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Kelly M. J. Mrs

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New York Feb 15, 1894.
Hon General Howard.
Sir
I hope you will pardon me for troubling you once more in concerning my son James W. Kelly who is serving his sentence on Governors Island for deserting. Sir I know you have granted me a great many favors for which I can heartly thankful to you for it, I have one more to ask of you

And I hope the Lord will reward you and yours true life. Do grant it to me please Sir.

Respectfully
His Mother
M. J. Kelly
203 East 77st
City

P. S.
If Hon. General Howard does not read this the gentleman who does please show it to the General as I hope to receive an answer.

Sir In which I will trust you will grant me and that is if you will pardon my son before you retire from services. I hope I am not asking toomuch by doing so. But he feels his punishment very much of which I am glad of. He regrets he will be in his 23rd year if he serves his time. That he is not able to earn any thing for either his self or I. He feels his effences to me in a great many ways. Hon General Howard I make this appeal to you instead of going to any one else as I know you are the best and most generous I can appeal to.

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Guilty.
To the CHARGE: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"To be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances now due or to become due, and to be confined at hard labor, under charge of the guard, at such place as the reviewing authority may designate, for the period of eighteen months."

In the foregoing case of Private *Charles Gerhard*, Company G, 15th Infantry, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. In view of the length of time the prisoner has been in confinement, awaiting trial, six days of the period of confinement are remitted, and as thus mitigated the sentence will be duly executed; so much of it as provides for confinement, at the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. The prisoner will be held at Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, until further orders shall be given for his removal to the Leavenworth Prison.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

SAM'L BRECK,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aid-de-camp.

G. C. M.

CASES TRIED.

Fort Adams, R. I.

Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery.

Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H.

Private *Robert W. Donnelly*, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

Fort McPherson, Ga.

1. Musician *Samuel Dehbourg*, Battery I, 3d Artillery.
2. Corporal *Orla H. Brous*, Battery I, 3d Artillery.

Fort Thomas, Ky.

Private *Nola Kelly*, Battery D, 4th Artillery.

Fort Columbus, N. Y. H.

1. Private *Max Gertiess*, Battery B, 1st Artillery.
2. Private *Michael Kelly*, Troop K, 2d Cavalry. page 3
3. Private *Charles Gerhard*, Company G, 15th Infantry.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ORDERS, No. 48. } GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY. December 19, 1893.

I. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Adams, R. I., pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders, No. 221, October 6, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Captain Edward Field, 4th Artillery, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Edwin St. J. Greble, 2d Artillery, is judge advocate, was arraigned and tried:

Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery.

CHARGE.—"Violation of the 62d Article of War."

Specification 1st.—"That Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, did approach Sergeant *David E. Hawkey*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, at the dinner table, and in a threatening attitude demand to know why he (Sergeant *Hawkey*) had spoken to Sergeant *P. J. Mulheran*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, about him, and when informed that such was not the case, did use threatening and abusive language towards Sergeant *David E.*

Hawkey, Battery G, 2d Artillery. At Fort Adams, R. I., about 11.45 A. M., December 8, 1893."

Specification 2d.—"That Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, after being ordered to the guard house by Sergeant *David E. Hawkey*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, in the execution of his duty, did resist arrest, and did use violent and abusive language towards said Sergeant *Hawkey*, until it became necessary to send for the guard. At Fort Adams, R. I., about 11.45 A. M., December 8, 1893."

Specification 3d.—"That Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, after being arrested by the guard, did resist and strike Sergeant *David E. Hawkey*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, he at the time being in the execution of his duty."

Specification 4th.—"That Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, after being arrested by the guard, and while being taken to the guard house, did assault Private *John Huard*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, striking and biting him, and using threatening and abusive language towards him. At Fort Adams, R. I., about 11.45 A. M., December 8, 1893."

Specification 5th.—"That Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, was drunk and disorderly at the post of Fort Adams, R. I., about 11.45 A. M., December 8, 1893."

PLEA.

To the 1st *Specification:* Guilty.
To the 2d *Specification:* Guilty.
To the 3d *Specification:* Not Guilty.
To the 4th *Specification:* Guilty, except the words "and biting," and to the excepted words Not Guilty.
To the 5th *Specification*: Guilty.
To the CHARGE: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the 1st *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the 2d *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the 3d *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the 4th *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the 5th *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"To be confined at hard labor, under charge of the post guard, for six months, and to forfeit ten dollars ($10) per month for the same period."

2. Private *Michael Kelly*, Troop K, 2d Cavalry.

CHARGE.—"Desertion, in violation of the 47th Article of War."

Specification.—"In that Private *Michael Kelly*, Troop K, 2d Cavalry, having been duly enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States at New York, N. Y., on the 6th day of October, 1891, and having received pay under said enlistment did desert said service on or about the 20th day of July, 1892, at or near Fort Bowie, A. T., and did remain absent in desertion until he was apprehended at Depot, General Recruiting Service, U. S. A., Davids Island, N. Y. H., on or about the 2d day of November, 1893, while serving in Company C, of Instruction, G. S. R., under the name of *James W. Kelly*."

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Guilty.
To the CHARGE: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"To be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances now due or to become due, and to be confined at hard labor under charge of the guard, at such place as the reviewing authority may designate, for the period of two (2) years and six (6) months."

In the foregoing case of Private *Michael Kelly*, Troop K, 2d Cavalry, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. One year of the period of confinement is remitted, and as thus mitigated, the sentence will be duly executed; so much of it as provides for confinement, at the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The prisoner will be held at Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, until further orders shall be given for his removal to the Leavenworth Prison.

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3. Private *Charles Gerhard*, Company G, 15th Infantry.

CHARGE.—"Desertion, in violation of the 47th Article of War."

Specification.—"That he, Private *Charles Gerhard*, of Company G, 15th Infantry, who enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States October 9, 1891, did desert said service at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on or about May 8, 1893, and did continue in desertion until November 23, 1893, when he surrendered himself at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H."

In the foregoing case of Private *Nola Kelly*, Battery D, 4th Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. In view of the length of time the prisoner has been in confinement, eighteen days of the period of confinement are remitted, and as thus mitigated, the sentence will be duly executed; so much of it as provides for confinement, at the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where the prisoner will be sent, under proper guard, by the Commanding Officer of Fort Thomas, Ky.

V. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders, No. 276, Headquarters Department of the East, December 11, 1893, and of which Captain Henry P. Kingsbury, 6th Cavalry, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Adam Slaker, 1st Artillery, is judge advocate, were arraigned and tried:

1. Private *Max Gertiess*, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

CHARGE—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the 62d Article of War."

Specification.—"In that Private *Max Gertiess*, Battery B, 1st Artillery, was drunk and disorderly in the barracks of Battery B, 1st Artillery, and when ordered by Sergeant *Thomas Williams*, Battery B, 1st Artillery, to remain quiet, he, Sergeant *Williams*, being at the time in the execution of his duties, did use insulting remarks to Sergeant *Williams*. This at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., at about 4.10 o'clock P. M., December 6, 1893."

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Guilty.
To the CHARGE: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"*To forfeit to the United States fifteen* (15) *dollars of his pay, and to be confined to the limits of the post where his battery may be serving, for a period of one month.*"

In the foregoing case of Private *Max Gertiess*, Battery B, 1st Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed. Private *Gertiess* will be released from confinement and returned to duty.

In the foregoing case of Private *Eugene Sullivan*, Battery G, 2d Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed.

II. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders No. 246, November 6, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Major John Egan, 1st Artillery, is president, and 1st Lieutenant John L. Chamberlin, 1st Artillery, is judge advocate, was arraigned and tried:

Private *Robert W. Donnelly*, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

CHARGE.—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the 62d Article of War."

Specification.—"In that he, Private *Robert W. Donnelly*, Battery B, 1st Artillery, having, at guard mounting of November 26, 1893, been released from confinement, under the sentence imposed in G. C. M. O. No. 40, Hdqrs. D. E. 27 October, 1893, and having, upon his application for authority to rejoin his proper station, Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., been refused, and specifically instructed by the old officer of the day, 1st Lieutenant *J. L. Chamberlin*, 1st Artillery, to go to the battery to which he was attached and there await the necessary orders, did disregard said instruction by absenting himself without authority from the post of Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., about noon of November 26, 1893, and did fail to return to comply with Post Orders, No. 124, of 26th November, 1893, ordering him to rejoin Fort Columbus, N. Y., by the steamer of November 27, 1893."

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Not Guilty.
To the CHARGE: Not Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"*To forfeit to the United States ten* (10) *dollars, and to be confined at hard labor, under charge of the guard, for thirty* (30) *days.*"

In the foregoing case of Private *Robert W. Donnelly*, Battery B, 1st Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed at Fort Wadsworth, New York Harbor.

III. . Before a general court martial which convened at Fort McPherson, Ga., pursuant to paragraph 3, Special Orders, No. 253, November 14, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Lieutenant Colonel Edmund C. Bainbridge, 3d Artillery, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Elmer W. Hubbard, 3d Artillery, is judge advocate, were arraigned and tried:

1. Musician *Samuel Dehbourg*, Battery I, 3d Artillery.

CHARGE.—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, under the 62d Article of War."

Specification.—"That Musician *Samuel Dehbourg*, Battery I, 3d Artillery, having been duly mounted as bugler of the guard, and having been granted permission by the sergeant commanding the guard, about 8.30 P. M., to go to his battery quarters for a few minutes to be back in time to sound tattoo (9.15 P. M.), did fail and neglect to return in time to sound tattoo, he not being prevented by sickness or other evident necessity. This at Fort McPherson, Ga., on or about December 3, 1893."

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Guilty, except the words "he not being prevented by sickness or other evident necessity," and of the excepted words Not Guilty."

To the CHARGE: Not Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"*To forfeit to the United States six dollars* ($6) *of his pay.*"

[Evidence of eight (8) previous convictions was duly considered by the court.]

In the foregoing case of Musician *Samuel Dehbourg*, Battery I, 3d Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed. Musician *Dehbourg* will be released from confinement and returned to duty.

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2. Corporal *Orla H. Brous*, Battery I, 3d Artillery.

CHARGE.—"Drunkenness on duty, in violation of the 38th Article of War."

Specification.—"In that Corporal *Orla H. Brous*, Battery I, 3d Artillery, having been duly mounted as a member of the post guard, was found drunk. This at Fort McPherson, Ga., at about 5 o'clock P. M., December 4, 1893."

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Guilty
To the CHARGE: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"*To forfeit to the United States ten* (10) *dollars of his pay.*"

In the foregoing case of Corporal *Orla H. Brous*, Battery I, 3d Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed. Corporal *Brous* will be released from arrest and returned to duty.

IV. . Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Thomas, Ky., pursuant to paragraph 2, Special Orders, No. 273, December 7, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Lieutenant Colonel Harry C. Egbert, 6th Infantry, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Benjamin W. Atkinson, 6th Infantry, is judge advocate, was arraigned and tried:

Private *Noia Kelly*, Battery D, 4th Artillery.

CHARGE.—"Desertion, in violation of the 47th Article of War."

Specification.—"That Private *Noia Kelly*, Battery D, 4th Artillery, having been duly enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States June 3, 1892, did desert said service on or about September 14, 1892, at or near the post of Fort Barrancas, Fla., and did remain absent in desertion until apprehended at Louisville, Ky., on or about November 11, 1893."

PLEA.

To the *Specification:* Guilty.
To the CHARGE: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the *Specification:* Guilty.
Of the CHARGE: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"*To be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances due or to become due him, and to be confined at hard labor in such military prison as the reviewing authority may direct, for the period of one* (1) *year and six* (6) *months.*"

Wager Swayne,
Attorney & Counsellor at Law,
120 Broadway,
New York.

February 15th, 1894.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island,

New York Harbor.

Dear General:

I have your note with reference to the Florida Construction Co., and think perhaps you are right that it is for the interest of all parties to put that concern in the hands of a Receiver. I have never seen Mr. Ellis and do not know how he feels about it, but if you were correct in supposing that he is of the same mind, I think I can find a suitable person now resident in Florida, who will take charge of the concern, if all parties are agreed.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne

Mr Ellis c/o Conduit Bros 70 William St N.Y.
Please read & return
O.O.H.

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Swayne Wager

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Yours very truly,

Swayne Wager

Mr Ellis
Please

RUFUS ADAMS.

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152 EAST 34TH STREET, NEW YORK, 2/15 1894

Feb 15 1894

Genl O. O. Howard
New York City

My dear Sir:

Can you pick me a good teacher from your morning bible class to take a class of boys in the afternoon school?

If so will you send him to me or to Mr. C. Gaylord and very greatly oblige

Yours sincerely
Rufus Adams
Supt P.M. – S.S.

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Adams Rufus

150 Talbot Sarah E

Malden Feb 15. 1894.
105 Summer Street.

Dear Cousin Otis.

It gave us much pleasure to hear through our Secretary of the G. M. C. A. Mr Starrett, that you are expected to be in Malden March first, to address the Young Men's Christian Association, and they are planning to give you an enthusiastic reception.

If agreeable, and convenient to you, we should be very happy to have you make your home with us while here, and shall be very glad if your Wife will come with you, we wish so much to see her, it is many years since we met. We are boarding in a private family, very quietly, and regret that we cannot do as much for you as if we were at housekeeping, but shall be most happy to entertain you.

It is my only hope of saving our Nation from the terrible drunkenness, and ruin to which it is so rapidly drifting. The present generation, are "given over to their idols, let them alone". "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Let us use this wonderful weapon which God has so graciously given into our hands, and which the laws have made so easy for us, and instruct these thirteen million children in the truths of total abstinence, and when they become the voters, the law makers, the mothers, King alcohol will be dethroned, and justice, truth, and righteousness will prevail throughout the land we love so well, and would die to save.

Give much love to your Wife and children. Mr Talbot joins in kind regards to you all, and hopes soon to welcome you to Malden.

Affectionately Your Cousin,
Sarah E. Talbot.

It gave as much pleasure to receive a letter from Lizzie Lee, not long since, written from your house, informing us of your health, and that you had recently received a new daughter into your family, who will I trust be a pleasure, and a blessing to you all.

I wish to congratulate you, and also the society, of your election to the Presidency of the National Temperance Society, and trust you may not find its duties too arduous, and exacting, with all your other responsibilities. I have for many years been a subscriber of the Nat. Temp. Advocate, and feel great interest in the success of their work, especially their educational department, and trust they will push their work for scientific instruction in the public schools as to the effect of alcohol, and other narcotics upon the human system, as has recently been discovered by Dr Richardson of England, and Dr Davis of Chicago, and many other most distinguished physicians in both countries. Through the able, and indomitable perseverance of Mrs Mary H. Hunt, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a compulsory law requiring that Scientific Temperance Education, as to the effect of alcohol, and other narcotics upon the human system, shall be taught in the public schools, has been enacted in all the States, but six, and in all the Territories, and the Dist. of Columbia, which Mrs Hunt states in her last annual report, "brings thirteen million children under the beneficent influence of this excellent law." Think of the immense possibilities to the next generation, if this law is thoroughly enforced, and its principles carried into effect in all the public schools of these States and Territories. This law has also been enacted in Canada.

Subject:

Southern Pacific Company,

C. P. HUNTINGTON,
President.

23 Broad Street, New York, May. 15th 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 14th inst. to Mr. Huntington with its enclosure is duly received, and, in acknowledging its receipt I have to advise you that Mr. Huntington is now on his way to the Pacific coast. I have forwarded your letter with its enclosure to him at San Francisco.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. E. Gates
Actg. Vice-Presidt.

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Southern Pacific Co

Subject:

Southern Pacific Company,

C. A. HUNTINGTON,
President.

23 Broad Street, New York, July 15th 1894

Jas. O. Monroe
Monroe's House, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 14th just to Mr. Huntington is received, and, in reference to your bill I have to answer, you that Mr. Huntington on his way to the Pacific coast. I forward your bill with a reference to him for answer.

Thanking you for your kind attention to matter I remain

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Sect. Sec. Treas.

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Genl O O Howard
Governors Island
D.C.

Our Commander-in-Chief (GAR) J G B Adams is to lunch with a few friends of Lafayette Post tomorrow Friday noon at Lawyers Club Will you join us

Genl Horace Porter

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Girl and Thomas
Robins will be
there. Lunch served
in private –
Kindly wire me
at my expense
in receipt of this
Yours
H H Adams
(125 O.V.I. Opelyeles Reg.)
2nd Div 4th Corps
Address 177 Broadway

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Adams, A. H.

J. MILLER CRAMPTON,
MANUFACTURING PHARMACIST
259 WEST 34TH STREET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15th 189 4

My dear Gail Howard:

When you were with us last Sabbath your enquiry in regard to my present occupation was not answered quite as clearly as I would like, owing to the day and the surroundings.

If you can spare but a few minutes to read the first three pages of the Enclosed little book you will obtain a concise and, I trust, clear statement of my new venture.

Although, from a business point of view, the times are hard, I feel that now is the time for goods such as I am putting out; they are from prescriptions of the very best Physicians and as I do not claim anymore for the remedies than they will do, they will therefore do everything I claim; my hope of success is based entirely on the goods themselves, the first of their kind on the market, backed by the sentiment expressed in Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" and Pauls "Not Slothful in Business, Fervent in Spirit, Serving the Lord."

I would that all rally under the Gospel Banner and prepare to live, beginning now for the Life that is beyond, not very far off perhaps, from the youngest of us.

Yours Sincerely

J. Miller Crampton

May Gail O. Howard
Governors Island
N.Y.

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Brampton J. Keller

THE CONGREGATIONALIST.
W. L. Greene & Co. Proprietors
BOSTON, MASS.

We call your attention to the following, which appeared in THE CONGREGATIONALIST dated Feb. 15.

Gen. O. O. Howard succeeds Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler as president of the National Temperance Society. Both are brave warriors who have fought many battles and won great victories in widely different fields, but under the same Commander. The army general is in the line of succession to the Christian minister. May they both have yet many years of active service!

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Congregationalist u

Young Men's Era.

Room 10, Metropolitan Block,
N. W. Corner Randolph and LaSalle Streets,
CHICAGO, Feb. 15 1894.

Dear Sir: Your favor received; we send you by this mail six copies of the issue of September 28, '93 containing your article on "The Problems of the next 25 years."

Yours Truly
J. E. Defebaugh

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Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard
Gov. Island,
New York City.

U. S. A.

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Long Island Railroad Company,

Traffic Department.

H. M. Smith,
Traffic Manager.

Long Island City, N.Y. 15th February 1894.

Mr O. O. Howard.

Major-General, U. S. Army,

Govenors Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of yesterday beg to say that we have arranged to stop the trains requested at Hageman Station, to-morrow, Friday, February 16th.

Yours truly,

H M Smith

Traffic Manager.

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L. I. R. R. Co
Traffic Manager

r O. O. Howard.

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Traffic Manager.

2307 Penn. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 15. 1894.

My Dear General:

The duplicate copy of your letter improving my chances for a staff appointment was forwarded to me by Genl Beck, and I desire to thank you for this additional kindness. I don't like to think of myself as an office seeker, but I thought the office might have some difficulty in finding me in the crowd, so I sent in my new application.

It is a source of gratification to me to have my services spoken of in terms of commendation, but I believe I appreciate more highly still the kindly feeling that you have shown me in this matter and on other occasions, and I am greatly indebted to you.

Mrs. Fmich joins me kindest regards to you and to your family. I am, Sir, Very respectfully

General O. O. Howard.

G. T. Fmich
1st Lt. 4th Cavy.

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French J. G. Jr
1st Lieut 4th Arty.

Buffalo N.Y.
February 15th 94

Gen: O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir

Would you be kind enough to look through this letter and advise me what course I had better take to clear myself of desertion-

I enlisted in Chicago on the 2nd of March 1886, my age at that time being sixteen years and ten months- I deserted from the 7th U. S. Infantry after serving four years two months and eight-

I had money in the Army Savings Bank and about a month before I left put $25-00 more to what I had there When I think over what I have done I believe I must have been insane as I only had to put in nine months and a few days to complete my five years, then I would receive a good dis-charge and nearly five hundred dollars in cash

The reason I am writing to you Sir is because I have just heard that if a deserter remains in the United States without changing his name for two years after the expiration of his enlistment he can apply for protection

days - During that time I was never reprimanded by an Officer or placed in the Guard House, and on the very day I deserted the Commanding Officer "Col Merriam" appointed me Principal Musician of the Band - The cause of my desertion had nothing to do with the Army - It was through a woman that I committed the rash act - I left Fort Logan Colorado without telling a living person a few days after when I began to think of what I had done I felt sorry, but was afraid to return -

To show you that the desertion was not premeditated

papers - I have remained in the United States three years, my enlistment expiring on the 1st of March 1891 during that time I have had a terrible feeling of unrest and twice I have been threatened by men that they would inform on me, consequently I have lost good positions - I have an aged mother whom I have been trying to support but until this last year have not been able to do very much owing to my wandering about, but now I have a good position and am studying to become a Physician but before entering into a College would like to have everything settled -

[illegible] again Sir while
[illegible] desertion is hanging over
[illegible] I have not the heart to
go through with anything, for
I am in constant fear of
some one knowing me and
giving me up to the authorities.
Sir would you be kind
enough to look into this
matter and help me out of
what I went into foolishly
and unthinkingly, and which
if it went on much longer
would be the ruin of my
life, as it is the last four
years has been almost unbearable.
Would you Sir assist me
in this and I am sure you
would help to make the rest
of my life more happy than
the past has been. It would

Gentlemen, upon Sir, while the weather is keeping our we I have not the heart to go out to attempt with anything, if we are in constant fear of our throwing our out giving we up to the authorities.

Sir: rather you to take enough to look into the matter our they are out of which I want with faithfully our authority, our which if it work as much longer rather to the ruin of our life, so it is the last we pass the, almost unbearable.

Rather you Sir, with me in this case I am sure you rather help to work the next of our life rather help then the heart has been. Sir rather

be something I would not forget to my dying day, for God knows Sir I have had hard struggles the last four years, and now I have something within my reach it would be to bad to loose it.

Hoping you will do all you can for me

I am Dear Sir
Yours Respectfully
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