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Philadelphia, Mar. 22, 82

Dear General

I received your kind letter this morning.

I will give the Photograph to Mr. Greer this afternoon. We all think it an elegant likeness of you. I suppose West Point begins to look very cheerful as it is beginning to here. If you see Ben Alvord remember me to him and you ~~had better~~ as he only knows me as "Jack Leech". We are all expecting you on, or Friday so I can tell you more when I see you.

Affectionately yours'

J. Greble Leech.

P. S. Aunt Louise Greer

address is 1738 Mount Vernon
Street.

J.G. Leech

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spared), and really made a much more
unvaluable use & had them to bear for trans-
portation, and also recruit, and this is nearly the
object of the parenthesis, that when the question
arose as to what equipment should be detailed
~~and~~ ^{remained} to the affair of the locomotive and
cars at Bridgeport, and without waiting for
any seniors in age and rank to speak, proposed
Broughton and the 143rd. The fact is I knew
pretty well the material of the Regiment, com-
as it did form my own locality, many of the
men from my country. They were accustomed
to the rough ~~work~~ life of the lumber woods, and
logging, skilful with the axe, fertile in expe-
rience, and precisely the men for work of
that peculiar character) enough were
wagons were loaded to bridge the river
at half way over, the rest were supported

Letter 1st about

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now Bridgeport is now in the hands
of the rebels & we are to believe
hundreds of us who are now scattered
throughout the country

Washington D.C. March 22 1882

Dear General ~~and~~ At your convenience
At the request of Gen Horace Broughton
~~late~~ Colonel of the 143rd Regt N.Y.S.A. and in
connection with some conversation he had with
you during your recent visit, we have made
some extracts from his diary which I enclose.
and which I desire to supplement by matter
partly in my own recollection and partly obtained
from Gen Broughton himself.

The 1st extract relates to an expedition from
Bridgeport ala immediately after the arrival of
the 11th Corp at that place. The acquisition of the
engine and cars was of great consequence since
which gave us rolling stock on that section of the

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Date 2, 1863

Kingsville & Chattanooga R.R. which was bounded at one end by rebel guns on Lookout Mountain and at the other by the destroyed R.R. bridge at Bridgeport. I don't understand just where the locomotive was found. The bridge built by the soldiers must have been across Nickajack Creek just below shell mound and the cars were on a branch road which leads from that station 3 or 4 miles up and again in the mountains to some coal mines.

The 2d extract relates to the footbridge at Davis Ford on the Little Tennessee. Gen B says he had in addition to his own regiment a battalion of the 61st Ohio under Maj Becket (killed at Colds Spring Gap), a body of pioneers belonging to the 11th Corps, and a detachment of Cavalry who patrolled the country north of the river to prevent surprise while the work was

Date 3, 1863

in progress. I can add of my own knowledge that the wagons referred to were a lot of abandoned rebel wagons all rendered unserviceable by scarring off the tongues, breaking spokes and otherwise. Acting as Corps Q.M. I had received from you orders to repair them, but as there was but one set of tools in the place little could be done and the suggestion that they should be used for the bridge was promptly adopted. So to these were added some light wagons and miscellaneous vehicles found in the town. The plank were got mostly by tearing up the floor of the R.R. depot. (Parenthetically I seal here partly because I have always gloried in that bridge, that as I happened to be acting as Corps Quartermaster I was present when the means of constructing a bridge were discussed and suggested the use of these wagons. It relieved me of the task of repairing them for I had not

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and admissions, and some acquaintance
in the Department, and with Department
ways, all of which in every possible way
should bear at the profound main services
will and continue I remain General

James M. Whipple Nathaniel Young

and for it will never H. A. Saly
Major Genl O'Haraid was in command
at West Point, N.Y. on yesterday's

crossing in his boat was to meet
L. J. not it was him to the other
conducting the gunners of the
battery in which he had

been sent down to the hill around
which you passed and from which
you will see a long range of hills
and the town of Washington D.C.

Accommodated Washington
by the last
March 23. 1882.

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or tressels. You will remember that the
necessity for a bridge arose from the
circumstance that while the river was readily
fordable, it was nevertheless so deep that
the wagon bodies were partially submerged
so that ammunition in them would have been
spoil'd. Hence it became necessary for the
men to carry it over on their backs.

The 3d extract relates to an affair at Resaca
Ga. after passing Snake creek Gap, the moment
which preceded the Battle, was excitedly & he brought
on his own responsibility, he tells me (and I
insert it as it may refresh your memory)
that while the Captain of the Battery was overwhelming
him with expressions of gratitude, you and
Gen Hooker rode up from opposite directions
and shook hands, close by where he stood,

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In transcribing Gen. Broughton's diary you
have observed that I have corrected the
dates given. In the affair of the bridge, this
is in accordance with a minute he himself
made a day or two later when he said

I have extended this letter more than I
expected and certainly more than Gen. Broughton
expected of me, but I never dwelt on the
construction of that bridge, without new admi-

nration. The stream broad, swift, almost a
^{do cold and darkness} torrent, the abradly (which would seem) limited
materials, tools, and above all, time; put
all the elements of the problem on one side
and what promptness, skill, energy, courage
(does it not demand, for such a successful
solution as we saw, ^{on the other})
no history of the war, no report that I

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have ever seen has done justice to this achievement.
I would be glad if it could be done while the
gallant soldier whose many admirable
qualities made it possible is still with us.

But I will not further prolong this letter
except to say the Gen. Broughton has recovered
in a great measure from the very low
condition he was in when you saw him,
and yesterday was able to walk across his
room. If we could have settled warm
weather which cannot now be far off I
think he might mend to a still greater degree.

Your note of 20th inst reached me today
through Mrs. Cots. A severe cold keeps me
from calling on her this evening. Power I
have none, influence next to none, but I have
unlimited good will both for your sake

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and, still except of timber for pickets
which I believe now are all burnt, probably
most much in wind because all are aged
less than 10 years (that is) well packed
in drifts, open and mountain parts have
probably the sturdiest portions of timber
left of sand so believe no plan will be
desired, cabinet roof when left as such has
intended Government has, that to maintain it is
so difficult with pickets when it is burnt
(there is less 600) & therefore is a waste when it
(not - 200) is well packed
in drifts, and difficult to find good drifts
and, upon all private drifts or any you will
have to burn and 600 in pine wood however
timber & drifts etc. are 11 to now cut off
burnt, probably never and so with the rest
burned out, new growth is now top of
such tops being most imminent

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there no signs ^{of} Extracted timber and no
no Friday Oct 23 1863 had marched up
I went with my regiment and two others
on an expedition to obtain a locomotive and two
cars which had been left about 12 miles
in advance of here when they fled back, found
which was necessary to build a ridge at Shell-
Mountain before the train could be brought in,
and one regiment was left there for that purpose.
I succeeded with my regiment in getting the
locomotive as far as Bridgeport, it rained very
hard all day, Camped in Nigger Jack Cave in which
are the rebel salt-petre works, no 10
Saturday Oct 24 Went back again after the cars
this morning, but as they required considerable
repairs did not succeed in getting them more
than one mile when night overtook us, Camped
again in the cave, which is quite an institution,
having been explored to a distance of 5 miles.

as we are without blankets, our night are not very comfortable passed. For rations we are dependent on the men down town.

Sunday Oct 25. Succeeded in getting the cars as far as Shell mound, and rec'd the thanks of Maj. Gen. Howard accordingly. As the bridge was not yet completed we were allowed to return to camp leaving two regiments at Shell mound. Encamped at the river bridge and had no difficulty in getting our horses and teams across. Two hours.
2^d Extract

Friday Dec 4 1863 in (Shenedow, Thursday Dec 3) 7 A.M.

Up and off early this morning expecting to have a race at Loudon. But as usual the rebels had evacuated, leaving two guns, besides intrenching tools, clothing baggage &c They have burned three locomotives and a large number of cars. Remained at Loudon all day. At night I received an order from Corps Ad Jrs

detailing my regiment for special duty, upon reporting, found that we were wanted to build a bridge over the Tennessee River at Davis Ford.

Saturday Dec 5 (Friday 11 P.M.) At 9 a.m. commenced collecting materials for a bridge, which consisted of old wagons planks &c after getting the train ready we started at 3 P.M. for Davis Ford which is six miles from Loudon. Reached our destination at dark, and commenced operations. Found it a greater undertaking than I expected as the river proves to be upwards of 1000 feet in width.

Sunday Dec 6 (Sat 5 P.M.)

Finished my ride at about 4 1/2 a.m. Did not close my eyes in sleep during the night. The Corps commenced crossing at 5.30 a.m. and I brought up the rear at 11 a.m. after which I reported to Corps Hd Qrs on Corps affair of the day. Rode to the front with the advance guard, and entered Louisville Tenn just after dark.

John Houghton
Bracts home
Diary

3^d Extracted to a stop reported
in Miday May 13 1864. was not worth it
Having scoured the enemy's side of the protracted
~~as~~ we did expect an engagement. We were under
arms soon after daylight, and moved two
miles in advance towards Resaca, then halted
until noon. It was recognized that the enemy had
withdrawn and were in full retreat, we moved
forward a little more than a mile and found
the rumor to be false as they were in position and
disposed to dispute our progress. Skirmishing
was kept up nearly all the afternoon, we bivou-
acked in a valley near the front.

Saturday May 14. It appear that we are
occupying a position in the center, and the
second line of battle, we remained in such position
until 4 P.M. Heavy firing on our left nearly
all day. Then we were moved to the left to the

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support of the 4th Corps, and we arrived none
too soon for our forces were retreating in
~~orderly~~ disorder. By taking the responsibility of
ordering a movement to its support, the
5th Indiana Battery was saved as the rebels
~~still~~ pushed on the point of taking it, and after
a sharp short engagement we drove them away.
General Doubleday is now and sometime
two of his division with more than a hundred
guns instead of men gets us up a round at
intervals, enough to stop a hundred
men and, mounted on his plow he fight with
long and heavy poles as his clubs
as on the march. He will probably
not find time to go into a proposed
digging line in time however, still of anti-digging
plan if he has a quiet month. May 11 found
the 5th H.A. in a quiet town as well, just as

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YOUTH'S COMPANION,
BOSTON.

March 22^d 1882

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Gen. O.O. Howard

West Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir - When writing you regarding the story of the Indian girl, which we accepted, we by oversight neglected to return "Karry's Namesake", which is most too juvenile for the Companion. We therefore now enclose it, and with thanks for the offer of both, remain

Cordially yours

Petty Mason & Co.

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Public Ledger Building,
S.W. Corner 6th & Chestnut Streets,
Philadelphia.

My dear General

I am
delighted to know you
will come and you
will meet a great
many of your friends.
I would prefer to
have you come in
uniform.

A special car will
leave Jersey City at
4 o'clock on Saturday.

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MAR
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Q.O.M.

You will be furnished
passes by Mr. A. L. Den-
ver who will be on
the train.

With high esteem
Very sincerely yours
Gardn'r Childs

March 22

[1882]

Maj. Genl. C. A. Howard

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Phila March ^{the} 22 1882

Dear General Howard

Father expects you on Friday evening or Saturday morning to go with him to Mr Childs Saturday Club party, Admiral Gleeson & I will be at the house so will Mr Trever and you will make a nice little group to go together, you know that you are always welcome and we are always happy to have you with us Give my love to Mrs Howard, and when ever she comes to the City tell her that we would be very glad to have her stay with us. I will say Goodby from

Yours friend Mrs John W Baker.



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RIGGS HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

C. W. SPOFFORD, Proprietor.

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Major Gen' O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Since my
letter to you in regard to Indian
agent Jacobs I find in your Report
dated Nov. 7. 1872 your statement
that you believe him to be a man
of integrity, but his health was broken
by the climate & his mind inimical
in spirit to his own ward. Finding
further that there were threats against
his life among the Indians you
deemed it wise to change his post
immediately & you advised him to
report to Dr. Bundell Sup^t of Indian
affairs for Arizona and wrote Mr.
George H. Stevens, who you say was
friendly to the Indians, to take the
Special agency at Camp Grant.
This may refresh your memory

Leonard Myers

in reference to the master - Agent Stevens received Jacobs in September 1872 & very likely the latter left an order & was careless or unable to obtain vouchers for the delivery of the item of beef, of which I wrote - Besides this it appears that now bands of Indians were constantly coming in for supplies - I shall be glad to hear from you what you remember of the facts & whether it did not at times happen in the various Indian agencies that proper vouchers were not obtained for supplies which had been actually delivered - Agent Jacobs' accounts seem to have been very faintly kept -

Very truly yours

Leonard Myers.

125 South 70th
St.
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