

Augusta
Dec. 5th /64.

Dear General,

Your letter of Oct. 27th was duly received and I thank you very much for the interest and kind wishes expressed. I should have answered it long ago, had I not known that you were out of the reach of letters. When I last wrote to you I had very little hope of returning to the army, but am happy to say that now I have strong expectations of so doing. My cough is better and night sweats, that troubled me a great deal, have disappeared. My lungs are not entirely right as yet, but I think it is much better for me to be in a warmer climate than this, and so I think I shall try to leave here in a month or so if I keep on improving. Should I find myself unable to perform my duty I can resign out there. The interest in Sherman's

movements is intense, and well it may be. At first we obtained very full reports from the rebel press, but lately the news from that source is very meager; they state that they do not wish to give our government any information and are therefore silent. The stereoscopic publication of Genl. Sherman's order brings your name prominently before the public as commander of the right wing. I feel that I have lost a glorious campaign by not being with you.

There is a matter I must write to you about as I promised to do so. Mrs. Munson (mother of Lieut. Munson formerly of the 5th Me. and now of the regular army) came here from Farmington to see me about her son obtaining some position on your staff. I gave her little encouragement and told her that the probability was that there would be no chance for him as there are so many applicants whenever there is a vacancy. Lieut. M. is now stationed near San Francisco and is 2^d Lt. of his regiment; while he was in the 5th Me. I was somewhat acquainted with him and should say he is a fine young man and one of good principles. He is anxious

to see more active service, and hoped that some vacancy might occur soon or later that he might fill.

I saw Mrs. H. and the children the day they left for Leeds; they all seemed well and in good spirits. Thanksgiving was a quiet day here, and I presume a happy one. An old prison chum of mine took dinner and spent the day with us, so it was very pleasant for me. The weather has been splendid for a few days; it seems strange to have such days after winter has set in. All the autumn it was very unpleasant. Wheels are still in use, there having been no snow yet sufficient to make sleighing.

I long to be well and back with the army; it is very pleasant to be at home, but it is very quiet here and I would like once ^{more} to be on horseback. I shall give my kindest regards to the Major and Gilbreth, also Maj. Whittier. Hoping you may all reach the coast in safety I remain

affectionately yours
A. W. Stone,

[1864]

Wd Ins. Knottville
Dec 6 - 2 AM,

My dear Genl.

I thank you for your kind
letter, but the raising of the
seignior is due to the
prompt movement of our
friends to our support -

Genl Sherman will be
here to-morrow in person, when
our future movements will
be settled - Hope to see you very
soon -

Yours truly
A. J. Sherman

To Gen. Sherman

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Dr. J. H. H. H. H.

Most respectfully
Your obedient servant
Leman W. Bradley
late Col 64th N.Y. I.R.

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Hudson N.Y. Dec 9th 1864

Major General W. B. Howe
Dear Sir:
Your kind letter of
March 1st inclosing a
recommendation to the Gen.
N.Y. was received it has done
me great good. That together with
Gen. Hancock's note and
others procured my promotion.
I was commissioned Lt Col
May 24th and Col July 16th.
I was in command of
my Regiment at Weldon, Va. from
and led it at the Charge
made by Maj Gen Hancock at
Spotsylvania May 12th when
I was badly wounded through
the right arm which is
now partially paralyzed

and disabled. This with
the wound to the arm, as
Fain looks makes me a
Cripple in both arms.

My Regt has been so
reduced in numbers, and
the terms of Secret Companies
having expired, that it has
been consolidated into a
Battalion - I am mustered
out - I have served over three
years - and am in the
service in consequence of wounds.

I have been recommended
by my friends at home
for the position of
Commissioner General of the
State of New York under
Gov. Rarben E. Lenton.
Bishop Doane of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

has written a letter a
copy of which I will enclose.
Hence Greeley
paid me quite a compliment
on the meeting of the Electoral
College at Albany this
week and I was elected
Member ^(State the President) of the College of the
United States for the Northern
District—

If you can consistently
favor me with a letter
to Governor Franklin it will
be of great help to me.
I have so many office
seeking politicians to
contend with that - I
am compelled to appeal
to military men -

Mr. Anderson is Anderson
of Columbus Co N.C.

New York, Dec. 9th 1864.

To His Excellency R. E. Fenton

Governor of the State of New York.

Learning that the name of Col. L. W. Bradley of Hudson N. Y. will be presented to your Excellency for the appointment of Commissary Gen. for the state I take pleasure in certifying to your Excellency, that in my opinion judgement, his high moral character and excellent business talents eminently fit him for that office. Moreover Col. Bradley is one of her soldiers of Whom the State has reason to be proud, and whose military services and sufferings the State should acknowledge. He entered the ^{Military} service of the country as early as April 1861. as a Lieutenant of N. York Volunteers. He rose by promotion recommended by his superior Officers, for skillful and gallant services to be Col. of the 64th Regt N. Y. Vols. He served with distinguished bravery in such battles as, Fair Oaks, Chancellorsville, Gettysburgh, Wilderness, Spottsylvania and many others of less Magnitude but of equal severity. He was twice severely Wounded, from which wounds his general health has suffered much. Because of his honesty, competency, patriotism and Military services and sufferings, I trust your Excellency will see it right and expedient to give Col Bradley the Office for which he is named.

With great Respect

Your Obedient Servant-

(Signed)

E. S. Jones

Bishop of the M. E. Church

See 2

This appears to be
a private letter to you
not connected with the
business of the Army
therefore returning it to
you not considering it
necessary to file with
the public letters at
this stage.

Very Respectfully

Saml B. Hunt

Wm. H. T. Bryant

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may 5/60

Hd. Mr. Mary & Dept. of Gen.
Ossawatimiss.

Sts. Harvest Moon. Dec. 15th 1861

Friend.

It has been now thirty days since I
have had a letter - but the mails are now near
by. We have made a complete connection with
the fleet at last. I sent Capt. Deneen with two Scouts
down the Ogishkee. He passed all obstructions & made his
way to the vessels. His dispatches went North and I am
in hopes relieved you as well as many others from much
anxiety. We have invested Sarnawick but have not
yet got into the city Gen. Hardee has quite a
little every where and swamps in his front. I
do hope you & the children are well. I can
only write a few words now. Admiral Dalgon
is sending me to reconnoiter up some of these
inlets. Aunt is well & in this room. ^{she} Libbitt is very
well. Give much love to the little ones. Whenever
operations cease long enough, I mean to take a
trip home. Much kind regards to Thomas. I hope
he is well & to his mother - And bless you all
sincerely
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Direct - Mary & Dept. Gen.
via Sarnawick, La.

My dear Mr. Garrison
 I have been thinking of you
 very much lately and
 wondering how you are getting on.

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 how you are getting on. I have
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Yours very truly
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Newbern N.C. Dec 16 1864
Friend,

I have just returned
from making a sea-voyage
and am pretty tired but as Col
Brubaker has very kindly offered
to take any message or dispatch
worth while I will just write that we
are all well, enjoying the city
and having a good connection
with the fleet. You must not
wonder to hear that we are in
good health & hope to my self.
Capt. Gilchrist is very well. Give

much love to the children
 & much love to yourself.

Lovingly yours

beziehen sich auf ~~das~~ ^{die} ~~Wasser~~ ^{Wasser}

some days speak often about "Jula" and then want to be amused. He was very kind to him. I hope they are doing well and happy.

Friday evening, Dec 23^d. I have let my letter remain unfinished for several days, waiting for news - and the roads to be "broken out." We have had three severe snow storms - high winds, and there fourteen degrees below zero this morning. I want very much, Dearest, to see you but I should fear to have you here during the coldest weather. Nellie was to have started from Albany this week so as to have reached home to-night, but the 'trains' are very irregular, we don't know what time he can reach here, and Mother did not send the horse for him. The morning train passed here about noon (going to Bannockburn) Wednesday Evening, Dec 28th. I left my letter, Dearest, last Friday evening when we heard slight bells and Nell very unexpectedly came in, having borrowed Mr Lothrop's horse and slight to get here. The weather is very much warmer and

Leeds, Dec. 18/64

Dearest,

I have missed your letters very much during the past month, but hope soon to hear from you again. We were very happy to see your name in the papers of Thursday last. I mean the first order sent to the "Commander of the Naval Forces" and dated Dec 9th. I can assure you it was with a humble, thankful heart that I read those few words. Many have been the reports we have had about "Sherman's Army" through what sources, and we could hear nothing but that all was well with you. I hardly know what to write to you. I want to tell you so much and know not where to begin. You will be glad to learn that we are quite well - Mother also. I am very anxious to get letters. Rowland writes

to know if I had dispatched at the time
the other dispatched came. I have received
none and presume none was sent as early
as that time. I may get one any time
now. We think it must be that Savannah
(as the papers report) is captured. You
do not now as get know that we did
come to Leeds. We have been here three
weeks only, but I should like to take a
look at Augusta. I have not heard from
there since I left. You will come and
see us all before spring won't you? I know
not how much hard work you have before
you but trust you will get time to
make a visit here. I hope you and Charlie
are very well and will not fear to come
North during the cold weather. The children
do not attend the school here, but have
lessons at home to keep with their classes
at Augusta. Isabella teaches the school
and if it was near here would let them go.
You will soon if you have not already get
a letter from Uncle Ensign with regard

to the 'old farm' which Mr Lane offers
for sale - at thirty two hundred dollars.
with a piece of the woods ^{- piece was John's} off. As soon
as Rowland learned the fact he wrote,
Mother says, to dissuade you from
purchasing it. Mother seems to talk as
if she had no desire to go there to live,
but has lost her attachment to the place.
When you come home for good I shall
want a home as is a home or some
place that is nearly akin to one. Any
place ~~with~~ where we can all be united
under one roof would be home to me.
I do not like the turn conversation takes
here - the faults of neighbors - paid ten
cents for this and three cents for that.
Mother, Gay, Grace and the hired man went
to the Centre to church and returned after
the morning service Mr Richardson not
being able to preach in the afternoon. My
time is nearly all taken up with the
children. I think Chancy has missed
something he hardly knows what, but will

but now I must stop. Give much love
to Charlie.

As ever your own

Lizzie

we can move about with much more
comfort. I was very anxious about the
children during those severe days.
Jamie hasn't been well since we came -
neck swollen - cough &c. I let him
go out whenever it is suitable. I went
to church last Sunday, heard an excellent
sermon from Elder Richardson - much better
than I expected to hear. Guy and I took Bill
to the Depot Monday morning. He went
to Bath and came home via Lewiston
to-day. Mother and Dell are looking
over the books at the table with me.
Children all asleep. Grace sleeps up in the
"South Chamber" with Mother. I sleep in
what was always Mother's "bed room". with
Jamie and Chancy. Guy occupies the same
room Alvin. The hired man does, at the
head of the back stairs. Mother's girl went
home to stay three weeks and has not
yet returned - I doubt if she comes back.
Another came and staid two weeks - could
not stay longer. We have been alone

two weeks. Mother would like to get a
good girl but don't just now hear of one.
I hope she will be able to for I don't like
to see Mother work about house so much.
I try to assist all I can and Grace is very
handy. Jamie thinks it a great privilege
to be allowed to put the forks, napkins
and whatever else I may let him, on the table.
Guy brings in wood - feeds the chickens, helps
havin' generally. He has been to school to-
day. Built one snow fort. Guy has wished
he was in Augusta when I have been talking
alone with him. But he seems happy and
Grace is happy when I will let her read
all she wishes. Jamie seems to be living very
fast and is making the most ^{he can} of every day.
Chammy is a happy little fellow. talks a great
deal to "Gram-ma." Generally repeats the name.
I begin to want to go to Augusta, hope I shall
be able to go down some time after
the Legislature meets. I wonder if you
will be home before summer and when?
We think Charlie will come first, if either

of you can get away. I have never thought
to tell you that I paid your tax before
I left Augusta \$210.00 I had one
in my name, returns from the Portland
Bank \$32.00. It is now getting late and
I shall not get time to write to you
Dearest, in the morning. Mother is
very well for her. Dell said he "ought
to write to Charles." I wish I had sent
a letter to you so you could have heard
from us earlier. I think I have written you
but one letter from Leeds before this one. Guy
and Grace mailed letters to you last Saturday
I think. I wrote the envelope and enclosed both
the letters in it. I wish very much to
hear again from you. Your letter went
to Augusta first, so we got Charles' letter
to Mother ~~first~~ before he did yours. How
happy we were when Capt Oscar Turner brought
in Charles' long letter. Mother has received
another from Charlie. We expect a big visit from
Rowland & Ella next Friday, but only to remain
here between the 'trains'. I keep writing

Hamington Dec. 18th 1864

Dear Brother Charles

I don't know
as my recent letters sent to
Nashville will ever reach
you & I don't know where
they will send this nor how
but I mean to direct it
Nash Savannah: Capt Davis's
dispatch from Ohio was the
first one published & the first
news we had from Sherman's
Army except from Rebel sources.
Since then the papers have been
full of rumors of a battle near
Savannah & our hearts have
been anxious & prayerful for
you & Ohio & Success: We look
for Della & Lella next
Sat. night to spend Christmas.
He thinks business makes
it necessary for him to come

He will stay but a short
time & then return to Albany.
Miss Rosa Dean spent some
time with him at our
house before he went & Mr.
Frankie Largent came home
from a 10. days visit - at
Leeds last night. He
says "they are all - well
but Mr. John is croupy -"
It seems their girl has gone
& they are getting one as they
can - I suppose I cannot
go down till after the New
Year - I have so much Parish
work to attend to - Uncle Emory
has been to Fizzie to see about
Ole buying the old farm - If
it will make an agreeable
& pleasant home for Mother
it would be a good plan
but it is too far from neigh-
bors & she has no attachments

there at present - Lane is
offered 3000 \$ for it - I believe -
Ella could not or thought
she could not endure Alice's
sullen & insolent moods
& ship-hod way of getting on
any longer & her Mother got
a good place for her in Bath
in a Christian family - a Mr.
Gershaw Palmer's - We hear that
does pretty well so far - but
was the whole day doing a
small washing &c. - Ella
made her a new dress & expanded
all her old ones & she went
away well clothed, with a
little money in the Savings Bank -
but her advance in moral
& mental character was
lamentably small while
with us - We have no
religious interest with us &
nothing has been said about

Raising my Salary 2 in Worcester - Perry is Stationary
Conform to the Times, or Sandusky, O. - Ella &
If I could only accomplish are pretty well kept
something useful here. Indeed cold - Our Winter has
a Vestry - Remodel & best the cold in cold & snowy as
W. H. & best of all - see answer - I have preached twice
Revival I would willingly see - attempted the 3rd meeting
another field - but I hate as usual today - I would
leave this one when everything is from you which I
has so much the aspect here devoted to the Cause
of failure. It is like clo. of Missions Dec. 21, 1864

say a Campaign with a Victory - My Chief support
& good friend Mr. A. A. Abbott successful march and
has taken a new Episcopate look for the early fall
wife from Canada (the of Larumuh & if it be so
next subsequently) - Land closely invested - I don't see
is in Brooklyn - will not go far away this time - Gen
West but return home soon Thomas knocked Hood into
after the 12th of Jan - Silas - Coched hat! - We will
died in St Louis in Hospital took for you considerably

if Savannah falls into
our hands & The Army
goes into winter quarters
in that neighborhood - I
will send my "Merry
Christmas" & Happy New
Year in this letter - We
are to have a little
S. S. Festival the Monday
evening following Christmas -
They are having a magnifi-
cent Literary Fair in Bangor.
Mr. Will Davis six times
yesterday for a picture
but did not succeed at
all - He is so grown and
looks so boyish with his
thick hair I hardly think
you would know him - I am
writing to all our absent Church
members & trying to get things
ready for a proper commencement
of the New Year Spiritually & otherwise
your loving Bro. Rowland

Can I will be glad to
see you at any time
you will wish getting
thru: in decub Leaven
by the Cars: Ella joins
me in sending much
love to you, Mother & the
Children - We always
like long to hear from you,
if it be but a single
word - I suppose you will
see Nellie Sat. night -
Give my love to him &
tell him we will
be glad to see him
if he has time while
at home to visit us -
If he cannot I must
try to go to Leech for
a day & talk over business
matters with him -

Yr. affectionate Mother
Pauline

Hamington
Dec 21/1864

Dear Sister

Siggie

Ella received
your note by Frankie - We
will hear from Ois so soon
now I would ^{neither} do nor say
anything about the farm - Her
good the news is from Gen
Thomas & Gen Sherman!
If Savannah is taken I
hope we shall see Charles
& perhaps Ois too before
long - I expect they will
have a bloody fight before
the intrenchments and
yet they may not - We
were sorry to hear that
you had to change girls
& fear you will be troubled
to get a permanent one -
I had a letter from

Alice's new "Mesa", Mr
Palmer. Up to the date
of it she had behaved very
well & they complained of
nothing but slowness. That
is "put on," for she is naturally
pretty quick. I hope Jamie
is all over his coop by this
time. The closing of one
year & the opening of another
gives me much additional
labor. I am writing to all
our absent Church members
& sending Circulars about
Father Rogers' "Donation" Jan
2^d to many others. Mr
Abbott has not paid my
note yet. if he continues
to neglect it, I shall remind
him of it. When he pays
it I will send something
to you. It was due Oct
1st but he is very forgetful.

I will preach a Christmas
Sermon next Sab. and
a New Year one on the
following Sab. Ella &
Dadie are both suffering from
Severe colds & I believe I
have one coming on now. The
cars have been late for two
nights, but they had good
news when they did come.
We tried for Dadie's picture
yesterday but did not succeed
in keeping him still once.
Frank likes his School very
well. We will not be down
to Leeds next week nor
probably week after. I attend
an Association the 3^d of Jan:
& must be at home to
a Childrens meeting on
the afternoon of the
following Sab. = We will
come as soon as we

Granite Natl Bk

August 21/64

Dear Mrs Howard

I think you will find,
on reviewing your account with
this Bank, that you still
have \$100 here

Very truly yours

H. F. Johnson Cashier

H. S. Johnson

Very truly yours

Dear \$100

the Bank, the for the
on receiving your account with
I think you are fair

Ben also Howard

Respect for \$100

Respectfully
H. S. Johnson

I meant only to write a few lines for I am very
busy preparing for Christmas - good bye dear
friend with the dearest love and the very
best wishes of this holiest and happiest season
of all the year believe me ever to be most
thoroughly your friend

Sarah B. F. Greble

Philadelphia Dec 22nd /64

My very dear Friend

The summer months have
flown quickly by, and I have again returned to
my winter home, and altho' I have thought very
often of you, and watched always daily for the
name of your noble brave Husband still I
have not sent you one line of love or of West
Point news which I know you are always anxious
to hear. I found the other day a little book
which I thought would please Grace - Clara
calls her "her little God. Sister". I have been
working a pair of rectangles for the Genl.
& wanted him to have them by Christmas. But now
I think I will keep them until he goes thro'
our city when he can have them. I feel very
proud of them as they are the first pair I
ever attempted to make, and they are for
the benefit of our officers - morally as well
as physically. It seems a long long time since
I have seen you and I long to see your little
ones again. & the new little treasure whom I
have now been introduced. Kiss each one

for me. I was detained at N. P. until two
weeks since Sister Clara Pennington had a
little daughter born on the first day of
December to be called Annie Estelle Pen-
nington. Sister Mammie has been at school at
Toby this winter. Father has been much
troubled with his throat. Mother has been
anxious and worried all summer. Brother
John is still in the field on Genl. Potter's
staff. Col Pennington has charge of a brigade
& is Col of the 3rd N. Jersey Cavalry. Col Leech
my sister Hannah's Uncle's husband has been
a prisoner since the early part of August. She
has not heard from him for nearly four
months & is expecting daily to be confined.
Brother Edwin Crible went off with the hun-
dred days men from here & was brought
home at the end of the time very ill with
Typhoid fever. He is thought now I thank
God quite himself again he behaved nobly.
He refused the bounty and gave his pay
to our Union Refreshment School. Papal
Crible went to Forties Monroe a fortnight
since & has gone off on Genl. Butters staff.
We hope he will be home for Christmas.
Will seem sad to be without him. I hope
that Genl. H. will be able to come home
soon altho he seems so busy & useful.

that. I do not see how he can be spared.
Maggie Blunt is at Farmington where Maj Blunt
is now stationed. Mrs Benet is at our Frankford
Recessal. Mrs Mendall is again at West Point
so are the Balch's. Sam Benjamin is there and
has Mrs Fry's cottage in which his mother &
sisters are living with him. Mrs Henry Kingsbury
has had Miss Seaman's Camp Cottage this summer.
The Church's are as lovable & lovely as ever.
There are very few of your old friends at N. P.
I went to Schenectady last June and spent
three weeks with Clara Paige & we went together
to Troy for three days & staid with the Trillards
at the Seminary. I also spent a week with
Mrs Thomas Williams at her Father's home near
Lake Mahopac back of Peekskill. Miss Blanche
Berard has a school of the little girls at N. P.
I have my hands full this winter my
Sunday School class has 182 children in it.
The School at N. P. was doing nicely when I left.
Near good Genl. ^{Howard} ~~Kitt~~ was the one who set
that school going well. Genl. Andy Pratt is in
N. York he with Annie and the two children
came to see us last summer. His wound will
not disfigure him. It looks like the impression
made by a pair of tight spectacles from the
eye back to the ear. I hear that ^{he} suffers
with his head. The injury may be internal.

Hamington Dec. 23, 1864

Dear Sister Lizzie

I want you to
have a visit from Santa Clause
at Mother's & fearing he might
fright you, this cold weather
& not get thro' the drifts, Ella
& I send a few things for
the stockings - Ella sends
the "Cup" with much love - It
was cracked a little in making
but we hope will not yet
broken in the use - It will
do for the parlor mantle if no
use can be devised of suspend-
ing it - Ella & I send the head-
dies for Mother & hope it
will suit - Ella has made
some candy bags for each
of the children & we send
a few nuts which you
may portion off as you

I send the box
in my own
package

see fit - There is a portfolio
(cheap!) for Guy & one for
Grace - & I want them both.
to write me a letter on
the paper enclosed - In
Guy's Portfolio are two little
books. one for Fannie & one
for Chancey - I would have
a fire built in the parlor
and each package of things
put by itself - & the doors
fastened till after Breakfast
& you may be Santa Claus -

Tell Guy I was sorry
to miss his Birth Day &
will try to be more thoughtful
next time - If I don't find
anything to send Ellie it
will be, tell him, because
he is too big. I got a
letter from Charles yesterday
dated the 13th - I hope
Mother will send me

hers as soon as she
reads it - Mine was short
& contains but little more
probably than he wrote in her
long letter - I hope you
have heard from Otis too -

A Merry Christmas to you all -
Our prayer meeting tonight
was in the house where
Issie Greenwood whom Mother
may remember, as taken
sick in Portland - lay dead -
her funeral will be on
the Sab. Did Mother know
that Mrs Tarbox's little girl (Katie)
died of Diphtheria a week
ago last Sat. after a sickness
of only 5 days?

I expect a wedding & funeral
next Sab. So our cup is
"mingled" - But how thankful
we ought to be for Otis &
Charles - lovingly - Rowland

little things of that sort. you
may like a change perhaps,
not a rest, because such work
requires no exertion - you go
right along of course. Same
as + stars in their marches,
so just telegraph your little
wife to meet you at my house
in Boston, No 638 Tremont St
+ come right along. Your room
is ready, + all things - We
understand she is with your
mother + so can leave on such
a summons. Bring any of the
children, or all of them, if you
like. Suit yourselves, + we are
glad. ~~Hereof~~ make return, &
fail ^{not} to present yourself + yrs.

Give my love to your Brother, Charles
"major" or whatever, & to Whittsey, if
he is with you, & tell them my door
is open to them at any time for an hour
or a week. Fraternally, E. B. Webb.

My wife wd
send my kind
messages as
well as prin
cipal all
this. & the
secret of this
is waiting. Shall
I delight to
to receive a
line or a let-
ter when
other cards
will permit.
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hear from you almost every day.
How I sh^d like to have been
with you on that unparalleled
march - that is the making
of some new history - I pray
God to spare you to enjoy the
pleasures & the rewards of it.
It will be something by & by
to have been, & to be, associ-
ated with Genl. Sherman.

My letter in ans^r to your
long & kind one, was a
mere note, written on hearing
the news of yr appointment
to the Com^d of the Army of the
Term., & an expression of
good wishes, & of more anx-
ity than was needful perhaps.
But Genl. it came pretty near,
to have you thus jumped over
Hooker - we know all about
the correspondence between
Sherman & Hooker - & made
so prominent, & so responsible

too, & we began to feel as if
we had some responsibility in
the success of the Western, now,
~~eastern~~, Army, & of course
felt, a good deal, probably, as
you did. It comes over us
now at times, after all
your success over Hood, & all
your success thro' Georgia,
the Lord help our dear Genl.
& guide him in all movem^{ts}
to a successful issue, & spare
him, shielding him against
the missiles of the enemy, &
against disease, & keep him
simple, pure, devoted as ever.
It is all the utterance of per-
sonal affection, dear Genl., &
expressed in one good heart,
emphatic, "God bless you".

And now when you have
made a few more marches,
Captured Savannah, Charleston,
Wilmington, & done a few other

C. M.

General,

Dec 24/63.

I am the Pastor of St. John's Church in this city.

I am assured by a gentleman who conversed with General Sherman on the subject that the authorities now in command here will not dictate the terms on which I will be permitted to celebrate Divine worship, but that I will be allowed to conduct it according to the dictates of my own conscience. It has of course been my custom to use the prayer for the President of the Confederate States. I am unwilling to do anything offensive to those in authority, & therefore to omit the prayer for Civil rulers. But bearing in mind the painful scenes that have occurred in other Episcopal churches, may I ask you to give me the assurance that proper precautions will be taken

to prevent their recurrence here: that
my people may come to God's
house without fear, & unite with
you in the celebration of His Na-
tivity who are emphatically, "the
Princes of Peace".

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Camm. F. M. Rae.

Savannah,

Dec. 24th 1864.

it crossed: Genl Hazens Div to take Fort McAllister

After the partial investment of the City the Corps Engineers were generally busy in constructing offensive batteries and assisting to the complete investment of the City. I was engaged several days in making important reconnaissances, once with the Comdg Genl to Vernon River to examine the enemy's left flank, and then with Capt P. C. Eyr M.D.M. to establish a line of forts covering a considerable area about Fort McAllister.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
C. B. Reese
Capt of Engrs
Chf Engr D. Y.

Reese C. B. Capt.
Chf Engr.
Dec 24/64

Head Quarters Dept of Tenn
Engineer Office
Savannah Ga Dec 24th 1864

Capt Sam. G. Taggart
U. S. Genl Dept Tenn

I have the honor to submit the following brief report of Engineering Operations of this Army since leaving Atlanta Ga Nov 15th 1864.

The duties of the Corps and Division Engineers have been mostly with their Commands Div. Engr where there have been any have done little else than to superintend the repair of Roads; Capt^s Kosser and Klostmann officers of the 14th and 15th Corps have done considerable reconnoitering and have attended to the surveys of the route pursued by their respective Commands, all of these officers have been under the immediate Command of their Corps and Div Commanders.

A Bridge train of about 600 feet Canvas Boats, accompanied the Army and the mass of the labor of the Engr Regt. (1st Mo. Vol. Lt Col Dicedale Comdg) has been with this: Capt Buzzard 1st Mo. Engr with his Company and a Company of the 14th Wis. (in all about 170 men) Commanded this train upon starting upon the Campaign; There were all

of the men that had received instructions in the Bridge drill, and that from actual service with it before the recent march across the State of Georgia.

At a subsequent day (Nov 23rd at Gordon) the whole Engr Regt was put on this duty, and it and the Ponton Train divided into two sections and one assigned to each Corps.

Bridges were laid as follows.

On the 18th at Stutling Factory across the Ocmulgee two bridges each about 240 ft in length, the first one was laid in a little over two hours after the arrival of the Head of the Train on the river bank. These bridges were dismantled on the 20th the last removal being taken from the river and loaded for the march in an hour and twenty minutes, Capt Berzard had charge of this dismantling.

Both sections were laid across the Oconee at Ball's Ferry on the 26th and taken up after the passage of the Army on the 27th.

The 2nd Section 17th Corps was laid across the Ogeechee opposite Station 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the passage of that Corps on the 30th inst.

The 1st Section 15th Corps was laid across the Ogeechee at points opposite Stations 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ on the 3rd Dec, and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Jones' bridge on the 7th Dec, both three for the purpose of throwing across small bodies of the 15th Corps as a demonstration or to communicate with the left Column of the Army,

A part of the 1st Section 15th Corps Maj Hill Comd'g

bridged the Ocmulgee on the 9th Dec for the purpose of crossing Genl Hazen's Command to the Gulf R.R. and again on the 12th for the passage of Genl Kilpatrick's Cavalry.

The 2nd Section 17th Corps stretched their bridge across the Ogeechee at Pellens Ferry just above the Canal on the 9th Dec upon which the 15th Corps crossed, this remaining down until the 18th inst.

The average length of the bridges across the Oconee and Ogeechee rivers, was 220 feet.

There being but a small number of drilled men on duty with the Train I considered its management satisfactory, and that the bridge was laid with as much celerity and with as few accidents as possible.

I will speak of the Repair of Kings Bridge on the Ogeechee $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile above the R.R. Crossing.

This Bridge is of Trustle and about 5 or 6 thousand feet of it with the centre back been destroyed, the flooring all of the stringers and the Caps were gone, the Trustle legs were standing. The bays were 30 feet in length requiring heavy stringers.

Orders were given by the Comd'g Genl for the repair of this bridge on the evening of the 10th Dec.

I assigned ^{to} Lt Col Procdale the work of Repair, and to Supt Stickney the task of getting the material; work was fairly begun at noon on the 11th and at daylight on the 13th.

Cummins, Esq.
Lt. Col. & A. D.

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Savannah, Ga, Decr 24/64

General.

I called yesterday to see you, but did not find you at home. - I will therefore briefly state my business. -

You are of course aware, that I received my appointment as Major and Asst. Adj. Genl. U. S. Corps, but you know at the same time, that I must be confirmed by the Senate. -

I would ask you therefore, General, to use your influence with your friends and particularly with Hon. H. Wilson now Mass, chairman of

the military committee and see
me out of the woods—

Thanking you, General,
beforehand for any act in your
power you may do on my behalf,

I remain your
most obedt. servt

Wm. A. M. M. M.
At a test of the
W. A. M. M. M.

Maj. Genl. A. O. Howard
Young Right Wing
Army of Georgia.

New York, Dec. 24, 1864
Major Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir.

My nephew, Rev. W. L. Upham, Chaplain
in the army, proposes to resign his office.

The reason is, the state of his wife's health.
I understand, that her health is enfeebled, & that
she is suffering much. I hope his application,
which is a trying one to him, will meet with
your favorable consideration, if it can be done
consistently with honor & the good of the country
service. I am confident, that there is a real &
urgent foundation for his request.

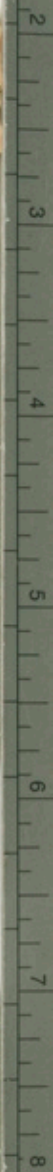
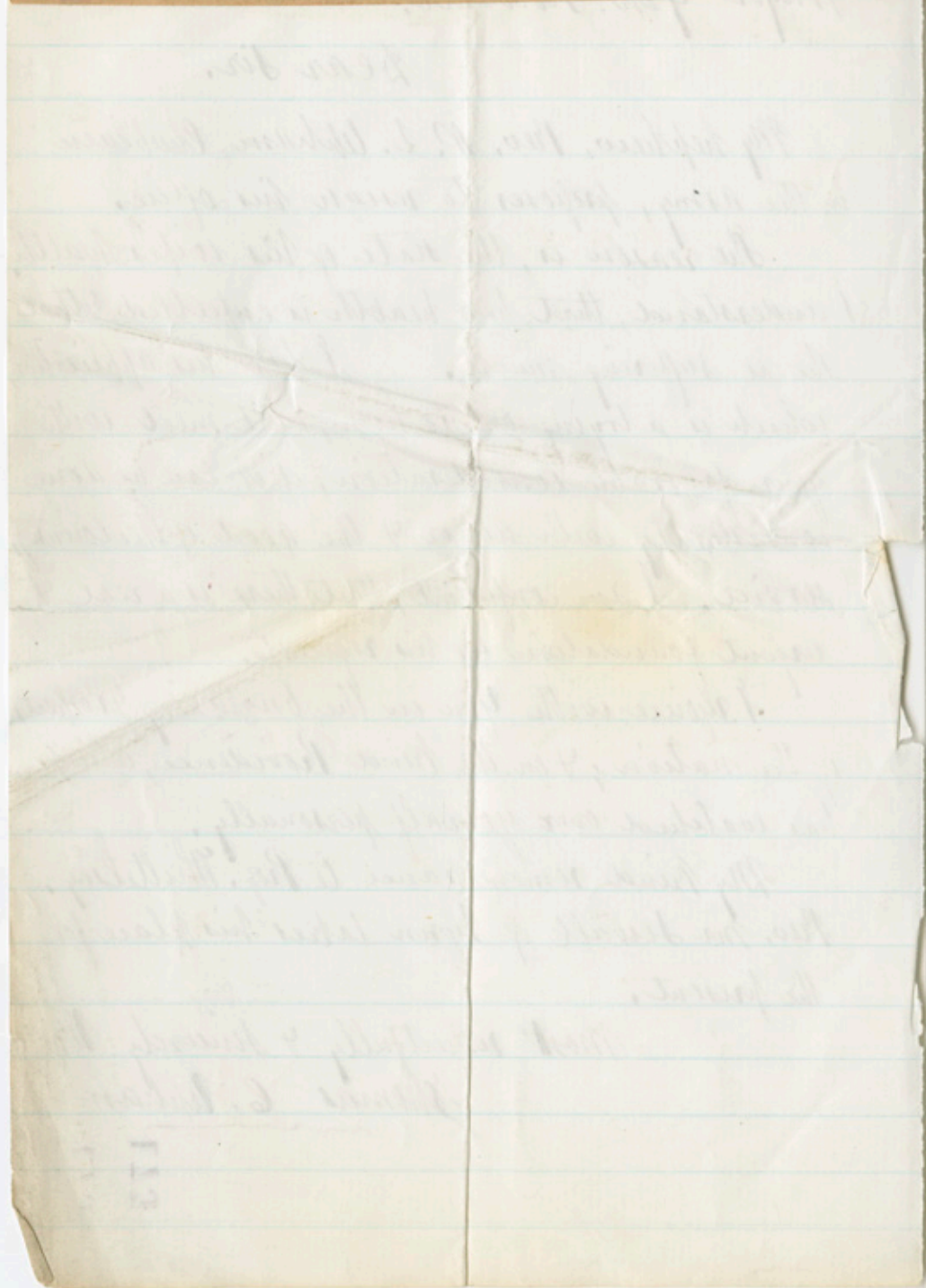
I rejoice with you in the brightening prospects
of the nation, & in the kind Providence, which
has watched over yourself personally.

My kind remembrance to Prof. Whittelsey.
Rev. Mr Sewall of Lynn takes his place for
the present.

Most respectfully & sincerely Yrs
Thomas C. Upham

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Head-Quarters Dep't and Army of the Tennessee,

Savannah Ga Dec 24th 1864.

Capt. P. L. Saggart.

U. S. Gen'l. Dept't & Army of the Tenn.

Capt.

I have the honor to report that in obedience to P. S. O. No 313. I have examined the shores of Birmingham River from Fort Parton to Thunder-bolt. and the Widdoway River (Burnside) at Wimberly and find as follows:

At Fort Parton there is a small Pier, but only five feet and ten inches of water at low tide. and the banks of the River at that point and in the vicinity are of such a nature that it would require a great deal of labor to make a landing. The same is the case at Pona-Pontura. At

Head-Quarters 1st and 2nd Regts of the Tennessee

Memphis, Tenn. Sept. 1864

Thunder-bolt the banks are good, and the Channel of the River is close to the shore, so that there are twelve feet of water, within twenty five feet of the land. At Timberly the ground is very marshy and water scant. I have not yet visited Beau-Riv but shall do so on Monday. I am informed however that there are good landings in that vicinity.

I am, Captain, Very respectfully,
 Your Obedt Servt.
 A. J. Connelley. Col 4th I. M.

uns. and a little hatchet. —
the tinpins were my present
the hatchet. Guys. and Mamma
gave Jamie some candy and
nuts. I have got some
flotting paper. and two
pockets. ^{in my portfolios}
Goodbye from Grace
goodbye

Leeds. Dec 25 Christmas. 1864

My Dear Papa

it is Christmas
in the afternoon we have all
had a great many pres-
ents from Santa clause.
Jamie has had two books
and Chaney Guy and
I have all had one my
books name is. Anna. or
passages from home life.
one of Jamies books is
named. Little bo. peep. the
other is. The ~~Scripture~~
scripture Alphabet, and
guess what Uncle ~~John~~
Rowland sent me? a portfo-
lio, ^{portfolio} and I am writing in it

and Guy is writing in his.

wont you come home at Leeds of our presents came in it
this winter with Uncle Charley. Jamie has got the box now
Uncle Dell came home last Friday he and ~~Guy~~ and
Mamma went to church today and I and Jamie
and Grandma staid at home at half past eleven I
put Chancy to sleep but before I put him to sleep
I gave him his milk and water and cracker he slept
until half past twelve.

^{Monday morning} Mamma came home at half
past ^{from church} one. I hope you and
Uncle Charley are well? Jamie
sends a kiss to you. and I
send a ~~lot~~ of kisses to you
and Uncle Charley. Uncle
Rowland sent this present in

a Valise there was a box all
of our presents came in it
we took off the pieces of
leathers ~~that~~ that held the
cover on all but two Jamie
has got it now for his trunk
Mamma sends ~~the~~ double love
to you. and the same to
Uncle Charley. Uncle Rowland
sent me some envelopes
and writing paper and I am
writing your letter on it
now. we have been out here
at Leeds ~~for~~ nearly a
month. I wish you a happy
new year. I cant wish you
a merry christmas but I
can say I hope you have had
one. Jamie ^{has} got for his
birthday present a set of ten

His wife has been here about five years ^{ago} & their
 sister about four. Gen. Hardee's brother was
 not present a letter from Gen. Hardee. He
 says Anna has gone to Charleston - Miss Sumner
 is in Florida with the other children. I hear the Gen's
 young wife is very beautiful but rich. ^{G.W.} Madame Bouitte
 is here. I have not been in to see her yet. I don't
 think I shall. I am living in the house of an
 old English Consul: a very magnificent estate -
 distant. Charles may go home. I think I
 shall send him to Washington on duty if
 possible home. I have much I would like to
 write to my home. I am & Henry. I wish.

a photo of little children last night. some little
 girls & boys I had a nice time with. Carrie Lustin
 an accomplished little girl to go old promises to come
 & play for me on my piano soon. Many more.

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,
 Savannah Ga. Dec. 26th 1864
 My dear friend,
 I have now been in the vicinity of
 this beautiful city since the 21st inst.
 I am troubled that I do not hear from you. I have
 had a letter since I have been here and I am
 feeling pretty bad about it, but I think my
 letters have gone towards Nashville, where
 I had a reserve & at quarters. I have
 heard through Capt. Gillette's letter that you
 have gone to Leeds and are with mother
 for the winter. How beautiful here
 that it is hard to realize the thermometer
 down to zero with you and when I think

of it I am surrounded with the thought that (Mama & I) did
not freeze up in our bedchamber. I want to see
the living faces, yours & the children's so much
that I am really home sick. I went to
General Sherman & told him: now let
me off. I don't ask but two days at
home." He said "General I would give a
million of dollars if I had it to be with my
children, would you do more ^{than} that?" He said
him I should say nothing more, and I
have given up for the present. We may
get to some place before spring, when the
operations will admit of my going. How is
mother this winter. She cannot help enjoying
your story & that of the children, and I hope

she is very happy. I am very eager to hear all
about you. We find Savannah a delightful city.
And everything is very orderly. There are some
misdeeds committed but probably as few
if not fewer than in the days of the
dick and the Bowie knife. I went to
Rev. Mr. McKee's Episcop. Ch. yesterday with
Rev. Capt. Beebe and Mr. Marshall. Staid with
his sister to the communion, and enjoyed it
very exceedingly. These Marshalls are two
young men Theodore & George who formerly went
to school with me in Hallowell. Theodore I
knew very well. He had an immense a large
fortune, had a wife & child, but both are dead.
George married a Miss Rice of Augusta, Me.