
2472 4/1/1865

From: F.D. Sewall

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2411

Head-Quarters, District
of Annapolis,
Annapolis, Md.

Comdg. Dept.

Source: Bowdoin

[64]

Head-Quarters, District of Annapolis,
Annapolis, Md., April 1st 1865

My dear Genl,

Some of my friends have presented my name for a Brevet, and may I ask you for such a letter as you think proper to give me. I do not claim it for any distinguished service in the field, but think that I am entitled to it for faithful and diligent services. You know how I served up to the time I left my former Regt, said then I believe I have secured a good record at the War Dept.

I have been in command of this District about two mos. It is a place of work, and I like it much.

Let me congratulate you on your well earned promotion.

I have often wished myself with you in your recent campaigns. We at the rear feel that you are dealing the last blows to the rebellion. May God aid you.

Give my kindest regards to Maj. Whittlesey and to Col. Howard if he is with you.

I am Genl. Very Respectfully
and truly Yrs.
F.D. Sewall
Col. 3d Regt. <V.R.C.>
Comdg. Dis. Of Annapolis

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Comdg. Dept.

2473 4/3/1865

From: R.H. Gilmore

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2412

Albany N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

[65, 66, 67]

Albany N.Y. April 3, 1865

My dear brother:

We have not heard from Charles for a long time. Have you seen him? He wrote me about the time he was to start from Washington with a Commission of Colonel of a Colored regiment to be a part of Gen. Saxton's colored Corps. He was going to the Army of the Potomac, then to you, with the view of getting some officers for his regiment. Mother wrote me a day or two since. She had not heard from him and was anxious to know his whereabouts. I had a letter from Rowland about the middle of last week. He had not heard from him.

Since Charles left you of course there has been no means of knowing your situation except through the newspapers and frequently they have been very much in error. A new, and I fear quite a taxing duty, will devolve upon you now that Charlie is gone and that is to write to your brother. While Charles was with you he did all the correspondence for you both and I used to write wholly to him, but now I can hear nothing from you unless you can get the time to write yourself.

You are probably aware through Lizzie and Mother that I have been here since the last of November except a fortnight about Christmas time when I went home.

Once since I came here I have been to West Troy and that was with Charles. He made me a flying visit in February when on his way to join your army at Beaufort S.C. We visited the Arsenal and one of the Officers kindly showed us the works and the house where you used to live. I knew the house & the Arsenal itself from the painting of it in our house, which I think was by the Artist, O.O. Howard.

My name being Gilmore I have taken no pains to hunt up any of your friends and acquaintances.

Rev. Dr. Alvord, the Tract man was here some two or three weeks ago. In some remarks in the Church he spoke very beautifully of you. After the meeting I was introduced to him by a mutual acquaintance and I took the opportunity to thank him for his kind words in regard to my brother. He informed me that he would join you as soon as your army might be heard from. Rev. Dr. Palmer whose church I attend told me of meeting with you at J.B. Browns in Portland soon after you lost your arm. I think it was at the June meetings. Mr. P. has an unbounded admiration for Gen. Howard especially since Mr. Alvord was here and stopped at his house.

Perhaps mother or Lizzie have written you news from Leeds. Mother does not write to me in very cheerful manner. The care of the farm and all connect with it is too much for her. I fear unless there is some change she will inevitably break down under it. Then we are now threatened with a lawsuit in regard to one of father's alleged obligations. I think we can defeat every attempt to do anything which will result to our injury still, we may not and that is a source of anxiety to her.

I wish you would write me as cheering letters as you can. They will have great effect in making me happier. I cannot leave here very well before the 26th of May at the close of the term. I hope then to go home though it is possible I may go to Richmond, Indiana, as soon as I leave here, to study in the office of Mr. Liddal's a lawyer of Uncle Henry's acquaintance. I am hoping to get into some practice there, perhaps enough to pay my board.

Lizzie is, I suppose still with mother. I hope she will remain there as long as she can for it will be very lonesome as soon as she and the children leave her. I hope they have all enjoyed the winter very much. They have of course missed society, but the children certainly have not been in or seen any bad society. Mother in her last said she hoped you would be able to go home before Lizzie and the children went to Augusta. If you do go to Maine I wish you would inform me, and if you were to remain any time, say one day in New York City I would go down there to see you. We can go down now in the Steamer to New York very cheap.

Of course you would inform me where I would find you.

Is Prof. Whittlesey with you now? If so please remember me to him.

Capt. Whittle, formerly of your staff passed through here a few weeks since and I happened to meet him. He wished me, in case I wrote you to remember him to you. He thinks his regiment is with Gen. A.J. Smith in the vicinity of Mobile.

A letter directed simply to Albany will reach me in due time.

Your affectionate brother
R.H. Gilmore

[Written on the last page in another hand.]
R.H. Gilmore
Albany N.Y. April 3d 1865

2474 4/3/1865

From: Alf. H. Terry
M. Genl.

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-2413

Head Quarters 10th
A.C.
Faison Depot [NC]

Comdg Army of Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Quarters 10th A.C.
Faison Depot [NC] April 3d 1865

Major General O.O. Howard
Comdg Army of Tennessee
General,

Captain Edward F Wyman, formerly of the 9th Me Vols. But now a Commissary of Subsistence, was delivered for exchange at Wilmington in February last. I suppose that by this time he must have been exchanged.

At the time of his capture he was serving on my staff in the Army of the James.

Very Respt Yr Ob. Servt
Alf. H. Terry
M. Genl.

2475 4/5/1865

From: E. Whittlesey

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2414

Baltimore

Source: Bowdoin

[69, 70]

Baltimore April 5th 65

Dear General

I arrived here yesterday morning, Tuesday. Could hear nothing of Mrs. Howard. Could not learn that any dispatches had gone through to or from her. I at once telegraphed to Mrs. Whittlesey. She replied that Mrs. H had not left home, was undecided about coming, & would telegraph me today. I am waiting to hear from her. If she is on the way I will wait her arrival. If not I will return as fast as possible. In either event I fear you will be on the new campaign which the fall of Richmond must inaugurate before I can reach Newbern. I shall probably find orders from you at Newbern. I wish I had authority to advise Mrs. Howard to stay at home until something more can be known of your movements. But it is impossible to communicate with you by Telegraph in time to arrest her progress if she has started.

I found Pease at Norfolk & directed him to report at once to you. Nothing has been heard from Gilbreth.

The whole land is jubilant. Let us not forget to give God the praise which is his due.

With much respect

Yours truly

E. Whittlesey

Maj. &c

[Written on the back page in a different hand.]

Maj. E. Whittlesey

April 5th, 1865

2476 4/5/1865

From: Nicholas W Day

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2415

Morehead City

Source: Bowdoin

[29, 30, 31, 32]

U.S. Military Telegraph

April 5 1865

By Telegraph from Morehead City 1865

To Maj Genl O.O. Howard

The following Extract from N.Y. Herald of April 1st is the latest news from Genl Grant. The Second 2d and fifth 5 Corps moved from their works on last Wednesday morning their place before Petersburg being supplied by portions of the army of the James from the North Side of James River Sheridans Cavalry also participated in the same movement. The route of march was to the southwest for some distance & then diverged to the northwest towards the South Side Rail Road. The Second Corps met with no opposition. Slight Resistance was made however to the fifth Corps on reaching Gravelly run but the Enemy was soon driven away & the Stream crossed. A Short distance beyond it the rebels were found in a strong position and one division of the fifth Corps soon became engaged in a sharp fight which lasted about an hour and a half and resulted in driving the Enemy from the field. Genls Grant, Meade and Warren were present during the engagement. Union loss 250, one hundred 100 Rebel prisoners were taken. The Rebels were believed to be in strong force in the vicinity of Gravelly Run and a heavy battle on the next day Thursday was expected. May firing in the direction of the front was heard on that day at City Point from half past ten a.m. till half past one p.m. indicating that this anticipation had been realized but the latest dispatches received give nothing definite regarding the matter. General Sheridan was last heard of at Dinwiddie Court House supposed to be arriving at the South Side Rail Road. He had met with but little opposition.

Very Respy

Nicholas W Day

Col Comdg Post

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]

Morehead City

April 5th 1865

Day. N.W.

Col. Comdg. Post

Press Reports

2477 4/6/1865

From: Wm E Strong

To: Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2416

Howards Hd Qrs

Source: Bowdoin

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United States Military Telegraph
By Telegraph from Howards Hd Qrs
Dated April 6th 1865
To Maj Genl O O Howard

The Genl in Chief has just sent his compliments to you with the information that a portion of our Army occupy Richmond & that the Remnant of the Rebel Army is retreating towards Danville. Genl Grant in chase pursuit.

Wm E Strong
Lt. Col & A I G

[Written on the last page in another hand.]
April 6th 1865
Strong, Wm E.
Lt. Col. & A.I.G.
Concerning the Federal army occupying Richmond Va.

2478 4/6/1865

From: Nicholas W Day

To: Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2417

Morehead City

Source: Bowdoin

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United States Military Telegraph
By Telegraph from Morehead
Dated April 6th 1865
To Maj Genl O O Howard

Norfolk Papers of the 4th received today, state that Richmond & Petersburg are ours. 25000 Prisoners and 500 Guns are captured. Sheridan is in the rear of Lee & Grant pushing him.

Nicholas W Day
Col Comdg Post

[Written on the last page in another hand.]
Morehead City
April 6th 1865
Day, Nicholas Col.
In relation to the Capture of Richmond &c

2479 4/7/1865

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2418

New Berne N.C.

Source: Bowdoin

[594, 595]

New Berne N.C.
April 7th 1865

Dearest,

I came down here expecting you in with Maj. Whittlesey. I didn't get any answer to the dispatch I sent asking you to come, and I had Capt. Gilbreth telegraph you on his way home & Maj Whittlesey, went to Baltimore to meet you. I received your letters yesterday one in the morning written the 29th and the other in the afternoon written the 31st. I do feel much disappointed, because I was hardly prepared for it.

I found Gen. Sherman would halt but 16 days and meanwhile I was obliged to make out my report & make preparation for another campaign. The General was unwilling to have me meet you in Baltimore for fear I should not get back in season. I expected you would take the two eldest for company and leave the other two with Isabella & Mother. My heart can hardly give up the idea you will come, but after all it is probably for the best.

Gen. I. N. Palmer, who is in command here and of the old army has his wife & family living here. He very cordially invited me to stay with him while you were here. Our time for moving was fixed for next Monday, but the news from Richmond may modify the General's plans materially. I think it will <> will now be likely to form a junction with us instead of our forming a junction with him.

I was so sure you would be able to come that I have not written you a line since I sent the telegram, but I am in hopes Charles letters to Mother informed you of everything. I wrote Jamie one day and you must tell me how he liked his letter.

Richmond with 12,000 prisoners and several hundred pieces of Artillery, ought to make us rejoice and feel very thankful. The end cannot be far off. We only got the news yesterday. I received the vote of thanks of the State, on parchment with the Seal of the State and in the shape of a commission, with a very handsome letter from the Governor. I had written the Governor on noticing the resolution in the newspaper.

I have not yet received official information of my appointment as Brig. Gen. in the regular Army though I have seen it announced in the Gazette. I believe I can detect some little ill feeling on the part of old Army friends. They probably suspect me of maneuvering to get the <[CHECK ORIGINAL-blot]> and cannot easily forgive me for ranking them.

I have had a good visit from Charles. He left last night for Beaufort S.C. I am reconciled to his going for his own good. He sees others, whom he regards as hardly his equals, promoted, and I rather stand in his way than assist him, and again he is obliged to be directed so much by me when we are together that he is not fully himself. Where he is now going good men are needed, men of principle and men who are interested in doing good to their fellows whether white or black. I expect during my life to have a great deal to do with the negroes, particularly that I have so high range in the regular service, for, both on account of the increased demand of the Government for soldiers and that the Government will be obliged to support & govern a large number of these people, so suddenly set free. General officers will be obliged to organize & superintend this new department of the service. The negroes here at New Berne seem inferior to any I have seen. They mostly look haggard, worn & unhappy; probably this is owing to the nature of the climate and country. The yellow fever is wont to <prevail> here. The city is pretty with beautiful shade trees, but the land is low, sandy or marshy for miles & miles.

Give much love to Mother. I am hoping she is cheerful and happy. I shant dare to telegraph you to come next time, but will take the cars, boats & c and trip home. Much love to Guy, Grace, Jamie and Chancy and may God bless & keep you all.

Lovingly

Otis

2480 4/8/1865

From: Hon. Samuel Cony

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-2419

State of Maine
Executive Department
Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

State of Maine
Executive Department
Augusta

Unofficial

Apr 8, 1865

Maj Gen OO Howard
Dear Sir

Yours of the 31st ult came to hand last evening. I will state that some time since about the middle of March I commented to you officially the Resolutions of the Legislature of the State, recognizing your eminent merit & services. You of course had not received the same at the date of yours. My communication has been in some way delayed & I hasten to reply that you may know the proper transmission of these resolutions has not been neglected. Should not after the lapse of a reasonable time the copy of which I sent be received, I will forward another to the end that the same may be duly & officially acknowledged.

Genl the war is coming rapidly to a conclusion, the past week has been "big with the fate of Caesar & of Rome". Grant has annihilated Lee's Army captured the confederate capital & stricken the rebellion in a vital part. We are now holding our breath to hear from Genl Sherman. We have no fear or doubts, you will be triumphantly victorious. I trust & do not doubt the South will now be rapidly subjugated –that is the word exactly. We went down on our knees to avert this conflict but they would accept no humiliation & appealed to the sword & now let them perish by the sword.

The only unionism I have thus far been able to see is that enforced by federal bayonets. They are to be taught that we have a nation powerful enough to preserve <it also> to punish those would overthrow it. The idea that we are to have peace, one which is to stand upon the immutable basis of God's justice does as it ought, fill every loyal heart with joy. We thank our Generals, we thank our soldiers but above all we ought to bow in reverence & gratitude before him who has been the author of our triumphs & the preserver of our country.

Yours very truly
Saml Cony

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]

Hon. Samuel Cony
Augusta April 8th 1865

2481 4/8/1865

From: Guy [Howard]

To: My dear Papa [OO
Howard]

OOH-2420

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Apr 8, 1865

My dear Papa

I have been writing a letter for Wash. The Pony is getting very tame. We put him in the sheep yard plesent day's I always lead him to the Barn nights and put his halter on in the yard. The snow is most all gone here now. I should like to see you very much do not you think that you can come home this summer. Wash and I went to the store at Green depot to buy some things for Grandma in a wagon.

Chancy is playing with Jonny in the back room; Chancy says wate Jonny. I will enclose a letter to go to Cpt. Pearson water. Grace went to Farmington a week ago yesterday. I led my Pony to water this afternoon. There is water in the tub now.

From your
affectionate
son Guy

2482 4/9/1865

From: O.O. Howard

To: Master James Howard

OOH-2421

Goldsboro N.C.

Source: Bowdoin

Head Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,
Goldsboro N.C.
April 9th 1865

Master James Howard
My dear little boy,

I have sent for your dear mother to come to me and I think she is now on the way perhaps with Guy and Grace and I think you Jamie are left with Grandmother and it may be, Isabella & Chancy are keeping you company. Papa did want to see you very much indeed, but General Sherman thinks he cannot spare me long enough to make the journey to Maine.

By & by papa hopes the war will be over, so that he can go & stay with his little boys and Gracie all the time. Tell Grandma that Uncle Charlie is here and very well. We have a very pretty little dog, called "Tip". [sketch of a dog] He has a very bright collar on and flies about the room just touching the floor with the tips of his toes. He belongs to the <westerners> to Lieut Mills and is often called "Tip Mills." Papa would like to buy him to send him home but it is too far and I fear Lieut Mills would not sell him.

You can hardly think what a great number of little black children papa has seen [sketch of a group of black children] The little bits of ones are sometimes called "picaninnies". You must ask "Wash" about them. Papa thinks "Wash" a very good man. He is glad Chancy treats him so well. "Sam" was very glad to hear from Wash. Sam is a very good man. He helps papa wash & dress ever morning. He has his boots shining, [sketch of boots] after breakfast when it comes time to put them on.

Give much love to Grandma & and give her a good kiss for your papa. Once, not long ago I was her little boy and running about her house as you now are. I hope you are a very good boy, that you help Grandma & are very kind to little brother. Grandma will tell you about the Blessed Saviour when he was a little boy and the Star Stood over the place where he was. Give kind regards to Isabella.

And may God bless you my little Son. Your loving Papa.
O.O. Howard

2485 4/11/1865

From: D. Remick

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2424

Pine Level N.C.

Comdg A Tenn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Personal

Pine Level N.C.

Apl 11th 1865

Dear Genl

I feel a thousand times thankful to you for the very kind and favourable mentions you make in your report of Commissaries during our last campaign. Usualy commissaries get no credit let them work as hard as they will day and night, expose themselves in all ways, and many commanders think that we have simply done our duty and no more, while some other officers who are not exposed to bullets no more than we are are praised very lavishly, but we commanded by a General who appreciates our services, and we are all determined to continue to perform our duties in such a manner that we shall still enjoy your good opinions and merit your good report, which we prize more highly than any other honour that can be bestowed upon us in the service. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and most sincere regards and may God bless you in your every undertaking.

I speak for all the comms of your Army. I have the honor to be

Your Humble Servt

D. Remick

<Subul Peafles> A Tenn

Maj Genl O.O. Howard

Comdg A Tenn.

2483 4/11/1865

From: E. Whittlesey

To: Dear Genl [OO Howard]

OOH-2422

Source: Bowdoin

Head-Quarters
Department and Army
of the Tennessee,
Newbern

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Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,
Newbern, April 11, 1865

Dear Genl.

I returned last night. Mrs Howard telegraph'd me that she could not start till this week. I replied advising her to remain at home, as I feared she would not see you here this week.

The journey would have been a very hard one for her; & though I regret your disappointment, I think it all for the best.

I shall finish up my work here tomorrow - at the latest, & go at once to join you.

With much respect

Yours truly

E. Whittlesey

Maj.

P.S. Grant is using up Lee fast. Had another battle (can't tell when or where). Captured 15000 more men & 19 General Officers!! A salute being fired here this A.M. E.W.

[Overwritten on the last page in red ink.]

E. Whittlesey

Judge Advocate

Newbern April 11th 1865

2484 4/11/1865

From: A. Toomer Porter
Rector of the
Church of the Holy
Communion
Charleston
Raleigh

To: Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2423

Source: Bowdoin

[74]

Raleigh April 11th 1865

Major Genl O.O. Howard
Genl,

Lt John A McQueen 15th Ill Cavalry of your escort will hand you this. He has been a friend to me, & mine, & it has afforded me much pleasure to assist him in getting back to his home. He came to the house at which I was staying in Columbia, & saved it, with much effort, from the flames, in the fearful night of the 17th Feb. He staid with us, & did all that a man could do to relieve us. From there, he went to Camden, & spared the aged, & blind Bishop of this Divine (Loca) all interferences in disturbance. He did the same for several families, & extended many acts of kindness, for which the recipients are grateful. He was wounded, & left at the home of a Mr Duvose, in Darlington Dist, who treated him with much kindness. He was brought to Camden & placed in a Hospital. I heard of it in Anderson & you can judge of his <Disease> by the efforts we have made to effect his release. I walked 36 miles, & took the rail for near 100, got a wagon & rode 30. The authorities appreciating him, turned him over into my hands. I brought him over to Chester, & thence to Smithfield, all the Authorities consenting. There failures to see Genl Johnston I brought the matter to Gen Hardee's attention, who kindly obtained Genl Johnston consent, & you find him with the proper papers. I am very glad to have made his acquaintance, as I have found him a Soldier, a Gentleman, & a Christian.

I am Genl
Respectfully
Your obt Sv
A. Toomer Porter
Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion
Charleston
South Carolina

2487 4/14/1865 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2426

Leeds, Me.

Source: Bowdoin

[74]

Leeds, Me. April 14th 1865

Dearest

I returned to-day and received by the mail on the train a long, most welcome letter from you. I could cry a great deal more for disappointing you so much. I do want to come now but do not regard it to be safe to do so since you were not to let me go to Goldsboro if I had gone earlier. If Isabella had only done as she said she would and come. This letter of yours was written one week ago to-day the next day after Charles left you. Mother received a letter from him in Baltimore written Sunday last.

I am anxious now for Johnston to surrender and then you would come home soon, would you not? Could you not obtain a leave immediately after?

I took dinner with Alice to-day and called on Mrs Whittlesey afterwards –had a delightful call as I always do there. They were well as far as I could ascertain. The dear little baby was down stairs. It is a beautiful babe. How much the Maj must want to visit. You were very naughty –no just a little naughty –not to let him come to Brunswick. Miss Anna Topham was with Mrs W. for a few hours, between trains.

When I reached here I found the children all very well and happy, but very glad to see 'mamma'. When will they see dear papa? I will hope that pleasure we will have very soon. I could not let other letters go without sending a short letter to you.

Roland came for me, and forgot to mail some letters for Mother, so Wash will have to go to the Depot in the morning. I am now alone one after another left as their bed time came. I rather write you as this is now my meat and drink. Jamie was perfectly happy over his letter and I think it is as good to him now as at first. "It is Jamies own" he says "but I had another little letter once".

I was glad to learn that Maj W. went to Phila. I would not see any ill-feeling on the part of old army friends. What will they say when you are promoted to Maj. Gen.? Webb of B. wanted the latter now, but not yet, ought I to tell you this? I know you did not try to get the position and would not do so, and so don't mind what some few may suspect.

I would write more but not to-night. I wonder if you are sleeping. Don't let Harry think of resigning. He may be detailed to take care of me till you come home for good, or we go to you. Grace is still in Farmington, happy as can be. I may go as far as Boston when Gilbreth returns as I shall have to go soon. I do think there is better prospect of your coming home now since the surrender of Lee. Johnston will do the same, or he will get badly whipped.

Goo night, every your Lizzie

I have sent you Guy, Grace's photographs and mine not at the same time. Have you received them?

2486 4/14/1865 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2425

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

[75]

Augusta Apr 14 /65

Dearest,

I came here to see Capt. Gilbreth and to open the house, to find all the dust &c, but I find every thing in good shape to leave longer if I choose. I am so sorry I could not leave to join Maj. Whittlesey. It was too hard. I shall start with Capt Gilbreth next Monday, via Baltimore and if I ought not to go farther than that, you must telegraph me there, and I will turn back to Phila. but I should'nt want to though. I know not when you will get this but if I should get to you I dont believe you would be sorry to see me.

Mr Blaine has just returned from Richmond and I will ask him what he thinks. I return to Leeds to-day. I have been here two nights. Mrs Stinson sends love and Aunt <Candy> and dont I say and they say Capt Harry resign. He ought not if he <never> is able to do more during the war. I almost know you will think he ought not, knowing all the circumstances.

I am going to the Bank to get some papers to send to Uncle Edward.

Every body I have seen, has received me so warmly. I think you have some very good friends here. I met Mr Thomas Lambord at Brunswick and put myself under his protection. His carriage was at the Depot and he took me to the Arsenal. I was very grateful indeed.

I write in great haste but thinking ever of you and hoping if I go to you you will return with me. I should go without either child. Mother wants them with her. All say go but I hesitate. If I am sure the army remains at Goldsboro 'till next Monday I think I shall start. I dont want you to meet me any where, I want to go to Hd Qrs some.

Now I must go down street to the cars. I can close this after I get started in the train, so good by for the present. Charles letter to Mother "Baltimore April 9th" was remailed to me here yesterday. Rowland writes I fear Lizzie ought to have gone, and adds why dont she and Mrs Whittlesey start along. Mrs W. sent me the Maj's dispatch from Baltimore. I shall spend one day in Boston at Mrs. Hazards. I should have to go to Boston this spring and might as well go now. I will finish in the Cars.

On Board Train.

Capt Gilbreth met me in <Breeman hants>. Mr Blaine send you wishes and I told him that you knew had heard of your appointment as Brig Gen as soon as there is a Vac as Brig Gen. I wish I could go to you if it would be right and fast. We may see you here.

Good bye
Your Lizzie

2488 4/14/1865

From: Anna D. Hardee

To: Gen O. Howard

OOH-2427

Hillsboro, N.C.

U.S. Army

Source: Bowdoin

Hillsboro, N.C.

April 14th 1865

Gen Howard
U.S. Army

Perhaps General I have faded from your recollection, but the remembrance of the many pleasant hours passed with you at West Point is still so fresh within me, that I am encouraged to make a request which I feel that you as a Christian soldier and gentleman cannot and will not refuse. My friend Mrs John Kirkland with her daughters will remain within your lines at this place, and I ask that you will afford them protection from your soldiery. I am under many obligations to the family for their kindness to my brother whom you may remember and who died at their home just three weeks ago of a wound received at the battle of Bentonville. For any kindness that you may have it in your power to extend to them I shall feel greatly obliged.

Very Respectfully

Anna D. Hardee [daughter of Confederate General William J Hardee, USMA Class of 1838, Commandant of Cadets, USMA, 1859.]

To
Gen O. Howard
U.S. Army

2489 4/14/1865 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]
Farmington

To: Dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-2428

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Apr 14/65

Dear Lizzie

You didn't send Charles letter & I hardly know what to say about your going South. Charles wrote me that Otis was greatly disappointed, but that he had said that he "was almost sorry he had sent for you, when he found that the Army must move so soon." Now it may move no more, & Otis may come home soon. If he does not expect you now, wouldn't it be better to stay away till matters are settled. If he does –go by all means.

We will take Jamie as long as you wish. Grace is very well, has been visiting yesterday & today with Ella & our children. So mother will buy the Oxen. Dellie has sent an order to Capt Patten to collect for the knees & she will have something there before long.

We are all well as usual, will look for you Monday. Give much love to Mother & the children. Tell her I am trying still to find a buyer for the farm.

Affly
Rowland

I got a Doz Photographs for Gracie & her friends must take the choice in <binds>. She has had no time to sit again for a Vignette.