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The National Rifle Association of America.

Office, 23 Park Row.

HON. N. P. STANTON, President.
COL. GEO. W. WINGATE, Vice-President.
GEO. S. SCHERMERHORN, Jr., Secretary.
GEN. D. D. WYLIE, Treasurer.

New York, January 29th, 1878.

General:---It is my pleasant duty to have the honor of communicating to you the information, that, by recent change in the By-Laws of this Association, you have been constituted an "Ex-Officio Honorary" Director of the National Rifle Association of America, ~~during your term in office as Chief of Dept~~

The following extracts from the By-Laws are here quoted for your information:

"Honorary Directors shall be exempt from all dues. They shall have a voice at all meetings of the Board, or of the Association, and shall be entitled to vote upon all questions in regard to the general rules of Rifle Practice, and to all International or Inter-State Rifle Matches.

The stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the *First Tuesday of each Month*. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, and shall be called by either of them upon the request of four members."

You will please accept this as your notice of all Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors for the current year. You will however, be specially notified of any Special Meetings that may be called. Permit me to add in conclusion, ~~that it is~~ the earnest wish of this Association to have representatives ~~from~~ ^{the most} all the States and Territories of the United States present at our Councils, and your attendance is most sincerely desired whenever practicable.

Copies of our Rules and Regulations, Annual Report, By-Laws, &c., shall be sent you shortly.

With high regard, your most obedient servant,

Sec'y, N. R. A. of A.

To *Pres. Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard U.S.A.*
Dept of the Columbia

National Rifle Association



Gen. D. D. WYLLIE, President.
 Geo. S. SCHUBERT, Jr., Secretary.
 Col. Geo. W. WINGATE, Jr., Treasurer.
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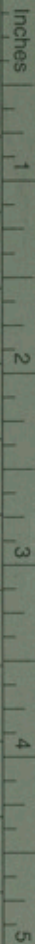
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[Handwritten signature]

To the Hon. Secy. of the War





Chas. Felt. 14. C. & S. Co.

Received by Mr. Felt
Jan 29. 1878

Fort Dodge Kan. 368
January 29th 78

Dear General.

Pardon me for my presumption and I know that you will do so when you know of my troubles. During the last three years I have been employed as Chief Clerk at this Depot. And to day the Dep^t. Commander has ordered the discharge of all the Clerical force at this Post. Consequently I am now out of Employment. As I have spent the better part of my life indirectly with the Army I do not want to look elsewhere for a position. and I must appeal to you to help me. being a Dep^t. Commander I know that you can do so. As far as my ability etc is concerned. I can produce as many satisfactory letters as may be required. And should you deem it fit to assist me now. as you have done before, you may rest assured that I will in

No way abuse the trust and confidence
that you might place in me.

In connection with this I beg leave
to remind you that when we last met.
you told me that if you could ever do
anything for me to call upon you - hence
my application. Please answer this whether
favorably or no. And oblige
yours

Theo. F. Harwood



Ans. Feb. 16. 1878.

Jan. 29. 1878.



L. Lincoln D.D. Jan 29. 1878

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My dear General

I am an applicant to
the President to have him appoint
my son a cadet at West Point. I
am, Acad. and would be greatly obliged
to you for a good word to him
in aid of my application.

Should you see fit to aid
the application with a letter of
recommendation, will you please
either send the letter to me here
to accompany them or send it
direct to the President as you
think best, in the latter case
kindly notifying me in order
that I may refer to your letter
in my application. The time
for making the appointments is
close at hand, and I have always
to this time in order that the
recommendation may be fresh at

The time they come to be
considered.

Please accept me at this
place.

His last name is John
Houston Merrill and he is
seventeen years old and I have
no doubt in my mind
of your recommendation
which you kindly give it.

With kind regards and
good wishes for you and
your family

Your very truly
Lewis Merrill
H. S. A

Accept
For A. Lincoln
H. S. A.

Kimmy Rancho, Heppner,
Jan 30th 1892

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General Howard

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th came in my absence from the Rancho. I was called to Pendleton to speak before the Wool Growers association of Eastern Oregon. I returned last night and hasten to answer you. I would most gladly point out work for the young men you speak of for your own sake as well as to serve those who are disposed to try. I do not know how to advise. The country is full of worthless men who drift about and solicit work but having come enough for a weeks' detour, leave or set up their own will, as to work, hours, & feed, I think I had 20 applications for herding at Pendleton Saturday last.

I have two men stopping here waiting for chance one from Boston. One from Sidney Maine has been here near a month but left a few days ago. He has two sons in Portland waiting a chance. My brother is sending a man and his son to me now to advise this work for a chance.

I cannot offer a chance. but I will at once see what will open and write next mail, my thoughts my wants but I fear not. If they are firm enough to stand isolation and will use good judgment in selecting land. They can take up a Rancho. and change work with some one to put in a crop and then open the way to sheep by taking some out flocks. but no man would willingly place a band in the hands of

entire experience

There is to be a two days gathering of the wool growers of Eastern Oregon at Pendleton the first Friday & Saturday in March just as the wool grower wants most help for lambing. There would be a better chance to meet Mr. McKim, I am to be there, and I would do my best to represent your young firm among my acquaintances.

Now my dear Sir allow your sincere friend to congratulate you upon your victory over all your enemies, either civil or as such as ought to be. Red or white enemies. One piece paper for you, surely and now rejoice with you. Maybe have reason to rejoice over the thousand hindering obstacles in his way upon the longer journey.

I am your sincere friend

Thos. S. Lundy



Chas. F. Lundy, S. Lundy
Feb. 5, 1878.

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Feb. 5, 1878.

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Washington, D. C. January 30. 1878.

Telegram.

General W. D. Howell

Commanding Mil Div of the Pacific
San Francisco.

The Quartermaster General is instructed to set apart twenty thousand (20000) dollars of the appropriation of eighteen seventy seven, (1877) and eight (8) for Barracks and Quarters to build the new post at Camanche Lake. You may give the necessary orders as to site, and to begin work. Four companies of Infantry with a good Quartermaster ought with the use of the money and the abundant materials now at hand build a beautiful four (4) company post. A similar post is in progress at Missoula and later in the season I will order as to some work on the road between. Meantime General Howard may be ordered East for a short period to attend a civil trial here in Washington and I wish him to make the preliminary orders for the garrison and the location of the Post by

he is required to come East.

(signed) H. T. Sherman.
General.

Headqrs Mil Div of the Pacific & Dept of California
San Francisco, January 30. 1878.

Official copy respectfully furnished the Commanding
Officer Dept of the Columbia

By command of Major General McDowell.

(sgd) J. C. Kelton
Lieut Colonel ⁱⁿ A. T. G.

Official.

D. C. Wood.

Assistant Adjutant General



ROYAL
MAILS

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Watsburg Jan. 30th 1848

Gen. O.O. Howard
Comdy Dept. of Columbia

Dear Sir

Knowing that You are deeply interested in the indian-affairs of this Dept. I make bold to give You a few items with regard to the situation. All the tribes of this region are very uneasy - They come to me from different directions, to learn something concerning the policy of the Government. They think I ought to know all about it; as they were in the habit (for many years) of coming to Father with all their troubles, seeking advice and council; and since his death, they consider that the mantle of wisdom has fallen on me, therefore they come to me, I have not been able of-course to give them any thing definite but tell them to rest quiet; and be assured that the Government will not deal unjustly with them, Evil minded people, spread false

Watsburg N.
Jan. 30. 1848.

Recd. Feb. 5: 1848.

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reports among them, to the effect, that troops are coming to force them on to reservations. Agents of the different reservations are continually sending messengers among them, ordering them to this or that reservation; which you know is merely for the aggrandisement of the Agents, and not for the good and wellbeing of the Indians. The scheme now on foot, to make an Indian Territory of the Colville valley, is agitating the Indians very much, they do not like it; and will never go there willingly. I have talked with several leading Indians, concerning the policy of dissolving their Tribal relations, becoming naturalized citizens, and providing themselves with homes like the whites, they all favor the policy, and hope that it will be adopted by the government. In my estimation it is the only policy that will allay all future difficulty. The Chiefs have been expecting a commission from Washington, for the last two years, to treat with them, and since the Nez Percé War, they are extremely anxious to hold a council with those in authority, and have a final settlement of all difficulties. And I very much fear, if something is not

done, to allay their fears and apprehensions, that serious trouble will result, before this year is out. The Chiefs are now calling in all the stragglers, they must all get together by the first of March. They claim that this is done with no hostile intention; and it may be from vague fear, arising from their unsettled condition; but it may be far more serious, I believe they are preparing to resist the government if it attempts to force them, from their homes, but could they be assured that it is not the intention of the government to drive them away anywhere, I am satisfied that there would be no trouble, for that is all they have to fight about.

Most Respectfully Yours
Henry A. Condyck

Daggett A.S.

Jan. 31. 1878

Ans. Feb. 9. O.O.H.



Personal.

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Camp, Spoken Falls, W. T.,
January 31, 1878.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Genl.-

Permit me
to ask your advice on a
certain matter.

Some citizens
who had furnished the
government with supplies
at this station, requested me
to cash their vouchers, stating
that they had been obliged
to pay exorbitant rates
hitherto. I did so at
reasonable rates simply
as a matter of accommodation.
A brother in a friendly
spirit has suggested to

me that, though an
honest and honorable
transaction, he hardly
thought an officer should
buy government vouchers.

Besides being an Army
officer, I am a member of
the Presbyterian church, and
I would not willingly
bring an unjust reflection
on either.

If you will pardon
me for troubling you,
you will confer a favor
by informing me if you
think this transaction is
inconsistent with my
position.

Yours

Very respectfully,

A. S. Daggett,

Capt. 2^d Inf.

Western Union Telegraph Company. 358

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SAN FRANCISCO.

WILLIAM ORTON, President, { NEW YORK.
A. R. BREWER, Secretary, }

Port Vancouver Jan 31, 1878

Received at Portland, Or.,

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To General Monard
Portland O

Would be happy to have you
at my Quarters

Sully
Commanding

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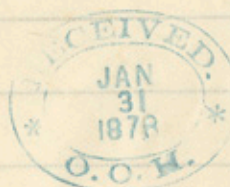
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J. H. BROWN, Secretary, New York.

Sully. Mr.
Jan. 31. 1878

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Received at Portland, Or.



SURRENDER—CANNON ACCOM-
PLISHED—THE NEZ PERCE'S LOSSES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

WITH SITTING BULL COMMISSION,
IN CAMP ON THE MARIAS, Oct. 11.
Via HELENA, M. T., Oct. 15, 1877.

The following is General Miles' official report of the battle at Bear Paw Mountain, which reached General Terry by courier this evening:—

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE YELLOWSTONE,
IN THE FIELD, CAMP NEAR THE NORTH END OF
BEAR PAW MOUNTAIN, M. T., Oct. 6, 1877.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF DA-
KOTA, ST. PAUL, MINN.:—

SIR—I have the honor to report having received, on the evening of the 17th ult., a communication dated September 12, from General Howard, then on Clark's Fork, stating that the Nez Percés had evaded the commands to the north of them, and were pushing northward. I at once organized all the available force of my command for a movement to intercept or pursue. The command left the cantonment on the morning of the 18th. The different orders regarding escort for the commission had already put en route the battalion of Second cavalry and one company of Hale's Seventh cavalry. These were taken up on the march. The command reached the Missouri at the mouth of the Mussel Shell on September 23; but learning on the morning of the 25th that the Nez Percés had crossed at Cow Island on the 23d I destroyed the depot there and marched northward. I immediately crossed the Missouri. The command moved on the 26th northward from the mouth of the Mussel Shell, and on the 27th, leaving my train to follow, pushed on rapidly by the northern side of the Little Rockies, thence crossed to the northern end of the Bear Paw Mountain, which point I reached on the evening of the 29th.

A PIERCE ONSLAUGHT.

On the same evening the trail was discovered by my scouts. Entering the range to my left at four o'clock on the 30th and moving around the northern end of the mountains, the trail was struck at six A. M. near the head of Snake River. The village shortly afterward was discovered on Eagle Creek and immediately charged, the battalion of the Seventh cavalry, under Captain Hale, and the Fifth infantry, under Captain Snyder, attacking in front. The battalion of the Second cavalry, Captain Tyler, attacked in the rear and secured the stock to the number of 700 horses, mules and ponies. The fighting was very severe, and at close quarters. The Indians took refuge in some deep ravines, and the firing was accurate and well kept up. Having at the first onset surprised and shut up the greater part of the Indians in the village and cut off and secured the greater part of their stock, and perceiving that the position could be carried by storm only with great loss, I determined to maintain my lines about them, keep them under fire and at the same time give them an opportunity to surrender if they desired.

JOSEPH'S SURRENDER.

The positions taken on the 30th were, with slight modifications, maintained during four succeeding days. Meantime a few shots from a twelve-pounder Napoleon were thrown in from time to time, and a sharp, raking fire kept up wherever it could be effective. The Indians had from time to time displayed a white flag, but when communicated with had refused to surrender their arms; but on the morning of October 5 they surrendered, Chief Joseph leading, surrendering his arms and ammunition, followed by his band, and the village is now in our possession.

CASUALTIES.

The fighting as reported was sharp, and the losses on both sides considerable. Enclosed is a list of casualties on the part of the troops. The Indians admit a loss of Chiefs Looking Glass, Greahool, Hui, Rote Olante, Brother of Joseph and others of the principal men, and twenty-five killed and forty-six wounded. The endurance and courage of the command, as tested by the forced marches and hardly contested fight at short range, are worthy of the highest commendation. A severe storm of snow and wind, which set in on the 1st inst., added greatly to the hardships which have been borne without murmuring. The opportune arrival of the train, under an escort commanded by Captain Brotherton, enabled me to protect the wounded from the worst effects of the storm.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

NELSON A. MILES,

Colonel Fifth Infantry and Brevet Major General.

YOUNG MAN, LATELY
nation as coachman at
the country; cash card, etc.
thing required; best old.
T., 343 East 12th st.

WANTS A SIT-
H. 20 my place in
A. 10 to 15 to my-
Address R. L.

HELP WANTED--TALES.

B SPECIAL DESPATCHES FROM CONGRESS
EVERY NIGHT
IN THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

ANYBODY HAVING \$5 CAN START BUSINESS FOR
themselves and make their living forever.
TALLMADGE, 682 Broadway.

AM GOING TO LEAVE MY POSITION; WILL GIVE
same to party competent for small bonus. H., Herald
office.

A YOUNG MAN HAVING \$750 OR \$1,000 TO LOAN
can secure permanent situation. Address BUSINESS,
box 164 Herald office.

ANY AGENT CAN MAKE \$300 PER MONTH SELL-
ing our Magnetic Instantaneous Copying Book and Ink;
no press, brush or water used. STATIONERS' MANUFAC-
TURING COMPANY, 10 and 12 Dey st., New York.

AGENTS WANTED--FOR JOHNSON'S PATENT
apants protector. 297 Broadway, up stairs, front office,
between 12 and 2 o'clock.

AGENTS FOR ENLARGING OLD PICTURES ON
porcelain. Prices reduced for the old style. 327
Grand st.

A YOUTH OR YOUNG MAN TO LEARN DENTIS-
try; one with mechanical ingenuity; fine opportunity.
262 6th av.

CANVASSER WANTED--YOUNG MAN ACCUSTOMED
to soliciting; small salary and commission paid. 216
Montague st., Brooklyn, basement Continental Building.

ENERGETIC MEN WANTED--TO INTRODUCE A
new article. Call 53 Dey st. REGURHARD, SHEVILLE
& CO.

GENTLEMEN OF ENERGY SEEKING BUSINESS
can make money in taking orders. 14 Murray st.,
room 3.

GOOD, RESPONSIBLE MEN AS GENERAL AGENTS
for Southern and Western States; one for the city. 106
William st., second floor.

MANUFACTURERS OF FINE FLANNEL SHIRTS
and drawers; steady work at good prices supplied par-
ties that are able to turn out two to twenty dozen per day.
Small manufacturers will find it to their interest to confer
with us. Steady work; good pay; prompt cash. Also man-
ufacturers wanted to make fine cuffs, from 20 to 100 dozen
per day. Apply, all the week, KEEF MANUFACTURING
COMPANY, 165 and 167 Mercer st.

PURE TEAS--AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE
to sell to families, hotels and large consumers; largest
stock in the country; quality and terms the best; country
storekeepers should call or write. THE WELLS TEA
COMPANY, 201 Fulton st.

RELIABLE, GENTLEMANLY CATHOLIC MAN, TO
take orders and collect; good recommendations neces-
sary. SHENHY, 33 Barclay st.

TEA, TEAS--FIVE POUNDS FOR \$1. SAMPLE TEA
COMPANY, 263 Pearl st., near Fulton.

WANTED--GENTLEMANLY CANVASSERS IN AND
out of town; also general agents. GLOVER, 400 Ful-
ton st., Brooklyn.

WANTED--ADVERTISING CANVASSERS; NEW,
novel and taking; good commissions. Apply only from
10 A. M. to 1 P. M., 338 Hudson st., New York.

WANTED--A WAITER, WHO THOROUGHLY UN-
derstands his business, to keep house; bring reference;
wages \$45 per month. 14 East 32d st.

WANTED--ENERGETIC CANVASSERS; ONE AGENT
made \$117 in four days; 14 elegant chromos, with 16
page illustrated paper. Apply room 2, Park Hotel, Beek-
man and Nassau, 11 to 4 o'clock.

WANTED--LIVE AGENTS, WITH 40 CENTS CAP-
ital; can make \$5 per day; an entirely new article,
never canvassed in New York.
SIMPSON, 91 Liberty, room 7.

WANTED--A BOY HAVING A KNOWLEDGE OF
the tea and grocery business; also a man accustomed
to sell teas and coffees outside and occasionally work in
store. Apply at 46 Greenwich st.

WANTED--A CAPABLE MAN AS WORKING MAN-
ager in a paper mill. Address box 4,103 Post office.

WANTED--A GOOD, STEADY COLORED BOY, WHO
can furnish unexceptionable city reference, to attend
to a furnace, waiting on table, &c., in a private family;
none but those having experience need apply. Address M.
N., Herald office.

WANTED--YOUNG MAN FROM 16 TO 19 YEARS OF
age, to tend bar; must understand the business and be
strictly honest. Address JOHN QUINN, corner 51st st. and
11th av. Apply from 10 to 11.

WANTED--SMALL, BRIGHT, TIDY BOY IN LAW
office. Apply, before 9 o'clock, 206 Broadway, room
107.

THE TRADES.

A FRENCH LADY, ARRIVED FROM PARIS A FEW
days since, wants a situation as flower brancher in a
first class house. Answer for three days to Mme. H. BER-
LENSON, care of Mr. James McCreery, Broadway, 11th st.

A GENERAL ENGRAVER OF JEWELRY IS OPEN
for a situation. Address F. D., Herald Uptown office.

ENGINEER AND FOREMAN WANTED--MUST UN-
derstand mills and machinery and competent to take
charge of men; reference required. Address J. N., box 125
Herald office.

ENGINEER WANTS SITUATION; BEST REFER-
ence. Address HARVEY, box 134 Herald office.

SILK TRADE--WANTED, BY AN ENGLISHMAN, A
position as superintendent in a thriving mill; has had
the management of 300 hands; excellent references from
London and New York houses; ten years' experience. Ad-
dress R. B., 47 Jerolemon st., Brooklyn.

WANTED--BY A FIRST CLASS FOREMAN, A SITU-
ation in a bakery, on bread and cake. Call at No. 310
East 6th st., room 17, or 217 East 51st st.

WANTED--SASH AND DOOR MAKER; THREE GOOD
machine hands in sash, door and blind factory. TOALE
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Charleston, S. C.

WANTED--A COMPETENT ENGINEER TO TAKE
charge of a fishing steamer; must have engineer's cer-
tificate and be well recommended. Address, stating condi-
tion, to the Editor of the Herald, N. Y. have 150 Nassau office.

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Encl. to Col Miles
Letter of Jan. 31, 1878.

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GENERAL HOWARD TO GENERAL SHERIDAN.

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
In the Field, Steamer Benton, Missouri River, Oct. 19, 1877.

General P. H. SHERIDAN,
Commanding Division of the Missouri.

It is due you, as commander of this military division, to know the facts that I have already telegraphed to General McDowell from the battle-field concerning the final operations and surrender of the hostile Nez Perces. First, on the 11th of September I assumed command of Sturgis' troops after I had passed him at Clark's Fork, and he operated in conjunction with my force proper till the close. The advance, Sturgis immediately commanding, then made a forced march of eighty-five miles in two days, struck the hostiles, captured quite a number of their ponies, killed and wounded several warriors and drove the band beyond the Mussel Shell. The 12th of September I sent from Clark's Fork a dispatch to Colonel Miles, showing him that the Indians were making for the Mussel Shell country by exceedingly long marches, and urging unusual activity, and earnestly requesting him "to make every effort in his power to prevent the escape of this hostile band." Colonel Miles received the despatch at Tongue River on the evening of the 16th, and promptly moved his command—two battalions of 2d and 7th Cavalry, and one, his own mounted Infantry—on the 17th, to the mouth of Mussel Shell.

Meanwhile, as he requested nine days to get into position, I "slowed" my march to about fifteen miles per day, knowing that the hostiles watching me would do the same. They slackened their pace after crossing the Missouri at Cow Island.

As soon as Miles found that they were beyond the Missouri he crossed where he was and made forced marches diagonally across our front to the north of Bear-Paw Mountains and struck the Indians about 7 o'clock a. m. of the 30th ultimo. They were encamped near a creek bottom, in a strong natural position, but their numerous ponies (now nearly worn out) were scattered over the open country, grazing. Miles charged the camp and herd simultaneously. A desperate fight occurred, in which two officers and twenty-five men were killed, and four officers and forty-two men wounded. The ponies were nearly all captured—some seven hundred; but the Indians, hemmed in by Miles' pickets, held out until after my arrival, (firing was then still going on,) the evening of the 4th. I had with me two friendly Nez Perces, and an interpreter. The two Nez Perces were sent the next morning into the hostile camp. Through them the surrender was arranged. A few Indians, including White Bird, crept out through the lines during the night. A portion of my Artillery and Infantry, and Sturgis' Cavalry were brought up within twenty-five miles of the battle-field; but, as the Sioux under Sitting Bull continued quiet, I deemed it best, on

account of the difficulty of supplying the command, to return the foot troops to the Missouri. Sturgis' Cavalry was ordered to report to Colonel Miles, and moved in conjunction with him back to the mouth of the Mussel Shell. I embarked my troops on the steamer Benton. On account of Sitting Bull's proximity I delayed their departure from the 10th to the 13th instant, till Miles, burdened with the wounded and the Indian prisoners, three hundred and seventy-five in number, had reached the Missouri. Colonel Sturgis and his regiment deserve special credit for energetic, persistent and successful work. Colonel Miles and his command have and deserve the great honor of the final battle and surrender, while appreciation and gratitude are due our officers and men who engaged the hostiles with success in Idaho, have cheerfully made forced marches for 1,600 miles, were part of the last operating force north of the Missouri, and were represented by their commander at the surrender.

I directed Colonel Miles to keep the prisoners till next spring, it being too late to send them to Idaho by direct routes this fall and too costly by steamer and rail. Can I meet you in Chicago the 24th inst?

O. O. HOWARD, *Comdg. Dept.*

GENERAL MILES' CONGRATULATORY ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE YELLOWSTONE,

In the Field, Camp near Bear Paw Mountains, M. T.,

October 7, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS }

No. 3.

The commanding officer takes great pleasure in expressing to his command his thanks and congratulations for the recent exhibition they have given of the highest degree of endurance under hardship and unyielding fortitude in battle. The secret forced marches that enabled you to surprise the enemy when in fancied security; the resistless charge that at once shut them in the fastnesses of their camp, and the courageous fight, with death and maiming thick about you, are all your own.

In the entire success that has attended your efforts, the complete capture of the hostile camp and animals, and the surrender of the Chief Joseph and his followers, the entire country will share, with gratitude to you who have accomplished so much.

It is an added source of congratulation that General O. O. Howard, who has so persistently waged a war against these hostile Nez Percés and driven them from the slope of the Pacific into this remote country, was present to witness the completion of his arduous and thankless undertaking.

By command of Colonel N. A. Miles:

T. W. BAIRD,

1st Lieut., 5th Inf., Adjt. and A. A. G.

Copy 573. 26. 1878.

Headq^r District of the Yellowstone
Fort Keogh, Montana.

January 31. 1878

General O. O. Howard

Com^dg Dep^t of the Columbia.

Dear General,

Your letter of Dec. 26. is at hand and in answer please find copy of my official report as it appeared in the newspapers. The copy sent from which this was published contained the following paragraph,

"I purpose to-morrow to march hence toward the Missouri. The force of General Howard, including the command of General Sturgis, following the trail of the Nez Percés is approaching from the Missouri. The General arrived at evening of the 4th having moved forward in advance of his command with a small escort."

Very respectfully



(Signed) Nelson A. Miles. &c.

The dates show when it was sent and received. The enclosed copy of my General Order dated October 7th was published in the newspapers with the last paragraph omitted, a copy of it was sent to the Army & Navy Journal by an officer of my command which paper published it entire December 8th.

If this garbling of official documents has been done by one officer to the prejudice of another, it has been done without my knowledge and outside of my command, and in my opinion is a dishonorable act.

In my official communications I but expressed the sentiments entertained by myself and command up to the time you left to go down the Missouri, since that time your statements in public, your official documents and comments thereon, particularly your Congratulatory order, have been received with just indignation, as the representations contained therein are not considered in accordance with well known facts, or your letters written to me at the time.

I can appreciate your desire to compliment your own troops but I regret that you should have found it necessary to claim that which you were not entitled to, as well as to ignore the bloody engagements on this side of the mountains, for in so doing you do an injustice to those who were killed and wounded days after you with your command had abandoned the pursuit.

I remain

Very respectfully Yours
(Signed) Nelson A. Miles
U.S.A.

Official copy

W. C. Wood.

Assistant Adjutant General.





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