

November 11, 1901

Major M. R. Wm. Grebe,
Bonner Springs, Kans.

Dear Major Grebe:-

I return to you the papers you have sent to General Howard. You will remember that you said last year that you would not request him to sign any more papers for you, as he had covered every point you desired to make, and you had now received your Medal of Honor. It will make the General ridiculous to sign over and over again the same statement about this, for you can use certified copies of his letter any time you need or desire to assist another.

As to Private Wagner receiving a medal, of course General Howard cannot sign the letter you enclose for he has no personal knowledge of the facts therein stated, simply knowing them to be true because you say so, but the Department does not take testimony that way.

I will, however, have a talk with General Howard and let you know what steps he thinks Private Wagner ought to take in applying for a medal. I think a statement from an officer like yourself, having personal knowledge of the event, is required, and then your truthfulness can be certified to by General Howard.

General Howard is away just now, but I will write you within a few weeks.

Yours truly,

(sgd.)

H. S. Howard

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