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Portland, Sept 15th 1880.

General O. O. Howard
Commandant du Département
de la Columbia.

Mon cher Ami -

Je reçois votre
lettre ce matin et je vous remercie
pour reprendrai si aussitôt.

Je suis content que vous ayez
trouvé votre famille en bonne
santé.

Je vous rends mille graces pour
les scriptures dans votre lettre.
J'écrirai plus dans ma lettre
prochaine. Faites mes compliments
à votre famille -

J'ai l'honneur d'être Votre très-humble
Serviteur

Paul Joseph,

Ned Chamberlain,

Van Schuyler

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Sept. 15, 1850.

Gen Howard
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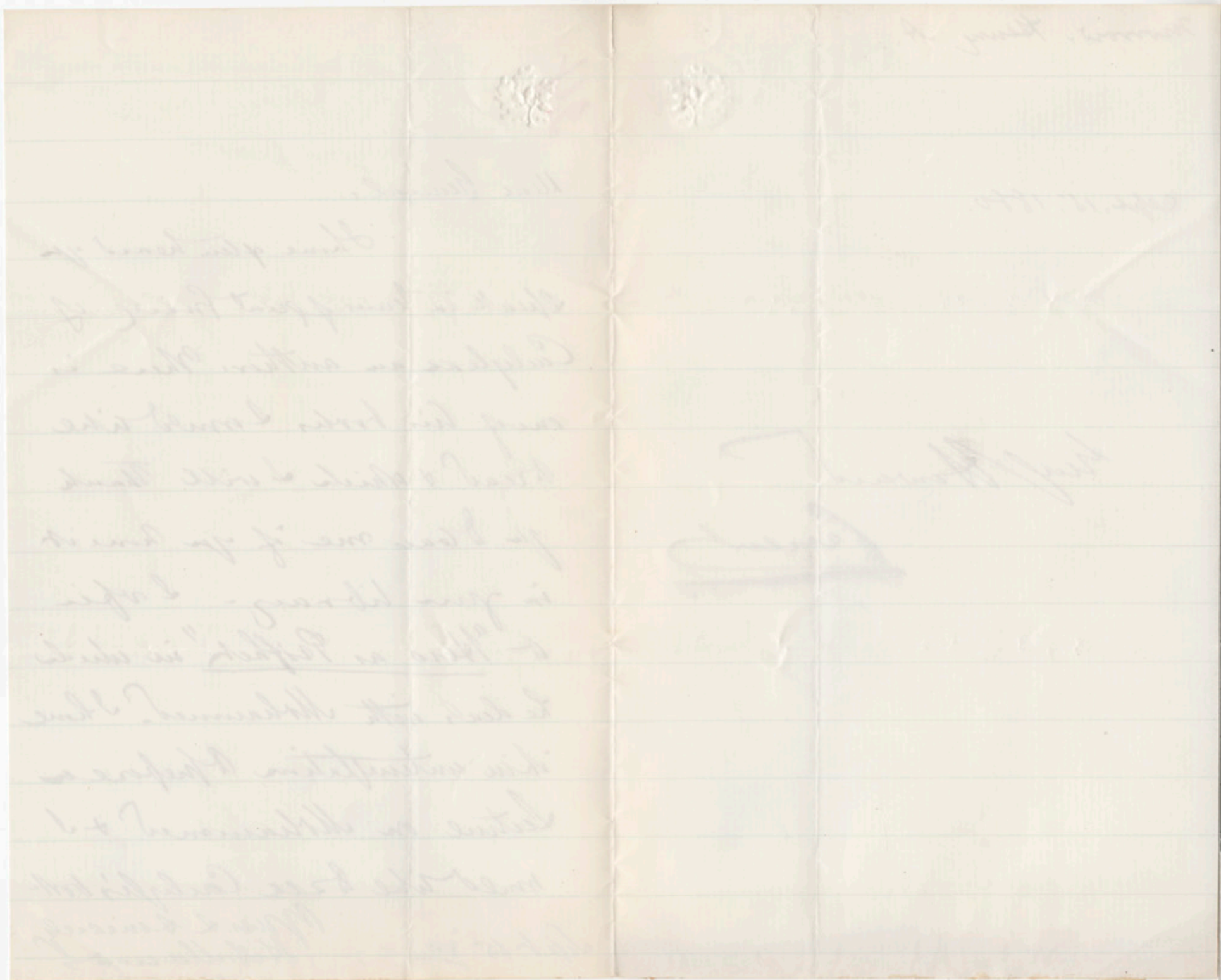
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Dear General,

I have often heard you
speak in terms of great praise of
Carlyle as an author. There is
one of his books I would like
to read & which I will thank
you to loan me if you have it
in your library. I refer
to "Hero as Prophet" in which
he deals with Mohammed. I have
in contemplation to prepare a
Lecture on Mohammed & I
would like to see Carlyle's book.

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Yours sincerely,
H. A. Morrow



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NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,

PEND D'OREILLE DIVISION.

Ainsworth, Washington Territory,

Sept 15th

1880

Gen O. O. Howard

My dear sir

After my unavailing search
for your dictionary here I sent to Butteville
and had the satisfaction of finding it in
the stage there. I send it in this mail
and, trust it may reach its destination in
safety

Very truly yours

H. H. Hartman

N. H. Hartney

Sept. 13. 1880.

Sept 23. 1880.

Recd. Sept. 22. 1880.

Portland, Sept. 16th 1850.

General O. O. Howard
Commandant du
Département de
la Columbia.

Mon Cher Ami.

Je crois que
vous n'avez pas reçu ma lettre
de la treizieme de Septembre.

Je l'ai donné au premier maître
du bateau à vapeur "Vancouver",
je lui y dit de vous la donner,
mais je crois qu'il l'a oublié.

Mon fils m'a lu votre lettre
du treize. J'étais bien content
d'apprendre que votre famille
était toute en bonne santé.

Aimons nous les uns et les autres
pour l'amour de notre Seigneur
et nous serons les enfants de
Dieu. Je vous suis entièrement
devoué.

Nic. Chamberlain

par Joseph.

Nel Lehnbaum

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Sept. 16. 1880.

Recd. Sept. 17. 1880

When the Mexican War terminated - I was presented
with a set of silver - four pieces - with the following
inscriptions - presented to Chas. F. Collins by Captain
E. M. A. H. of the 4th Artillery and for 12th
Infantry M. L. A. in commemoration of his services to
the sick and wounded in the Vera Cruz on the 15th
16th & 17th of April 1897" So you see that I cannot
but have a good feeling for the men.

But I have seen enough to satisfy me that good
officers make good soldiers - Unfortunately there
are many in our Army who have no survivors
there - There are too many who are inferior in
many respects to the men, or rather to me of other
and therefore these officers should not be in the
Army - Political influences have too much sway in
these things and the consequence is bad.

A man is a soldier, and has soldier's instincts
naturally, and if he is not he cannot make
one of them - That is the class from whom the
officers should be selected. He should inspire them
with his own men, and if he does not do so - he
does not belong there.

An officer should be brave - just and a gentleman -
If he lacks either he will never do -

I must admit that I have not as much for the Army
now, as I had before the Civil War, because the standard
is not so high as it was - Though there are still men
in the Army who are in every respect what they should

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Camp - Howard Sept. 18th 1880

Genl -
Your letter in answer to one
which I wrote you was rec'd many weeks
since and I had intended answering it
as a proper means of showing my respect
for you and an appreciation of it as well
as to correct an impression which my
letter made on your mind and one which
I certainly did not intend to convey -

About the time I should have answered
your letter my horse ran away with me
and being unable to turn the corner of a
fence where the road turned at right angles
he ran against a fence of posts and
having struck it fairly fell with me over
the other side fifteen feet into the field -
He knocked off the four planks which were
fixed on with 20¢ nails, and lay near the
road - He remained in the saddle until he struck
the ground, and consequently was less injured

than I would have been had I been thrown out -
My right shoulder was hurt somewhat and
that with the ~~rest~~ rheumatism which I had
when I came here I made it hard for me to write.

The correction which I wish to make is in
regard to the Alouin being cowardly. If my
letter admitted any such construction I did
not intend it to be a rule - I have the highest
respect for the men and have always been
treated by them with kindness and courtesy -

I had many friends among them in the Thoson
war and they never let an opportunity pass
without testifying for me their appreciation of
the many acts of kindness and attention
which it was in my power to show them -

During the engagements of the 15-16 & 17th
of April I had the entire charge of the field
with the exception of the extreme left where the
temporary hospital was under the charge of
Gen. H. Ellicott who was a brave and skillful
gentleman.

I had better opportunities for seeing what was
done than any body because I attended the
line of battle, and was from one end to the other

many times - and in my instance directed the
wounded on the field and assisted in removing
them to a place of safety whilst exposed to the
fire of the enemy - On the 15th of April I
ran for 100 yards under the fire of six
thousand to Alouin Leib - now Capt. G. P. Egan
and two of his men who were wounded one
of whom came in my arms as I was giving
him a drink of water - The ground was as open
as it is at Vancouver yet strange to say they
missed me after firing many times -

I took Col. Mills' Sergeant Morgan another
gun from the field after he had been left, and
with five men whom Mills directed me to stay
me -

I mention these circumstances simply to show
you that my regard for the entire war has been
of the kindest nature and that I would not
say anything which reflected on them -

After the battle of Blanc Water Col. Miller wrote
me that he never saw braver men than those
who participated in that fight - His opinion
is valuable because he is himself very much a soldier -
and the best company which I ever saw -

death he has been bad - and for which he was sentenced
by the Court to be dismissed and away his sentence
to the 1st Regt - he must have felt that he was
doing an act inconsistent with the other
I have a man named for having, whilst drunk
struck Lieut Kingdon of the 12th Infantry with
his haversack on the head from Lake Lake to harm
Easton and sent to Alcatraz for two years - and some
of the officers were who told him were drunk in
the boat of George Lee - whilst on the way to try
the man - The soldier has been faithful in the
"Lava Bed", and at the time was crazy with
liquor -

The regulation carries a man to complain
to the authorities if his commanding officer
abuses him - But how much distress can a soldier
get - The officer will "go further" on all occasions
and that man will be compelled after a time to
desert - If caught he will be subjected to severe
punishment -

If the Army has men like General a noble
Man who has a nice sense of justice and
are conscientious and intelligent - it would be
different - But there are too many of the other kind
and the charge is made - then abuses will
exist and the loss of respect the Americans will
not wish to be driven to desperation by adversity
or drink - I have written this to you General because
I have a high regard for your character and know that
I can express my sentiment freely as one American can
to another -
(I don't know) J. T. Adams

Some who never were in a military life until the war
between the States - there are others who are in my
opinion totally unfit - And the proportion is greater
now than up to 1861 -

I have no doubt about the policy of giving
commissions to men from the ranks being a
good one altogether - as those men unless they
are remarkable for something more than being
able to pass an examination will find it hard
to have the respect of the men as they would for
those who are educated at West Point -

I am inclined to believe that the government is not com-
mensurate with the harm - One objection which I have
is that this rule admits too many men who are
not Americans by birth - European of education
will enter when our sons will not - They have not
as much pride as the American, and are willing
to fill subordinate places and submit to some-
thing our people will not submit to in the Army -

I have more faith in the American people than
any other - They are of a higher tone and have
more pride of character than those who come here

and are therefore more to be trusted in emergencies
I have seen what I conceive to be abuse in the Army
unparalleled from the present condition of the Union. Con-
sequence in part of the political influence which
prevail, less than the tendency to lower it in the
estimation of the people and to affect the
Morale of the entire Army.

Instead of its being considered a honor for a
man to enlist, it is looked upon with disfavor
by the people and therefore many of our sons
would rather do anything else than to enter the
Army as private.

While I think there must be a line between
an Officer and an enlisted man for a proper
discipline - the Soldier is too often made to feel
that he is treated with contempt, rather than with
the regard which must necessarily exist between
superior and his superior. This is illustrated in a gross
manner by the Officer being an educated man
and a gentleman.

Soldiers are made to do the most menial thing
for much work and for little soldiering.

In consequence of this there is too little esprit-
among them.

But the most demoralizing and unjust thing
of all, is the outrageous distinction made between
Sergeant and Officer when they are treated. Both martial
A man is sent to prison for a number of years for
desertion which is bad and ought to be punished
of horrible and severe punishment, while the
one who has the honor of the Nation more at
his disposal, is let off with a trifling punishment
for offenses much worse when you consider the
position of the two socially and professionally -
See the case of Capt. Ames of the 9th Cavalry.

Lieut. Gentry and one in Texas who was drunk
in the wagon while on the March.

Capt. Ames refused to allow sick men to be excused
by the Surgeon, and one died in consequence.

Gentry abandoned his wounded and ingloriously
fled from a few miserable Indians who have
dignity enough to be attached to a tribe.

A few days ago Capt. McKeen presented to his com-
mand a certificate of merit for having remained
with the women while Gentry was leaving the
field!

If the President knew that Benson was getting
the 1st Cavalry in the same engagement in which

Sept. 20

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My dear General,

Are you not hotly in the matter
of the prisoners? Are you not illegally advised
as to the facts? All I said to you was
true to the last letter. Capt. Miles has a distinct
recollection of my conversation with him
& is now putting it in writing. You will
be surprised to see how perfectly even in
the phraseology it corresponds with what I
said to you. Capt. Miles was also Officer
of the day, ^{yesterday}, & was not aware until I in-
formed him a moment ago that the
prisoners did not attend yesterday as
usual. The plan has worked well
& has done good. It has, so far as I can
express it, my full & entire sympathy —
If you withdraw officially from it I shall
per necessitate be obliged to drop it. I do

not intend to assume the responsibility of giving
it up - but if you order it away it
goes, whether I wish it or not. For
some reason you are feeling hurt. I have
done nothing & said nothing & thought
nothing & felt nothing which could give
you pain or displeasure in this matter
& I humbly say it is neither fair nor just
nor kind nor Christian for you to do what
you are proposing to do - This is putting
the matter wrong - but I will leave it there.
As soon as Capt. Miles makes his report you
shall have it & I trust that you may see
how simple & straightforward my action
has been, & how fully it has been in sympa-
thy with what I believed was the wish of your
own heart.

Your letter grieves me - but I have no
rights which you are bound to respect in this
case -
Sincerely yours
Ed. Mendenhall

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Uncle -
I am about going
to Portland to make
some arrangements
in reference to my
wife's starting on
her journey - But
I will be ready for
this work & money

Yours
W. H. Sullivan

N. A. Morrow

Sept 21. 1880

Emt Howard

Recd. Sept 21. 1880

Formington N.J.
Sep 21st 1880

Genl

Dear Sir

Your telegram of the 18th recd this morning. I went to the Mission and had a talk with Father Toze, Salter and others. They are rejoiced to know you are going to have it attended to at so early date, and would like for me to shove the contract, as I am acquainted with all parties interested.

If it meets your approval, I will be thankful for the contract. I have neglected running the lines for the settlers, expecting to get the appointment. I can give sufficient bonds for the performance of the work. Yours Cbt
J. M. Allen

S. M. Allen -

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Dated Portland Sept 22 1880

Received at Assenal 11:05 AM

To Genl Howard

Vancouver B.C.

do you want Larkin
for Presidential party
other business offers
Please answer in
particular when wanted
and how long
Jas T. Gray

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James T. Gray

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Answer same day

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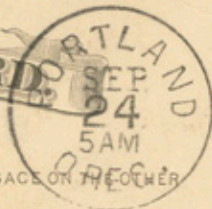
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43 Dear Ben, <sup>Portland - Sept 23 -
Cor Hall & Sixth -</sup>
Have you seen
anything of the book
"Beyond the Grave" by
Bp. Foster? I must
think it is about your
library somewhere,
I do not think you re-
turned it. May be
some one in the Garrison
got it read.

Well Ben, we are in our
new work trying to do the
best we can. Think your
letter to the Bishop had quite
an influence upon our
standing in Calif. If you had
not been afraid I would have
spoken too plainly if you could have
allowed me to remain at Vancouver
I am right have done
good. Yours - M. Lundy



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Gen. O. O. Howard
Vancouver
Wash. Dy.

SEP 24 1880