

October 16 [1891]

To.

Mrs. Sarah. W. Hopkins.

Lak P.O.

Bingham Co. Idaho

Madame:

Gen'l Howard has had
your request forwarded to Gen'l.
Miles for his consideration. He
is very glad to know that you
are all so well and doing nicely
General Miles is now stationed
at Chicago Ill. Comdg Dept of the
Missouri. Respy

Chas. G. Treat.

ADC

January 2d, 1892

Dear Mr. Wolf:-

It is impossible for me to do justice to those who served with me and under my command who are known to be of Hebrew extraction. I would hardly be justified without their permission to give their names.

I had an Aide-de-Camp, one of the bravest and best, in the first battle of "Bull Run," he is now a distinguished officer of the army, a man of high scientific attainment.

I had another Aide who was killed at the battle of "Chancellorsville," a true friend and brave officer.

Two of my brigade commanders, one of whom you have mentioned, served ably and faithfully at "Gettysburg," and in other great battles of the war, who answer to the above description.

So many of the German officers and men, the Polish and the Hungarians, were of Jewish lineage that I am unable to designate them. I think it would be difficult to certify to their religious faith or proclivities. But, my dear sir, I can assure you, that, intrinsically, there are no more patriotic men to be found in the country than those who claim to be

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of Hebrew descent, and who served with me in parallel commands or more directly under my instructions.

I have always greatly esteemed the Jewish people, and in fact, the highest hopes I have in the great future are derived from him whom I think justly claimed to be the Spiritual King of the Jews.

So far as bravery is concerned, bravery often carried to rashness, history affords no example superior to those of the Maccabees and of other leaders of the Jews, back to the time of Jacob, the Prince, who prevailed with God.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Oliver O. Howard

Major General, U. S. Army.

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