Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

IN THE FIELD,

Returned O.F.B.

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July 1880

To Whom it may concern:

Nid Chambreau Esq. has done for the Government extraordinary service for the past three years. He has visited thousands of Indians hundreds of miles apart, gone into their lodges and camps remained with them long enough to influence them effectually and to learn their secret purposes for the sake of preventing war and protecting the interests of the surrounding inhabitants. Several times he has enabled me to maintain my ascendency over a tribe or a leader so as to cause the tribe and leader to forego a meditated revenge and thus has saved thousands of dollars of expenditure by preventing an outbreak and consequent war. For hard and prolonged labor, exposed to every kind of privation, Chambreau has done for the Government what few men would be able to do. Familiar with several languages,

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

IN THE FIELD,

accustomed to the habits of the Indians, acquainted with the vast domain occupied by them or roamed over at will, he has so accommodated himself to the situation, as to produce wonderful results for peace and good feeling in the midst of threatenings, suspicions, whiskey rows, and brawls!

For these things I am deeply grateful. For his fidelity, truthfulness, and perseverance he deserves the commendation of all good men.

Respectfully Yours
O. O. Howard
Brigadier General Commanding
Department of the Columbia.

Lieut. Colonel
Commd. 3rd Cavalry
Fort Clemmer Ky
Sept 1880.

Little Rock Barracks
Little Rock Arkansas
July 1. 1881

My dear General

The papers in the case of Otto Richter have been some time on hand & reply delayed by our recent move to this point

I am quite clear in Richter's case that nothing can be accomplished by his discharge – The fact as alleged that he contributes nothing to the support of his mother does not grow out of any inability to do so – He is a Sergeant of Battery "B", has money laid up & loans money to the men. Recently he borrow from the Captain of his battery $70 for this same purpose of loaning. If he sends nothing home then it is because he has no wish to do so & his discharge would not benefit his mother in the least – It would probably result in his enlisting somewhere else.

Under these circumstances I should not deem it advisable to favor his discharge

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Little Rock, Ark.
July 1, 1881.

The transfer to this post was a very agreeable one and we are fast getting domesticated — I shall unpack my books soon & then will finish the work.

I am afraid we go back in the fall but there are worse things than a Florida winter.

I recd. your pamphlet giving a class history of the '54,[st] alumni — for the larger part are with "the majority beyond."

I have met very few — with Rogers I correspondd — moved by the sight of his son — a fine-looking boy just from the Naval school — Johnny Long I befriended — not an unpleasant recollection in view of the fact that soon afterwards he shot himself in War.

I anticipate that as you come East we shall go West — & that the pleasure of renewing our youth is not for this side the veil — I know not how it is with you but so many of those I knew & love are walking yonder — including my dear Father who died last March — that I almost feel "on furlough" here —

Very truly yrs Henry H Closson

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Court of Inquiry Rooms,

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y. H.,

July 1st 1880.

General O. O. Howard.
U. S. Army.
Vancouver Barracks.
Washington Territory.

Dear General.

A few days ago, I received a copy of the address delivered by you on Decoration Day, at Vancouver Barracks. Assuming that it was you who sent it, I desire to thank you for this courteous remembrance of me. At the same time, I wish to express my appreciation of the good feeling and spirit of comradeship which prompted you to select such an interesting occasion to eulogize those of our honored classmates who have given up their lives for their country.

Sandborn, Lawrence C.
July 1st 1880.

Acknowledged by General July 22, 1880.

Permit me to say that the address was beautifully written, and I doubt whether any one, even if he were not a class-mate could have read every portion of it with tears coming to the eyes.

Singularly enough, the day after I read the address, I rode over from Cornwall to West Point to see evening parade, and the Cadet Adjutant whom I saw forming the line, a tall handsome young fellow by the way, was young Greble, son of John Greble. Poor Greble! He and had a tiff at the Academy, but I thank the Lord now, I never treasured it up against him - and in 1856 - when I met him in Florida, during the Billy Bowlegs campaign, we became as we should have been always, quite friends.

I met Abbott this morning at the Treasury on Wall St. His son graduated, last year, I think it was, and is now stationed at Willets Point with his father. At the time young Abbott entered West Point, General Abbott himself took him up there. I happend to be there with my wife that day, staying with General Ruger, to be at the Point during the Ball and Graduating exercises, and Abbott was invited to meet us at dinner. It was quite a pleasant re union, and the ladies of the party were much interested in hearing us three reviving cadet reminiscences and telling war stories.

But I did n't mean to write you a long letter. That would be a poor return for your sending me the address

Please present my respectful remembrances to Mrs Howard and believe me.

Very Sincerely.
Yours

Loomis L. Langdon -
Bv't Lt Col. A.D.C.

CIRCULAR NO. 121.*

New-York Life Insurance Company,

346 & 348 BROADWAY, New-York.

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New York, July 1st, 1880.

To the Agents of the New-York Life Insurance Company.

In response to many requests, the New-York Life Insurance Company has decided to issue policies of insurance upon the lives of Officers of the Army and Navy, and place such policies in a class designated the "Army and Navy Officers' Class."

UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS.

Permission will be granted, in time of peace, when acting under orders and in discharge of their duties, to go to, travel and reside in, all parts of the United States, at all seasons of the year, and also to engage in Indian warfare, or any other active military service, except in time of civil war or war with other nations.

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FIFTH. *Whenever a member of this class shall pass beyond the limits of travel and residence named in the policy, he shall, within thirty days from the time of such departure, notify the Company in writing, at its office in the city of New-York, and also give a similar notice when he returns from such interdicted sections; and the extra premium (if any there be) shall be charged to the dividend fund of the "Army and Navy Officers' Class."*

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WILLIAM H. BEERS,
Vice Pres't and Actuary.

C. J. McDougall
Genl Manager.
Oregon & Washington.
no 155. 1st
Portland, Or

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Actuary
New York Life Ins. Co.

Oct 1, 1880.

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Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T., July 2 1880

General -

I fear from what General Howard said this afternoon he will misquote me relative to what I said to him this morning. What I said was this - General Howard said to me yesterday - "See General Morrow and ask him to come to me to Morrow, and we will select a place for the school house." Fortunately for me - I have a witness who heard what I stated and can corroborate my statement - I cannot afford to be placed in the wrong and made the scape-goat. Therefore trusts you will send for me and give me the opportunity to "say my say" in case General Morrow gives you the impression I didnot secure the matter as above -

I am General

Very respectfully your

Edwin C. Mason

Mason, E. C.
Maj. 21st Infty.

Vancouver Bks,
July 2, 1880.

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Dalles Oregon July 2th 1880

Gen. O. O Howard
Vancouver Barracks

Sir

I expect to be detained here a few days on account of high water. I over took Capt Wilkinson who left for the Warm Springs this morning. Last night there was a religious meeting on the Street Mr Hodhams voice was heard quite a distance the Captian done nobly. The prayer meeting was also very good.

As usal the Indians always tell me their throuble. Lackau ai a policemen of the warm-Spring who is here on duty tells me the following. Scolow an Indian belonging on Father Wilber's Reserve who had no pass mutillated an Indian women with a knife & Rocks untill he thaught She was quite dead this was done after She had been Raped by Seven drunken Indians. He Say he

July 2. 1880.

Klamathreau, Nez.

Letter written J. H. Wilkins Agent. Yakkamac Indians, Dated 4. 1880.

only knows the names of two who commited this outrage. Wa-tak-as-k (We ach canach) is the Father of one of the men. However they were all Simco Indians this took place at the Dalles Fishery. he persued Scolow but could not over take him. There is ten of the Warm Spring around me who tells me the Same thing. now Dear General I wish you would write to Father Wilber, that he as the guilty parties brought to Justice. I do not belive is it a good plan to let those who are addicted to drink out on pass. of Corse we have nothing to with that but I will pray for it.

I remain very Respectfully your
Humble Servent
Ned Chombreau

interest. This is a personal character and not intended in any manner to advise or criticise the policy of any body.

I have been for three years among the Indians (three years of revelation) and think that I know them as well as any man on this Coast.

I shall advise the people to send one or more ~~reliable~~ reliable men to the Indians and have a plain talk with them. To tell them if the emissaries war that is still be pushed against them ~~to~~ to practice extermination, if necessary. And to inform those who are against it to come into the settlements with their families and give up their guns. Then protect them against bad white men if the white men have to be shot for maltreating them.

It will give me great pleasure to aid you in any manner which you may require for I have a high regard for your character as a soldier and as a man, imbued with much of humanity and philanthropy.

Respectfully,

T. T. Calanis

Rec'd July 21 1880.

T. T. Calanis

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Camp Howard, July 2nd 1880.

Genl.

There is much uneasiness among the people of this Valley in regard to the Indians.

Whether or not there is good reason for this I will not express an opinion. The circumstance which lead to this feeling of fear will no doubt reach you through the proper channel.

The course now being pursued by the people will undoubtedly aggravate matters and create in the minds of the Indians a feeling of hostility to them. The demands of the people are unreasonable and impracticable and thus the very thing which they wish to avoid will be precipitated.

The Indian Agent will be requested to not allow Indians to leave the Reservation and visit the Valley. He cannot enforce

ships and it would unreasonable & unjust to the Indians who visit the white settlements for trade &c, and putting a stop to the very thing which should be encouraged, that is - frequent intercourse that the Indian may profit by witnessing the difference between the improved mode of living practiced by the whites - and all of the advantages which we have over them. More especially would this be to the manifest disadvantage of the Indian Women who visit the families -

The small number of troops here, and the frequent success which Indians have met with in their encounters with soldiers - is calculated to embolden them rather than to intimidate them - Had they an enterprising leader they could capture this post and take everything here, including the ammunition. For one I have no confidence in soldiers when attacked by Indians - unless the whites outnumber them greatly and we have a man and skillful officer - I had seen enough to satisfy me on that point - and the flight at "White Bird" is but an illustration of what will occur again - under the state of things exist which I allude to in regard to numbers &c -

Should the Indian commence hostilities we would have to stand here and see the homes, wives & children at the mercy of savages and the fiendish acts perpetrated on Mrs Pharnel and other women would be repeated -

The officer commanding here would be put in a most unfortunate position, as on the one hand he must witness this destruction or abandon this place to attack the Indians but if any influence with him and he should consult me I would let the post go & saving ammunition &c / and help the people -

If this is so much importance as a military post as to be kept up - it seems to me that there should be enough troops here to hold the place, and attack the Indians before they could do much harm -

I do not express an opinion in reg and to these other than as one man would to another about a matter in which both feel a deep -

Vancouver Barracks, W. T.
July 3. 1880.

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My dear General Howard,

I received a verbal message yesterday morning through Mayor Mason that you desired ~~that~~ I should come over to your house when you wished "show" me where I would locate the School house for my post. I was not well enough to come over in the afternoon but did come over after & found you had gone to Portland. In connection with the site to be selected for the School house I desire respectfully to present the following facts which seem necessary to be understood in order that the end for which the money was appropriated, namely, for the benefit & convenience of the

Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland, Or.
July 3. 1880.

enlisted men & their children, may not be overlooked. It was my intention, had the subject been left to me as Post Commander, to have placed the building so that it would have been within a reasonable distance of the general barracks thereby enabling the men to attend the school & reading room without having to go far to walk or compelling them to miss roll calls. I intended to convert the present reading room into a Garrison prison for offenders against ordinary police or disciplinary regulations, in afterwards, for slight offences. This would have given me two prisons, one for great offenders & one for offenders against ordinary police regulations. In this way I hoped to be able to separate the really bad men from the garrison prisoners proper — The reading room of the Garrison would then go into the new school house, in which would be placed also, a room for a school for officers' children, a room for school for children of enlisted men, a reading room for enlisted men, a chapel, & library. With these facts before you when you make the selection of a site for the school house I am sure it will be placed in such a position as will best subserve the interests of the enlisted men, and with this statement I shall await your order if the building is to be built by the officer under my command.

The subject of post schools is treated of in G. O. War Dept. 1878. No. 38.

This letter is not official but is in the half official way in which your kindness has permitted me to indulge.

With sincere regard

Henry A. Morrow

Genl. Howard,

My sense of what is due to you no less than what is due to myself impels me to write this note. I did not misunderstand the verbal message. It was given as I have stated. Secondly, I did not send you any message in return, nor did I expect that half a dozen words, not one disrespectful in the slightest degree, uttered by me in pique would have been carried back to you. I informed the bearer of the message that I would go over & promised to call for him on the way.

I would be glad to see you in person & place myself right can if I cannot regain a love which I valued often that of my wife & children more than I can command words to express.

O. A. Morgan

Norwich, N. Y.

July 3 — 1880.

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Personal

620 "I" St. N.W.
Washington D.C.
July 5th 1880.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Dept. of the Columbia
Portland Oregon

Dear General

I shall venture to address you - though personally a stranger to you - in behalf of a dear lady & a most worthy needy woman in whom I am certain you cannot help being interested personally - Mrs. Assmussen the widow of Col. C. W. Assmussen - I am an inmate of her house - and seeing the daily toil and the burdens she is subjected to from absolute necessity to provide a maintenance for herself and family I am thus constrained by feelings

all and hearing a recital
of her circumstances to appeal
to you to see if you cannot aid
her to better her condition by
securing what for all these years
since her brave husbands
death she has been justly & fully
entitled to. — a pension — and
also possible employment for
her boy. — About the first —
the made appl. No. 294.207 after the
Colonel's death — claiming he
died from consumption brought
on by exposure and service
in the Army — and submitting
proofs — then more & more &
more as required — some time
about two years ago since
which time the plea in the Pension
office has been "waiting action"
and last word, some time since
that "early action could be
expected" &c And so it waits —

and the works & wrecks — it's
cruel as it is. Knowing him
as she tells me of — cannot you
testify to said fact — that he had
exposure in the army that brought
him sickness — that he was sick
that he left the service broken
in health — and their fully as can
of how was & have been on till
his death — of which, you, she tells
me know. — if can this as an
affidavit made before a clerk
of the court for file in the Pen.
Office, — or if not that, such
a letter, telling all as fully as
you can and your interest
for her — now binds the Col. & all,
to the Commissioner of
Pensions, as shall win for
the case its immediate & full
adjustment! — Whichever way
you feel will be best — and
most immediately helpful

Mr. H. A. B. Scott

July 5. 1880.
Washington D.C.

becoming in mind this fact —
that for the space eight years
since the death of their brave
father the Loan had nothing
to depend upon but the labor
of their hands. — And its very
evident she is breaking —
down and cannot endure
this strain and waiting
much longer — She has hesitated
to give trouble or call upon her
friends longer than she
thought and begrudges to now, but —
the very humble needs and
desires employment for her
elder — for more about 19. —
Lives now in Davenport, Iowa
the city. There is an
Arsenal there and if he
could have there she would
be satisfied — would it be now
possible for you to give her
such a letter to some one as
can grant the employment
needed either there or here
in any place here — there is —

Answ by Slater
July 29. 1880.
Letter written
Gen. Carl Schurtz
Same date

could come under the Act of War Appropriation. — The Act, Sec. Schurz knew the law. well — possibly you can write him — but leaving all that to your own kind heart — and good judgement — she will be most sincerely grateful for it anywhere. — Seeing as I do her daily efforts (I board with her & am myself a soldier's widow earning my own livelihood and for others) I cannot but be moved with pity & sympathy for her. — And be sure you the injustice being done her by all this cruel delay in her pension. —
She has no heart or time to go out to see people or concerning things — hard work ties her down closely — and every hour tells the tax on strength to even

go to the Pension Office. —
She is thoroughly discouraged
But to they could get there
and let a little sunshine in
is now my aim. — Will you
help? — From 1872 — to 1876 I
lived in Olympia W.T. and
Rev S. Alexander of one church
a sister now in O. Mrs J. B. Allen
wife of J. B. Allen U.S. Atty for
W.T. and present my kind
regards to dear Mr A. — tell
him I am now one of dear
Dr Rankins flock of Cong
ch. here — but I will not
forget him nor the little
ch. in Olympia. —
The address at head of this
letter is Mrs Asmussen's. I
hope she may hear from
you soon & and that you
will pardon my coming to
you for her — And dear friend
I am very respectfully
Mrs Nettie A. B. Coombs

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Office of the

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION CO.

OCEAN DIVISION.

K. VAN OTERENDORP, Supt.

San Francisco, July 6 1880
2 P.M.

Dear Col.

Did Genl Howard receive note sent to your office this morning to be at my room at 2 P.M.? Can you reach him or give answer

Yours &c
I R Tarrant

Sick Home

For letter referred to see June 27th 80

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Oregon City
July 7th 1880

Genl Howard

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a letter from Father Nesplie. he did not send any money during June & I suppose he does not intend to pay during July. I am very much in need of the money, and really feel that I cannot do without it. I have had two fires & a wedding, in the past three months and I must have all that I can get to pay my indebtedness I sincerely hope you will advise him to send the money as soon as possible.

I am dear Sir, yours most respectfully

J. L. Keane

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Boise Barracks, Idaho Territory
June 29th 1889

Mrs A. C. LaRocque
Oregon City

This month being the end of the Fiscal year and having so many bills to pay I have the honor to inform you that I will not send you for that reason, the ordinary amount of $40
If possible, I will duplicate on next month

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. Morphie 1st Lt
Chaplain U. S. Army

P.S. I have omitted to tell you that I am going to be absent from my post for one month. that this will cause additional expenses. But it may contribute to improve my finances.

L. M.

Confidential

Prescott July 7. 83

My dear Howard.

There seems to be a strong impression that the work of retirement under the 62 yrs. act will go on.

In view of vacancies that may arise I would thank you for any assistance you may be able to give me, & to put it where it will do the most good.

& McKeen – also to my boy
Guy, whose progress is watched
by his Col & family & by Lt
Haskell & other officers of the
12th with interest & pleasure.
Hoping to hear from you
soon & wishing you all the success
possible I remain
Yrs sincerely
O B Willcox

Please advise me of anything you deem important for my guidance & also of any steps you take in my behalf.

Do you want West Point? I think you are the best man to inaugurate the new era if the time is ripe enough for it.

Remember me most kindly to Mrs Howard

Gen. O. B. Wilcox

Genl O O Howard
Fort Vancouver
Oregon.

July 7, 1880.

Do you recollect the
old prayer in the
Block House at Tam-
pa. Who knows
but what it may
have been a shield
to us in the war.

Ans'd by Genl, July 21, 1880.

Chamberlain, Rec'd.

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Wallula Oregon July 7th 1880

Brig Gen O. O. Howard
Vancouver Barracks
W. T.

Sir

I interviewed a good many of Mr Wilbers Indians while I was at the Dalles. from what I learn there must be a very bad feeling between Mr Wilber & the Piutes Indians. Some of Mr Wilbers Indians even told me they had threatened his life. I suppose you know all about this because this as been going on for some time.

One more Word

The Dalles "Tom Water" is a great Summer resort for Indians during the fishing Season. What a great pitty it is that some good man could not be hired to Stay with them to Preach & pray. This Dear General

would do a great deal of good I
will subscribe my share towards it.
they are left there to themselfs and
for every Salmon they catch there is
a bottle of Whisky drank or some
other sin commited equiley as bad.
I speak from what I know. I saw
several of Mr Wilbers & Capt J. Smith
Indians drunk in the Dalles. and
also from the Umatilla.
one of Mr Wilbers Policemen name
John helped to sell a Stolen Horse
to Mr Ladd the Stable man.
after I settled this trouble I sent
them home upon condition they would
make it right with the loser.
I wrote to Capt Smith about this.
If it is to late to have one this Summer
we will pray our heavenly Father to give
us a good man to put among them
next Summer. I remain very
Respectfully your Humble
Servent Ned Chamberas
.S.

The Sunday School Times.
725 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA.

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July 7, 1880.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Trumbull wishes me to thank you for sending these two articles; but to say that we are prevented from using them by their length. All our articles must be complete in themselves, for we cannot

occasional articles of 1000-1500 words, on subjects suitable for our use and our field. Such articles we could doubtless use, as we certainly should be glad to do. Yours very truly,

C. F. Richardson,
Office Editor.

Gen.
O. O. Howard.

use serials, ~~or~~ articles printed in part. All our space for contributions, including jir-miles, is 2 1/2 pages, so that to use a paper of the length of these two, combined, is out of our power.

We shall be glad if you can send us

C. F. Richardson -
Sunday School Times

Phila.
July 7. 1880

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