Personal

Camp near Detr. Ala., May 26, 1875

Emil. M. Howard

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I sent to Capt. Melviss my application for leave of absence to enable me to meet my family in Portland. I learned from the newspapers that he was most likely away from Portland when my letter arrived, and perhaps the application has not been placed in his hands in consequence. I trust you, Mr. To, will send James Brookly early in June. She will make a short visit at Omaha, and most likely will reach Portland about the 20th of June.
I shall know by telegraph before it would be necessary to hear in person the time she will be due. I spent my application on Capt. M., because I did not know that I would have the opportunity to order you to Portland about that time on some duty in connection with building the wharf or otherwise, and save me some travel expenses. This I do not wish to do; however, though it would be a favor after a very expensive year.

In case the application has not been acted upon when this reaches you, I would be greatly obliged if you will give the Adjut. Genl. instruction to notify me, by telegraph via Walla Walla, if I may come to Portland, in order that I may be able purely to meet Miss H.

Mrs. Black arrived on the 22nd with Mr. Harbor & Midwinter from San Francisco. The former brought a letter from Lord Wheaton in which the latter informs me that you take an interest in Mr. Black. While he remains at this post I shall take great pleasure in doing whatever I can to make it agreeable for him. I am very sorry these men went via Depoe Bay, for nearly a month of time has thus been lost to me in getting the machinery in operation. Time will prove upon us here, with our limited means, before cold weather returns in this latitude.

This remembrances to Miss Howard and all the family when I have met you.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Morrison
1862/16

John Brown
May 28th 1878

Gen. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

My brother

Bob J.W. will be glad to
supplement my lack of ability to invite
you to Commencement Time.

He will expect you to join
your own Sons to come directly to our
home when you come out.

I am sorry that circum-
cumstances make it impossible for me to enjoy the privilege of offering you
my own hospitality.

Mrs. O.O. Howard
May 28, 1878.

and sincerely wishing you a long and happy life here and elsewhere. Happiness hereafter I have no ceremony to be very respectfully your obedient humble servant.

Augustus Klein.

1940 Hancock St. Phil. Pa. May 28

Major Gen. O.O. Howard

Your favor of the 17th.

Just last week I enclose the favor you send my letter written for "The Poet".

The Hon. Mrs. Randall has my claim for pension now before the Com. on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives.

I was discharged amongst the other veterans pension ten months after my term of service had expired and of course away from my wife & children since then. Need any medical evidence proving my disability at the time...
of my Discharge. This appears to be a
serious case in the matter.
I have the evidence of two persons
who were present that I was a person
who was present for men giving infor-
mation as to the escape of my fellow
prisoners that I was sick while a
prisoner with typhoid and cerebro-
diasthea, and have not been a well
man since. This unless I can produce
medical evidence and I can't reach
that evidence. My chances are about
in a general case, the weakest always
go down and I am no exception to
the general rule. Employment such as
I would be able to do even in the
best of times is always hard to
procure, and now amidst these
terrible hard times, I can find no
employment that I am able to do.
I am not forming you for any
of your personal influence in the
matter. It would have been better
not to have bore you in the first place.
For I know gentlemen in your positi-
on in life have many chances thrust
up on them which it is bound policy
to evade. as gracefully as possible.
I bitterly regret my self and family
and became disabled by going to my
services to my country. I write to
thinking you might probably be able
to relieve me. I am unable to all sides
in my present home. I hope you
Aise Camps reply to my first
letter, and while I had no in-
tention of being personal Dispiriting
to your self. I write you the exact
truth and nothing but the truth
and while there is no excuse under
any circumstance for a lie. The
truth is not always requisite or
necessary to be thrust upon an
Official of High Rank or a Gent.
Dear Sir, again since any thanks you
for your kind & Courteous letter.
May 29, 1878.

Dear Sir:

We should like to see the article on "The Indians of the South-west" mentioned in your letter of the 8th, all.

Very truly yours,

The Editors.

Gen. O. Q. Howard.
Dear Sir,

On examining the
new edition of our
South-Side

Association in your letter of

June 13th, I
can hardly

California

Yours truly,

C. E. H. A. [illegible]
Washington, D.C., May 26th, 1875

Dear General,

Shep accepts the place you mentioned and was ready to start a week ago, but is delayed for want of funds for the trip. He says he will certainly be able to start within a week from this time.

I have not been able to see John A. Cook in regard to your property for the reason that he has been sick for a month from bleeding at the lungs. He is still confined to his bed and I am afraid will not be able to give you vigorous attention to leasing for some time. I am not sure that I could do my best with your property then. If you should see fit to place it in my hands I will give it the best attention of the office capacity and almost certainly change it at least into something that does not cost interest money if it does not sell. It is a difficult
Matter for me $50 after John under the circumstances it occurs to me you would be justified in making some definite arrangement in regard to it.

Much love to Mark the boys and girls.

Tess

Jeff Smith
dispatch from Bois pays your dispatch reclaim at two o'clock this morning Bernard left last night with his Company of Cavalry Collins left this morning to join Bernard will be cautions in his movements (Sig) 47th 47th

Selden 7th
Angel Island, Cal.
May 31st 1878.

Of Major General O.C. Howard

General,

I have just been shown a report from your office commenting on the officers and enlisted men who had any connection with the Nez Perce War. The commendation is so general that I beg you to excuse me for making the following report, as I find that both myself and company are unnoticed. My military motto has always been to promptly, faithfully and willingly to obey orders. And I have always been taught that it was equally honorable and meritorious to remain in rear as a reserve or on other duty if required to do so, as to be engaged.

On July 9th, 1877 I was stationed with my company at Camp Independence, Sunny Bay, Cal. at 1/2 O’clock P.M. of that date I received a telegram from Division Headquarters to proceed to join you in the field in Idaho Territory. On July 10th at 4 1/2 O’clock A.M., I left...
the post with my company, making forced marches over the Desert to Southern Pacific railroad, and arrived at San Francisco Cal. many days before I was expected. On July 25 th I arrived at Lewiston Idaho, having only lost one day en route, that was because no steamboat left Vancouver on Sunday. I was stopped at Lewiston Idaho by your orders conveyed to me verbally by Colonel Sally (myself and company much disappointed at this order.) On July 27 th (I think) I was placed in command of "the field and sub-depot" and of Lewiston and its environs, and continued in command until Sept 29 th 1877. When I was ordered back to California.

My duties at Lewiston were arduous and responsible, they were faithfully performed by myself and men. Colonel Sally, Major Hobbs, Good and Col. Weeks, know whether we are deserving of mention or not.

I am egotistical enough to think that.

where all others are mentioned. We are entitled to some notice, unless we were worthless to you in the campaign.

I send this as an unofficial letter believing that myself and company may have been overlooked on account of the multitude of other more important duties.

I hope General that you will not be offended at this communication.

Believe me to be very truly

Your obedient servant

W. R. MacGowan
Capt. 18th Inf. Army Comdg. Camp 3d U.S.