Charles at Memphis  
to Washburn Case & to you all  
the particulars about father's  
sickness, death & funeral.  
I hope the letters did not  
miscarry as they will all  
be necessary to complete the  
history of events & satisfy  
your minds. I am writing  
in the "study". Gay is looking  
at a picture book in the  
cottage & sends some kisses.  
Jamie has just been in  
in his night dress to get a  
strap to fasten chimney in  
his chair. Lizzie has ap.

Augusta Oct. 21, 1864

Dear Brother Otis

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Frank Gilman  
has made me a week's  
visit at home and I put  
him down here yesterday  
to see Lizzie & Capt Simon.  
He is not up this morning  
but has almost recovered  
from his severe illness. Simon  
is a good deal better but  
his voice is quite hoarse.  
his breath short and he  
is thin of flesh. He took  
dinner with us here &  
we took tea with his  
Mother last evening. I go  
home today. I left my little  
family quite well - was  
at Leeds a week ago.

Mother seemed well &  
Dellie was prospering in  
his lumbering operations



They had sold the sheep  
& propose to sell much  
more, if not all the things,  
perhaps the farm. Mother  
feels that she wants a  
home somewhere where  
she can receive & entertain  
her friends, and feels  
undecided as yet whether  
to keep the old place and  
live there alone with hired  
persons or what to do. I  
think she does not want  
to be a guest or even at  
home with her children yet  
permanently. If I could  
rent her a small house  
in Farmington - I would  
like to have her there - I  
hope Charles will be able  
to come home, bring your  
own views about these things  
with his own. The "golden

Mean" is as usual hard  
to reach. I don't want Mother  
to feel any longer that she  
must work like a day labor-  
er. Nor do I wish to condemn  
her to what would be harder  
for her, a life with any care  
or usefulness. The last news  
from you was the telegram  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. after Altoona.  
One great reason that in-  
duced me to come to Aug-  
usta was the uncertainty  
that we have so long felt  
about your & Charles' location.  
I have just learned for the  
first time that he got thro'  
from Louisville in spite of  
R.R. accidents & Rebel raids.  
God be thanked for his  
deliverances & that you are  
again together. One report  
of the movements of Woods



peared once at the door.  
solicitors about my ma-  
ting materials. Mr Jackson  
a quiet, modest, efficient  
woman. kind & attentive  
& Christian has just said  
"good morning". Frank is  
just out of bed & I hear  
him dressing: Julia & the  
children are well: Chancy  
looks more & more like  
a D.D. fat, sleek, sober &  
short - but still rather long  
for his cradle his mother  
says. He doesn't talk much  
but shows his father's will  
occasionally. - Gips School  
closes today & he hopes to go  
out to Leeds with his Mother  
for Grace next week - The  
latter is a great comfort  
to her Grandmother - Tell Charles  
Ellis Sister Lizzie has a



little daughter from last  
Sat. P.M. - Both doing well.  
We hope that when Maj.  
Whittlesey arrives & the Rebels  
leave - Charles may get  
away, and we will all  
expect to see you this winter  
& no doubt we shall. "Let  
patience have her perfect  
work" is a good text for  
you & us - I have gathered  
from Frank & Stinson  
many things about the  
Campaigns of which  
I was before ignorant - I  
saw Mr Blaine yesterday  
but Sumner was away -  
With much love from all  
your loving Brothers  
Rinaldo

Lizzie is looking unusually  
well & Frank thinks she  
has changed very little  
for years

Wm. Henry of New.

Near Galesburg, Iowa.

Albany, Dec 2nd 1864

Friend,

I received a letter from you dated  
as late as October 11th 1864 and  
condition of the 5th. Our communications  
having been cut off the entire rebel  
being interposed between us and Chattanooga  
I have been dependent writing. Now  
the wires are all right and I under-  
stand the R.R. has been repaired.  
The last break between Dalton and  
Resaca was some 15 miles, but it has  
been repaired in very quick time. The  
result is that we can hear from  
home again. In a few days I expect we  
shall go on an expedition which will  
again cut us off awhile from home  
communication. I am glad about  
Julia. I ought to have told you  
how to write her - viz: not a small



Now we let the three children live  
them - and give them the washing  
and when sewing &c. to encourage  
them to do so - and Julia who's  
sneak would now learn to make  
a living. I am exceedingly sorry you  
have had some trouble on their  
account and shall rejoice if Julia  
gets a good helpmate. I would be  
pleased to have you go <sup>see Chicago</sup> and stay  
with Aunt Mother this winter. I  
have heard of no plans whatever  
excepting that Uncle Mother was  
so lonely. He had not invited her to  
go up & live with him. No perfect  
considerations must ever trouble us.

It is well for Della to carry on any  
business, it does not matter what. The  
rough edge will all be smoothed off in  
time. Della is cut out for a man & not  
a boy. ~~He~~ never was a boy even in  
looks. I am glad Della writes to Mamie  
& Abby, but am a little jealous on my

own account. I am very happy to hear such  
good accounts of my friend his school. What he  
does he it ever so little, people want it well  
done. It is pretty hard not to be able to  
see you or the children this winter and  
I feel it, but since Mrs. Sherman is bent to  
let me go, that has moved and we have  
marched 183 miles and are now  
away over here in Delab area. The  
General was right. Now he will not  
consent to my going even to Chattanooga  
or Nashville. There are really marks of  
confidence, but those that keep me  
pretty well confined. Mrs. Schofield went  
to Louisville and was cut off. He has  
arrived today. Mrs. Thomas also was  
captured north of Chattanooga, but fortunate  
for he was needed there. My Whittier  
came through to meet me at Kingston on  
the only train that succeeded in getting  
through before the second break in  
the R.R. He is here and well. Charles  
is well. I cannot let him go home



for fear he would not get back to me.  
before our great move. I am very  
anxious for him to go down to  
half a pint matter, but I feel that  
he is more needed here. I don't  
want Capt. Stinson to give himself  
any unnecessary anxiety about  
the winter. I love him too well  
and regret the service he has done  
and the sacrifice he has made  
too much to have him leave  
on any account. I have not  
received a letter from Mr. Plaine  
but have had one from Stinson  
himself. I hope soon quiet &  
comfort will return him in a short  
time. I wish he knows when to  
look for strength. He may stay  
as long as he chooses. God bless  
him. Give much love to all the  
little ones & Miss from papa. I  
shall have to be introduced  
to Nancy & Mary to Annie &  
I do not get home this winter. They will  
have to bring in a good deal of wood  
to keep you all warm all winter. <sup>the</sup>  
winter. God bless you all  
lovingly Oles



Chicago Oct 22<sup>d</sup> 1864Maj Genl O. O. Howard  
Comdg Dept of Penn }  
}

Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my return home and release from rebel prisons. I am in the position of a paroled prisoner and am ordered to report to Camp Chase Ohio after my short leave expires. My health has been very poor since my return and am at present confined to the house and under the doctors charge, having been seriously threatened with typhoid fever. All of which I hope has passed away.

I trust ere long to be able in person to thank you for the interest you took in my case, and the kindness shown Mrs Sherman in her lonely position. I can only say General my heart feels more, your kindness and consideration, than I can find language to express. I trust that my capture (unfortunate for me) will not prejudice me in your good opinion for I have learned by experience that prisoners are not



regarded as being worthy of the Confidence of the  
Government and in many Cases of their immediate  
Commanders. Mrs Sherman joins me in sending  
our regards to Your Brother and other members of  
Your Staff with whom we may be acquainted.  
Permit us to Offer our best wishes for Your  
Health And Continued success. And believe me

I Am General

Truly And Sincerely

Your Obt. Servt

T. F. Sherman

Col 88<sup>th</sup> Ill Infy

Garmington, Me, Oct

[25. 1864]

Gen. Howard -

Dear Sir -

A line from my son, now on the Pacific Coast, just received, desired me if you were in the state to see and present a request - that you give him some place on your staff. - I sayd 'tis not rank or pay - but he wished to see the fight.

Lee was in our first conflict Bull Run - 2d Lt. Col. - then promoted to the Regular Service - some time at Fort Columbus, New York harbor - The genl. <sup>at</sup> Lee - he was ordered to his



regiment on the Pacific.  
He has advanced to 1st Lieutenancy  
Present address.

Lieut Samuel Munson  
9th Infantry U. S. A.  
San Francisco.  
California.

He has the best of reputations -  
a good christian officer.

Dear Sir - you will excuse this  
intrusion, if it is one - I wish  
briefly to state the above  
desire to come East.

The Lord bless all your  
ways - being ever a present  
comforter -

Much love and respect  
Yours,  
Abby Munson.

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Received at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By Telegraph from Galesville, 23 Via Rome Va. 24. "  
Via New York 25 —  
To Mr. O. O. Howard —

All well — You better  
go to Leeds for the  
Winter —

O. O. Howard  
Maj. Genl  
"

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1864  
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 30 minutes

By Telegraph from  
 Baltimore, O. O. Hubbard  
 via New York

All well - your letter

to be sent for the

Winter

O. O. Hubbard

My friend

Yours truly

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and I hope he may be well - Dr  
Bill does not speak very encouragingly  
about him. I hope Billy will do  
well - and I do not doubt it in the  
least. He must be encouraged to try -  
Let a young man undertake anything,  
any man must say I can't - I don't  
think I am well now. say I can't  
for he has a very strong will. I hope  
- in a little while you may get disinterested  
sometimes. But I pray daily for you  
all, for strength from on high -  
pray for me all my little family for  
strength & wisdom - God  
bless & keep you all. Capt.  
Beck is still with us - a noble  
young man. Capt. Gillette  
has just made you a present of an  
elegant Billy. Love you  
all

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Nash Mills, Mo. 1864,  
27th Oct.

Dear Sir,

I will write you a few  
lines this morning. We are all well.  
Capt. Gillette has a slight cold  
however, but it will soon be over -  
Heather has given up going to Leech  
till the close of the evening  
campaign. We will soon be cut  
off from our communication  
except perhaps by an occasional  
forage party, though some cavalry  
sent. I hope you will go to Leech  
when you will find me from  
time and make yourself comfortable



as happy as possible. I will see the  
frequency of home or at Atlanta  
forward to you my best love  
very. I am glad he is doing so well in  
his studies. I hope he will take great  
pains to spell correctly. I wish much  
how he would very much. I expect  
he will know a great deal more about  
her father than Mary. For Grandma  
has had so many opportunities to tell her -  
James will have a nice time at school  
with all the chickens and cattle.  
and perhaps Chancy will enjoy visiting  
him very much. From all accounts  
Chancy is a very happy boy with  
a very good head, and his father &  
mother in good nature. Do you

suppose he will never see father  
if he stays away much longer. How  
can you get him home. It is  
difficult to find out where. Every  
body says he is coming for himself  
but he has not yet appeared except  
the river. I am almost sorry to  
have the children growing older, as  
I want to see them as I left them.  
I don't know how it is with you darling,  
but I like them little. I wish that  
one of your friends & the nephew, please  
of opportunity for more. But  
more is at these. I will write  
to Henry Stinson today, but it  
my letter should not reach him -  
Please tell him, that he can  
stay at home till he is well.



Augusta. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 64

Dearest,

I returned from Leeds yesterday with Grace and Jamie. I had a delightful day with Mrs. Whittier - both going and returning. Was very sorry to learn that Maj Whittier was cut off at L. from reaching you earlier. Mrs. Wing has a little daughter two weeks old. I called there a few minutes on my way to the Cars. Mrs. W. had not heard from her husband since the 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct. by letter from Chitta. I received your letter from "Near Chittenden" <sup>the 11<sup>th</sup></sup> and the Dispatch from Gaylesville the 23<sup>d</sup> inst. will remail with the Mother this morning. It seems Mother and Father had spoken about my going to Leeds this winter, and Mother spoke of our doing as when I first got to Leeds this time. He will consider what will be for her best comfort. Mother should be thought of first. Best love to both, Lizzie







(Personal)

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Head Qtrs 4 Div 16. A.C.

River Co. Oct 28 1864

Maj. Genl A. O. Howard

Comd Wd of Tenn.

I recd your kind  
personal note yesterday and right  
I had out my report ready - I  
have been so busy that time and  
space seem to have been annihil-  
ated - I assure you "Our Army"  
has been watched with a jealous  
interest & have not failed to  
do whenever & whatever I could  
for its efficiency & comfort - The  
report I hope to have ready by to-  
night or tomorrow when I will  
send it to you at once.

I sent an officer immediately  
to ~~Richmond~~ <sup>St. Louis</sup> to bring up all  
men & officers fit for duty.

I find it difficult to procure  
equipment for the conva-

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descents, and I have in abundance  
as I brought up about 800 stand  
I had picked up on the field  
at Allatoona. I'll do my best  
to procure & supply the men as  
they are ready to go to the front.

In the mean time accept my  
grateful thanks for your kindness  
& favor & believe me

Devotedly yours

John C. Brown