

Newcomb, Dr. W. P.

St. Schuyler, N. Y.  
June 28. 1883

Dear Wheeler:

will you kindly  
tell me when Newcomb stood  
in Math. & Engineering &  
how many percent he had this  
last year. Hope you are  
well & happy. Sincerely yours  
O. O. Howard

Answered to Dr. W. P. July 7 '83

Answered by Dr. H.  
July 23. 1883

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Fort Schuyler, N. Y.  
June 28. 1883.

Genl O. O. Howard,

My dear General -

I fear that I may be  
very presumptuous in writing  
to you, but it is upon a  
matter which I have very  
much at heart, and which  
may affect my whole future.  
It is on the subject of a  
transfer to the Engineer Corps.  
A few weeks ago there were  
eight vacancies in the Corps.  
On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, Fitch and  
Spencer - classmates of mine,  
who graduated fourth and  
fifth - were transferred to



the corps, and from the class  
that just left the Academy,  
there were appointed Engineers—  
leaving still three vacancies.

I graduated next after Spencer,  
and, thinking there might  
be some hope, I have forwarded  
an application for a transfer.

If, from what you knew  
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  
poor taste.

With great respect,

Warren P. Herrcomb,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., 5<sup>th</sup> Art'y.



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Fort. Lapwai I. T.  
June 28<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Dear Howard

When I was relieved from duty at this post, Maj. Smith handed me a letter, unopened, of which the enclosed is a certified copy, knowing his opinion of me as a Medical Officer, I trust you will exert yourself to secure an appointment to the first vacancy in your Dept. I leave today for Vancouver, and any communication directed to the care of Genl. C. D. Graham will be received.

Yours Friend  
Abner Brown



Emead Ah A.

Fort Lapwai.  
June 28. 1882.



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Fort Lapwai I. T.  
June 28<sup>th</sup> 1883

Actg. Asst. Surgeon

Abner Smead, U. S. A.

Sir:

It is with unfeigned regret, that the Difficulties of the service renders 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 2<sup>d</sup> Infantry  
Commanding Post.

I certify that the above copy is correct

Edward Leverts  
Asst. Surg. U. S. A.

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Mrs S. J. Lytle

June 28<sup>th</sup> 83.

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, so 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  
something, but not enough to meet  
all my expenses.

School is out this  
week & my two boys will be left  
to themselves & to keep them out  
of the street away from all evil  
influence I want to get them  
into the Cracker Factory over



they are so small & I don't  
to put up crackers, I would let you  
would see the  
Professor tell him my situation  
& get both my boys into work

One is almost 11 years of age  
the other about 7. if he would take  
them for two dollars a week I  
would be grateful. Please show

him this letter & perhaps a word  
from you will do some good

I cannot get away from the  
Laundry or I would see him  
myself. If he will not take  
them perhaps I could get them  
into the country through vacation

Please do what you can for  
me & drop me a card so I  
will know what you will do  
or have done for me & oblige

Thy Sarah J. Lytle

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Office Depot Commissary.

Cheyenne, W.T., June 28<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Hd. Qrs. 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 obt servt.

Willie William

Capt. C.S., U.S.A.



Williston, N.D.

Cheyenne, W. V.  
June 28. 1883

Received by the  
Genl July 2/83.



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Gen'l O. O. HOWARD, U. S. Army.

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1883

Dear General:

By looking through the report of the Adjutant General of Maine, issued in 1866, 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, & proof 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 for 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  
comply with my requests in my letters, as far as in  
power.

Presuming that your claims for the two lost horses are  
still unsettled, I send you herein two blanks to be filled up.  
If my presumption is a correct one, please fill them up  
as far & as soon as you conveniently can & return them to  
me, & I will prepare & 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, & I trust you will not fail to  
do this, if you still have claims for horses lost by your  
in service.

Please let me hear from you soon in answer to this  
letter, & believe me to be,

Very truly yours,

Allan Rutherford

Washington  
June 30. 1883

Rutherford, A

TO  
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Washington, D. C.  
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Washington, D. C.  
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Gen'l O. O. HOWARD, U. S. Army.

Genl O. O. Howard,

Washington, D. C., June 30 1893

Dear Sir:

~~I am in receipt of yours of recent date, relative~~  
~~to your claim for horse lost in service.~~ To enable me to pre-  
pare the papers necessary in your claim, please give  
me the following information.

Color of horse lost: \_\_\_\_\_; Height: \_\_\_\_\_ hands.

(Age: \_\_\_\_\_ years. Month & year in which the horse was ob-  
tained: \_\_\_\_\_ Price paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Name of person from whom  
obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

If the horse was obtained in  
any other way than by purchase, state how it was ob-  
tained: \_\_\_\_\_

If obtained by exchange, state how much was given for the horse  
given in exchange. Value of horse when taken into the  
service: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Month & year of taking the ani-  
mal into service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of loss: Fair Oaks, Va. State the  
exact day, if possible.

Cause & circumstances of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

The animal was shot from under me at the battle of Fair  
Oaks, & was left on the battlefield dead.

State whether the  
horse was killed, abandoned, captured, or died, or whatever because of it. If the



was abandoned, state by whose order, if it died, state fully what caused its death.  
 Were any equipments lost with the horse? If so, state  
 name & value of each article lost:

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 on one belonging to the Govern-  
 ment? On a horse belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ If on a  
 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? In about \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Date of soldier's enlistment \_\_\_\_\_, rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.

Do not swear to this circular, but fill it up only,  
 as far as you are able to do so, & then return it to  
 me at once, enclosing stamp for reply.

Yours respectfully,

Allan Rutherford

Note. Where the relatives of a deceased soldier claim pay for a horse  
 he lost in service, it is important that they also advise me  
 what relation they stand to the deceased.



Please make  
my kindest  
recollections  
to Mrs Howard.  
108 Va. A. B. T.

Alameda  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1883.

My dear Friend,

I had men-  
tion of you some  
days ago in the paper  
as being at Salt Lake—  
I do hope it is not a  
very extended tour for  
then I might have the  
great disappointment  
of not seeing you at  
Salt Lake I mean—  
I have been on the



4<sup>th</sup> of July to go to Mother  
for a little while - she  
wanted much to take me  
when she went - but it  
seemed quite impossible  
— now my good husband  
consents to go with me  
for a time, and my  
plans are laid to go  
off on the 4<sup>th</sup> — certainly  
the day of days for things  
to "go off" with us! —  
I am to go right-  
through - I understood  
my car does not change  
any way until Chicago ac-  
cording to the new system.



But - I have looked to  
Umanah for the great-  
pleasure of seeing your  
dear kind face again and  
feeling the friendly grasp of  
your hand - Shall you be  
there to see me? I can-  
not tell you how grieved  
and cruel a disappointment  
it would be not to see

you. Mamma is having  
a grand time this summer -  
It will do her a world of  
good for she was neither  
well nor as cheerful as  
she should be. I have a  
new photograph of  
my husband & if you will



met - me at - the car & I'll  
show you what - a nice fellow  
he is ! There - that's a bride !

It is a great - ~~pleasure~~ to  
have him - he. I hope  
that by to make Maunana  
happier - surely we cannot  
be the best - wife if we is not  
as good a daughter as one can  
be. Indeed I wish I could  
tell you what - a precious hus-  
band mine is - I never dreamed  
of the depth of devotion &  
joy he could add to my life -  
I have just - returned from a  
little business trip to Santa Cruz  
with - him - We had in the inter-  
vals of business the nicest - jolliest -  
kind of a time - I don't know  
what - time I shall be due in  
Ulukou but - the next train makes  
past time - I hope I shall  
see you - Always with good - affection  
Willie L. Van P. Thompson