HEADQUARTERS

GEO. H. THOMPSON POST, No. 2,
Department of California, G. A. R.

San Francisco, January 10th, 1887.

Comrade:

In accordance with a resolution of the Post to hold a Banquet on Tuesday Evening, 25th inst., we herewith inclose you a Postal, which you will please fill out as you feel disposed, and return immediately, in order that we may know the number that will attend, and enable us to make arrangements accordingly. One-half of the expense will be paid from the Entertainment Fund, and one half by those attending, at a cost not to exceed one dollar each.

Due notice will be given of time and place.

W. W. MAGARY,
W. T. Y. SCHENCK,
J. G. GIESTING.
Committee.
January 10

[Signature]

Department of Agriculture
Vancouver Barracks, W.T.
Jan. 18, 1861

My dear General:

I have tried hard to recall this man Williams, but I cannot seem to remember him at all. I have a vague recollection of a man of that name being about fifteen years. He could not have been with you long in the capacity of your personal orderly, it seems to me, or I should have remembered something about him. If he had only located himself in his letter, by some event, or some personal characteristic, I should probably have recalled him, but as it is, I cannot now recall him. We catch at any point which will show me whether I am at fault or he is.

If I could have talked with him about him, we might, by scratching each other

[Handwritten text continues]
memories have recalled this man. I do not want to make the impression that this man was over there, simply because I cannot recall him. If you remember him, a statement that he did not have and gallant service would be due to the letter, that is if he was your ordnance.

I am sorry I can't help your memory in this particular, but these old soldiers, whose whole career of life seems to have been those eventful days, expect too much of the memories of those who have less eventful lives since.

I send upon all hearty New Year's greetings.

I saw Lehman while I was there. It was before his marriage. He looked well and was hearty and happy-looking, and had about him an air of prosperity. I enjoyed my sight of him, and our short half-hour talk. It was like being a decent of your family. I also called on Kemp's wife and baby. They had just reached Ontario. She spoke happily of their life at their post, and said she had enjoyed its quietness.

Drumhuff had improved almost as much in any years absence as it did during any three years residence there.

I had a great kindness offered me and I am grateful for it. The climate is rather too trying.

I hear of you all indirectly, now and then. If this could last had been through S.F., as it used to be, I should have enjoyed seeing you all.

Grace & the children are all well except that "Paddy's" ring-worm still hangs on, though I believe the doctor is getting the better of it.

Wrote to Florence, especially to children.

We only has your letters the wives in hopes of fine weather.

Send my love to all of yours, in which Mrs. S. says she resides very happily.
It could be done in an
added foot note of sort
in the body of the article.
I have also just written
a paper on the March to
the Sea, for the North American
Review; but, naturally,
do not feel like referring
in it at all to my own
sympathy
Upon you may
give me the credit +
Ann Pierce is my own and
that I may have a line
from you. I am
Yours truly
P.H. de B.
to address you. I wrote the song of "Sherman's March to the Sea" the song that gave it's name to the Campaign. I think Genl Sherman, and you too, will bear me out in this assertion. Previous to the appearance of this song the Campaign had been called the "Georgia Campaign"; the "Campaign South", the "Savannah Campaign", etc. But when that moment on it was "Sherman's March to the Sea". I am wondering if you recall this fact and if it would be referred to in your article. I am sure it would be pleased to have this little credit as my part in the great march, though at the time I was undergoing the horrors of a desert prison at Columbia. You will find the song and reference to it on pages 280-282, and 295-9, Vol. 2, "Sherman's Memoirs". You were with Sherman at the moment the song was handed him at Columbia. Are you disposed to refer to the fact in your article of my song naming the Campaign?
And many times my hand in hers will be,
And we will walk by pleasant ways alone,
And I shall look into her face, and see
The dearest eyes that ever yet have shone—
And cheeks more sweet than any roses blown.

And when, sometimes, light song and pleasantry
Fill every heart but mine, to silence grown,
They will not know that, at that moment, she
Sits by my side and keeps me company.

From my volume
"The Happy Isles, and other poems"
S. H. W. Byers
SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA.

Our camp-fires shone bright on the mountains,
That frowned on the river below,
While we stood by our guns in the morning,
And eagerly watched for the foe;
When a rider came out from the darkness
That hung over mountain and tree,
And shouted "Boys, up and be ready!
For Sherman will march to the sea!"

Then cheer upon cheer for bold Sherman
Went up from each valley and glen,
And the bugles re-echoed the music
That came from the lips of the men;
For we knew that the stars in our banner
More bright in their splendor would be,
And that blessings from Northland would greet us,
When Sherman marched down to the sea.
Then forward, boys! forward to battle!
We marched on our perilous way,
And we stormed the wild hills of Resaca—
God bless those who fell on that day!
Then Kenesaw, dark in its glory,
Frowned down on the flag of the free;
But the East and the West bore our standards
And Sherman marched on to the sea.

Still onward we pressed, till our banners
Swept out from Atlanta's grim walls,
And the blood of the patriot dampened
The soil where the rebel flag falls.
Yet we paused not to weep for the fallen,
Who slept by each river and tree,
But we twined them a wreath of the laurel,
And Sherman marched on to the sea.

We heard not the threat'ning of foemen,
Embattled they stood by each gun—
One shout and the sea lay before us,
One charge and Savannah was won.
Then sang we a song for our chieftain,
    That echoed o'er river and lea,
And the stars in our banner shone brighter,
    When Sherman marched down to the sea!
Jonathan, the oldest, who remained in Montana, and a son, Samuel, who settled in Allen's Mill. He was taken before the Indian (Chippewa) war, and returned afterwards, the war was over. He was the progenitor of some line of Howards. It was, McRae, Samuel, Benjamin, Benjamin, Seth, Benjamin, and others, Oliver, Sylvia (my mother). These are not the same branch with the Haywards, a Howard of Bridgewater, who descended from Thomas Hayward. Amos married Hayward, Howard, Howard, and Howard in this country to be Haywards. But these written essays were not intended. I had to leave in haste from your home. If I could place you on my branches of the tree, I should be proud and pleased.


Alfred E. Cape

My grandfather's name was Howard. He was a member of the American Philosophical Society and one of the first to establish a school in Alabama. He left for New York City in 1820 to become the first black lawyer in the state. He was a member of the Senate and represented Alabama in the House of Representatives. He was also a Freemason and a member of the Sons of Liberty. He was a man of great courage and integrity, and a friend to many. He was a slave owner, but he freed all of his slaves before the Civil War.
Oliver settled in Arlington, VA, but almost of Settle's Line settled in Pennsylvania, excepting however, Oliver, and I do not know where he settled. There were eleven brothers of the family, but only six belonged, and they all grew up to manhood. I married nearly the whole family, the oldest, and I moved to Windham County, VT. And the farther south, his name was Benjamin, also removed to VT in his old age, and died there.

In the early records, the name was written Hayward. They generally adopted the spelling more used by "Howard," a little before 1800. I think you told me that your father's name was Oliver. The coincidence of your having the same name, with both brothers, Oliver's name has led me to think it probable, that these were sons of your

section, Ohio. Howard had a son whose name was Jacob. Merritt Howard, who graduated at Williams College, settled in Detroit, Mich., became a distinguished lawyer, and represented Michigan in the United States Senate during the war, able and patriotically.

Should think he was four or five years older than I was. I knew him well. The family, that is, this branch of the Hayward family, was early in Braintree, Mass., and party to the family remained in Braintree, & that neighborhood. The first of the family in this county was William, who was early in Braintree, thought he may have been in Boston a score or other place before. I think that William arrived in America from England. He was about the year 1635, he was then 18 years of age.

He died in Braintree in 1652, leaving three
Newart, Kansas Jan'y 10, 1867

P. C. Hewood
Maj. Gen. U. S. Army
Honored Sirs:

It may not be an intrusion to receive this note, the object of which is to carry to you the news that the Hewood Presbyterian Church is soon to be dedicated to the worship of our Almighty and adorable Lord. It is a pleasure to us that in the charter of the town the name of the foremost-living Christian soldier, the history of this church has been remarkable: having organized less than a year and a half ago. There has been a steady growth in membership, and a house of worship erected at an expense of $3500.00 of which $3000.00 is already paid. This has been done without the services of a pastor until the first of the present month, when Rev. W. O. McCune began his labors with us.

Should you desire to have any further remembrance it will be a pleasure to the church to receive an expression of your wishes.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

J. W. Bean

Clove.
Dear [Name],

Miss Domett, and another lady, whose name I failed to catch, called at my store today in relation to your lecture. They had already ordered 200 tickets and came to see me about some handbills the accompanying envelope contains the idea they conveyed to me—and I think it best to send it to you for your approval. I afraid that 200 is not too many, and some body can be employed—a day or two before the lecture—to distribute them properly. The ladies were in some doubt as to the date, and seemed somewhat at risk about matter. Be so good as to drop me a line, sending back the "copy" if you approve of it, and also instructions as to date.

Yours etc,

S. Dutton
Dear Mr. Howard,

I have for sometime been intending to write you on the subject of Martin George Blumenschein—each of late John W. Blumenschein. First, let me tell you about your sympathy in any generous deed of justice—and especially his untimely end. I feel you will feel this loss.

You remember the unsatisfying allowance of John Blumenschein’s pension—$20. What should have been $125 per month. I think most everyone would have been disposed to do what they could, but I found the reverse opposition to doing justice—but I could not because the claim made appealed to me to continue my effort for gratification upon the matter. I kept on trying, to this last summer the commission came on, it came by Cerrillo—calling in the former Cerrillo. Having names—of the difference $10 per month went back to the fallen death, making a difference of at least $1500. Which all caused for the children.
George has his father's military ambition and stake except he would prefer to be a business person. He desires that all come for him - a chance to go to Annapolis or West Point. How can he be inclined for him - by what process - by what encouragements? Can I will pay for this feeling? Bake aid it any? Will you cancel? Please let the letter of this be a start by itself which they can see. George is now 16. And by course the pension ceases when he was 18. And to time now the election looks a little closer. I am willing to do and take all the steps that can avoid for this cause to join this for George if Dan knows to do. And I do invoke your President aid.

Since my dismissal by Gen. Holabird came earnest recommendation, Dec. 15/85. Shown him among his best - Canvas - being somewhat conversant with pensions-bounties and other Soldier interests have been doing. What stands in such business - Now charging what law all as sec. Up to Dec. 15/85. I was never made good man in post, for I envy would have one cent. And I am at kind time. Envelope up permanent. Ours and faithfully see what should be.
before I asked any return to Court - employer.

So I am currently trying to live by my own

efforts. - Hence I think definite interest

in business coming under your notice. When

you can direct by any advice - if you

feel I can be trusted - please remember me.

And specify my address. - If you think you

could use them - will send you some cards.

and letters?

Among those who have come to me are quite

a number of colored claimants. Among them

Julia Johnson - niece Julia Williams - widowed from

Johnson. - She says she used to be a servant

in your family and that "Gen. Howard & Miss

Williams" knew "All About" her.

She seems very worthy. - Can you tell me any

thing which could add him? - When once fully

before the Post Office - then even a letter asking

consideration to be added. -

She has beyond-met with you often - I ask you

help. - And with much feeling asks to be

remembered. - As General Peter - - Helping

you will not feel annoyed. Please -
But General - for Georgia lets earnestly appeal for advice from to join and aid us.

With great respect,

[Signature]

Mr. A. B. [name]

P.S. In the Common papers are the strongest kind of letters to Genl. O. R. for them - Securing to him to secure appointment in the U.S.A. - Uncle Unit and Georgia - are from many friends as well as prominent civilians.
June 10

Dear Sir,

The Chinese are very desirous that you should address them, the fourth Sunday Evening of this month, at the "Central School" 5 Brunham Place, opposite the Old City Hall. If you have no other engagement for that evening, we shall all be delighted to have you speak to us. They have never forgotten the last
time you spoke to them, and Jed Gam has asked repeatedly that we should ask you to speak again. I am glad I shall be able to be there, as last time I was away from him. If it is possible for you to be with us, will you please let me know the subject of your address, that we may choose the hymns accordingly.

Yours respectfully,

S[ilas Sanborn]

P.S. The meeting commences at 6 P.M.
To Major-General D. C. Howard

I wish to inform you in regard to the war I am situated. The first time I enlisted time enlisted again time of the Rebellion have met with losses by loaning money and fire. I ask if you would please send me an old army cap and coat as the old soldiers turn out occasionally and I'd like me to turn out with them. Those articles would be highly prized by me and will be under many obligations to you and will be received with my sincere
Thanks by Capt. J. D. Rollin.

One of the old tomos, Gats and Caps, if you should not some money when I am fortunate enough to make some, I will send it to you
my height 5' feet 8" inches

Please direct to Auburn
Placer County, I shall write as soon as you can move it. Commence to

Capt. J. D. Rollin

6 feet 8 inches

Rollin
Upper Sandusky, Ohio
Jan. 11th, 1879

Maj. Gen. Howard:

Dear Bro. You will remember me as Childrens and Normal close student at Island Park Assemblies last summer.


Could you with me a few words of commendation of my efforts and method of instruction as you witnessed them last summer? If you can it will help me in my book which I have pleased to hear from you soon.

Permit me to say that your words, last summer, were very helpful, and often from I thought and spoke of them.

Yours sincerely,

W.E. Love

P.S. I am engaged for winter with him at Island Park and for next summer.
San Francisco, January 18th, 1887

General O.O. Howard
Commanding Military Dist. of the Pacific
San Francisco Cal.

General,

Delivering one

I have the honor to present a Letter of Special Solicit
for the Benefit of Miss Clinton at
Metropolitan Opera House Friday Evening
the 21st inst. I offer one great slender
service to you on the Evening Named the
service of the Geo. H. Thomas Veteran Guard
as your special broker. Should the same
be accepted I would most respectfully
suggest that you resignate the time and place that
in the interest of the Command
Shall the honor be given by General J.

My Regards to your 0th. Port

Jos. Knowlton, Jr.
Commanding
Office. Baldwin Hotel

Captain Geo. H. Thomas Veteran Guard
Baldwin Hotel City
Personal

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,

Jan 12th, 1897

I hear General: I arrived all right.

And the Agent Mr. Guinlan has as yet received no
letter of instructions.

I find him to be a very
worthy man an old
soldier, who has been
the honest property clerk
of a generation of
Quorumacceptis.

To his

high recommendations from

Cliff Pope - Maj's Cunn.

Quorumacceptis Chamber Card

Grimes Bingham & Wears.

The place is fruitful in its

Bridging and a comfortable
bed with him. It is so cold
where I am writing that

my fingers are numb to

stuff. It is possible the

family where Mr. Guinlan

stop would take the thing

for a while. I will ask -

In my opinion the agent here

saves the government many times his

salary in delays; trouble

& annoyance resulting therefor.

He is kept busy most of the

time & I think deserves great

credit for doing his duty

so well without the first

complaint for doing it.

It is no more than right

that he should be made

comfortable. This is not

a very coherent report. Will
Descantion and I, for Col. Althu, can not remain - he will be so homesick. The present agent has been here but a year & has never had his family with him. There is no office - the poor fellow has no stove, but it gets pretty cold too - I can easily see that the place is no sinecure if the agent is conscientious in the discharge of his duty. It demands that he stand for hours in the wind which is now filled with flying sand - sometimes in the driving rain under a narrow open shed - where he must check every article.

If he is not the only place he can go & get warm & dry himself is to the hospitable stove in the barracks. The agent should have an office & a stove & fuel, a desk, a letterpress & ked or three chairs. There is no place where one can get a room since the fire. A third neighbor took Mr. Quinn in after he had lived in the shed for some time. There are no buildings that could be rented for an office. One should be built.

Col. Althu should bring a
I make a letter one if you desire when I return. Col. He Ahaua would not live a mouth exposed as this man has been. He has just made signing of the woman who says He Ahaua may have the house for a while but there is no slave nor can one be put in without the sanction of Mr. S. Poe Ry Co. for cutting a piper hole. I do not as yet know where I find a bed. Wish I had brought some blankets.
The mail I think was carried out to Los Angeles, this Am. So the Cpt. won't get his instructions and transportation until tomorrow night if such was the case.

There is no one here we could get to take Mr. Quinlan's place. I have made careful inquiry.

G. H.

Quint P.O. Howard
San Francisco, Cal.
January 12th, 1887.

My dear Brother,

The 4th District Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Northern California will be held in San Jose, Saturday and Sunday, February 19th and 20th, 1887. The delegation will leave San Francisco, 4th and Townsend Streets, at 10:40 a.m., Saturday 19th. The first session of the convention will be at 1 o'clock, Saturday, and the last on Sunday evening.

General Howard will attend. Please secure a large delegation from your Association. Programmes, with full particulars, will be sent later. The San Jose Association will entertain all delegates.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you present,

Very cordially yours,

James G. [Name]
Chairman