Dear Wheeler:
November 28, 1873

...
the corps, and from the class that just left the Academy, three men appointed Engineers, leaving still three vacancies. I graduated next after Stewar, and, thinking that might to some hope, I have prepared an application for a transfer. If, from what you know of me at the Academy, you think I would be fit to fill one of these vacancies, will you kindly say so to some one in authority at Washington?

It is with a great deal of delicacy that I have written this, and after considerable hesitation I trust that you will not consider it to be in any form false.

With great respect,

Maria A. Sterling
2 Edisto St. A.T.C.
Fort, Lapwai P. T.
Feb 28th 1889

Dear Howard,

When I was relieved from duty at this post, Maj. Smith handed me a letter, unsolicited, of which the enclosed is a certified copy, knowing this opinion of me as a Medical Officer. I trust you willurat yourself to meet an appointment at the first Vacancy in your Dept. I have to say for Vancouver and any communication directed to the care of Gen'l. O. D. Grant will be received.

Your Friend,

[A. N. Smith]
In most cases, 1882.7

F. E. Capone.

June 28, 1882.
Fort Leavenworth, I. T.
June 28th 1883

Actg. Asst. Surgeon
Abner Smead, M. S. A.

Sir,

It is with unfeigned regret, that the necessities of the service render it necessary for me to relieve you from duty at this Post.

Having served under my command for a period of sixteen months, a part of the time as Post Surgeon of this Post, it gives me great pleasure to be able to say, that you have at all times, and under all circumstances performed your duties to my entire satisfaction; and that in my opinion, there is no one better qualified in every respect for the duties of a medical officer than yourself.

It will give me great pleasure

(over)
to hear that your valuable services are appreciated, by a renewal of your contract.

Sg. Leslie Smith
Major 2d Infantry
Commanding Post

I certify that the above copy is correct

Edward J. Evans
Asst. Surgeon U.S.A.
June 28, 1885

General Howard,

You remember I called to see you once in regard to work. You promised to use your influence for me in that direction, and now I ask you once more as a favor to do something for me.

I have a very good situation in the Steam Laundry, earning a dollar a day. It is not enough to meet all my expenses. School is out this week and my two boys will be left to themselves. I want to keep them off the street away from all evil influence. I want to get them into the Cracker Factory.
May 22. 1860.

Small to town to set up books. I have let you see the_Post office letter in my situation.
I get about eighty dollars a week.
One is almost nine years of age.
the other about 1 7. If he would take
There for two dollars a week I
would be grateful. Please show
this letter. Perhaps a word
from you will do some good.
I cannot get away from the
Laundry as I would like him
myself. If he will not take
them perhaps I could get them
into the country through vacation.
Please do what you can for
one & drop me a card so I
will know what you will do
or have done for me.

The Sarah J. Cylte
Office Depot Commissary.

Cheyenne, W. T. June 28th

G. O. O. Howard.
Hd. Ors. Dept of the Platte.
Omaha, Neb.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith bill for subsistence stores, purchased for your use by Maj. Lord. Please send check for the amount, and if any of the stores are returned to me in good order, the money will be refunded.

Very respectfully,
Your obd Servt.

Willa Williams
Capt. C.S., U.S.A.
Cheyenne, W. V.
June 28, 1883

Received by us
End July 2/83
Dear General:

By looking through the report of the Adjutant General of Maine, issued in 1876, I have accidentally learned that you had two horses shot from under you at Fair Oaks. Were these horses your own? If so, have you ever recovered pay for them? If not, you now have a chance to obtain your money, as the time for filing horse claims has once more (I undoubtedly for the last time) been extended. If you still have claims for these horses, let me urge upon you the advisability of presenting them immediately; get your applications on file just as quickly as possible, & prove of loss as soon thereafter as you can, & your cases will be allowed as soon as they are reached for decision. At the same time, let me offer you my services in the prosecution of the claims. I need hardly tell you that they will receive my most careful attention, if you entrust them to me, that I will, with pleasure, devote all my energies to them, aiding you in securing the proof needed, etc. I have not the least doubt that I could secure allowance of both.
of your claims at a comparatively early date, if you will comply with my requests in my letters, as far as in my power.

Presuming that your claims for the two lost horses are still unsettled, I send you hereinafter blanks to be filled up. If my presumption is a correct one, please fill them up as far as you can as soon as you conveniently can, and return them to me. I will prepare and send you, without delay, applications for execution.

In closing, I would again urge you to make application at as early a date as practicable. This is important to be done for various reasons. If I trust you will not fail to do this, if you still have claims for horses lost by you in service.

Please let me hear from you soon in answer to this letter. I believe me to be:

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Date and Location]
ALLAN RUTHERFORD,
(LATE 3d AUDITOR U.S. TREASURY)
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Corcoran Building, 15th and F Streets, Room No. 99,
(OPPOSITE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.)

Will prosecute before the Supreme Court of the United States, Court of Claims, Claims Commissioners, and the Different Committees of Congress. Being thoroughly familiar with the course of business before the Executive Departments, will give special attention to all matters before the Patent Office, General Land Office, Treasury, War, Interior and other Departments.

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1883.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your application, relative to your claim for horse loss in service. To enable me to procure the papers necessary in your claim, please give me the following information:

1. Color of horse lost:

2. Height:

3. Age:

4. Month & year in which the horse was obtained:

5. Price paid:

6. Name of person from whom obtained:

7. If the horse was obtained in any other way than by purchase, state how it was obtained:

8. If obtained by exchange, state how much was given for the horse given in exchange:

9. Value of horse when taken into the service:

10. Month & year of taking the animal into service:

11. Date of loss:

12. Place of loss:

13. Cause & circumstances of loss:

The animal was shot from under me at the battle of Fair Oaks. I was left on the battlefield dead.
After the loss of the horse, for about how many days was the soldier without a horse? For about ___ days. When remounted, was it on a horse of his own or one belonging to the Government? On a horse belonging to the Government horse, was the soldier ever afterwards remounted on a horse belonging to himself? If so, in about how many days after he had lost his horse? About ___ days.

Date of soldier's enlistment: ___ , name at the time he lost his horse: ___ . Was this claim ever filed? If so, about when, by whom? Soldier's name in full: ___ , Co. ___ , Regt. ___ , Cav. Vols.

Don't swear to this circular, but fill it up only, as far as you are able to do so, and then return it to me at once, enclosing stamps for reply.

Yours respectfully,

Allen Rutherford

Note: Where the relatives of a deceased soldier claim pay for a horse he lost in service, it is important that they write telling us what relation they stand to the deceased.
My dear friend,

I was much
distraught if you some
days ago in the paper
as being at last date.
May hope it is not a
very extended tour for
them. I might have the
post disappointment
not seeing you as
I so like you many
I leave here on the
2d or 3d July to go to Mother for a little while. She wanted much to take me.

Then the rest--for it seemed quite impossible not to pack her into town to post with me for a while and my plans ran rather to go on the 1st to Illinois. The day 3 days for things to go back might mean? I am to go right away. I understand my car does not change any way until Chicago according to the new system.
But I long to
climb for the first
time down the rear
gallery again and
follow the friends frp of
your back. Shall you be
there to see me? I can't
think of how you will
and could be disappointed
it would be hel to see
you. Mamma it having
a grand time this summer.
It will be a wonder full
for she is as well as
de she should be. I have
seen new photograph of
my last and if you will
made me at the car. The
thinks you not a nice fellow
he is! There—that's a vibe!
It is a great wish to
hear him— to. I hope
thenby to make
Harmonia
a Shopper— for
we cannot
be the best wife if
Ass a daughter come can
be. Indeed I wish I
will for that a precious hus-
band mine is—I very much
of the depth of bitterness I
Jut the ones add to my life—
I have just returned from a
hill—business try to teach my
mill—him— Our lead in the inter-
vals of business the most felicit-
ous if a time—I don't know
that time I shall be due in
Harmonia but the rest, perhaps
faster time—I hope— I know—
in you— Always with great affec-

Wiley H. Van B. Thompson