Oct 17th 1887.

Our General Howard—How seem to need cheering—let me try. Was not a description of how your letter came to be read—will do it. I had not had any school for this week—imagined myself ill—dying. (If I had anything I would have made as well.) I went over to the store last Thursday. There was no letter from you. So today—Friday the 7th—I got a horse. If perhaps you know that there is as much difference in horses as there is among men of rode over myself. I had recently requested the Postmaster at the nearest R.O. 20 miles from here, to put all my letters into an O.S. envelope & close it up & address to me, so that neither the Mail carrier nor the store keeper (whose little noire) can enjoy for I fight his signor selling so much as I can ever handle any letters. As I arrived at the place—the usual route of the world—so to speak—country store—a German, an old soldier—happened to have arrived there that morning. He came out & read it. That evening we had all come over for—Will...
you not come down — No thank you — if you will kindly give me my Mail I will go back — but I did not wish to spend the Envelope — there were yours yours etc. etc. — Now I was so I did not know what to do — I opened the Envelope — there were yours mothers — Now I was so I did not know what to do — Well they know I can write better — They forgive me — I opened yours — In this vile place — but I did not say more than the first page — I folded it and put it away — The clockkeeper had been to his house across the way to his dinner etc. he came in while I was reading — the old woman said — don't talk to my 2 — She has a loaf letter — You know — so you don't — how nervous I am — Those words were more kindly meant — but they jarred oh how hard on my feelings — Well in a very little while I left the room and went to get out of sight — Then I pulled out my Mail and began to read your letter — I began to all at once I continued along when I never did such a thing in my life before. It was very windy & The air carried my words away. They were sorry words — your thoughts don't quite agree that where they fell to the ground as whereas they altogether like song fellow — The flowers will bloom sweeter than ever before — Then I put the letter back into my packet & had a heavenly moment of rapturous thankfulness to God — to you — I then — now comes the cheering part — I commence to whistle & boot & ring & act like an Yachete — I suppose — How mistaken you are if you think I have no faults — Why I am forever doing undelayed things — Then I am scarily so — sometimes — carelessly — uncharitable — unkindly — unkindly — uncharitable — carelessly — I fast — Oh dear — I am forgetting I am not in the Conf. — I went to cheer you — well about 4 years
boops like it - dat - To day it is Oct. it want to be rather cold very cloudy and your dear letter made it May etc etc etc put me - I am so glad that you are a married man - spooky etc has nothing to do with friendship - God bless you dear General - dear friend - I have a getting off fat but now I rise every morning before 5 - Unless it is morning star most - You must have - perhaps somewhere on a battle field - indeed perhaps worse circumstances than mine here - see this beautiful star rise - the moon rise as well in the west - Your friendship is like that star - What have I done to deserve it? Nothing I am un worthy but I can try to be very good to become worthy of it - I prove to our dear Father - how grateful I am - F. Now it is 4.45 P.M. I had nothing for lunch except a little bit of bread & butter a small piece of apple & a few grapes - even your letter could not prevent me from getting hungry - I must not forget one thing - please, dear General, do not write such long letters when you are tired - oh do not - I feel like a brute with your poor one hand of the left me too - I have not taken off my habit yet - I will have "canned" - oysters - do not have a eight groan - You poor wretch - but they do not require much cooking - Did you let Mrs. Howard read my letter? I will you let her read this one? Are you acquainted with Mrs. Fowler? Bishop Fowler's wife? - Do you like her? Before I got to cooking I read your letter again I found the place in the Bible Math 6:8 - 5-1. - Lovely - Oh how I wish I could have been there to mean when you read - wrote about it - Some body corrected words - I see you did yourself - Han day
I observe closely - yes, too closely for my own good - but how can I help it? - Have these latest slang words reached you? "I am built that way!" You see another fault - using slang - a young woman nobody writing to Mr. Gen. O. C. Howard. I am using slang - writing about bathing suits riding canned oysters - etc. - if you are as lenient to your niece - as you are with me - I only wish I could be one of them. Father need to say that it was a mistake that I was a girl - I always wanted to be a man. Dear me - what a family you have - I have 3 brothers and 1 sister with whom I am not on speaking terms. Do you remember what our last time I had the pleasure of hearing you? Mov'd 22 incl August 21 (15) - I took your initials to heart especially - when you said - that it seems harder to forgive those nearer to me - all - when I take a good fit I pray for her of her - she has 3 or 4 children - mostly know 2 - she has 3 or 4 children - then I have a poor two noble little fellows - then I have a poor sister in law the widow of my favorite brother married to a Spaniard she is quite well to do. - My brothers are making a living I are not married - By the way you might have put one of your own pictures. - Want you? Please - but must I must stay this - If does not make me eat at all to think of death - Why should it? On the contrary one of my many unfilled prayers has been, Oh God, make me fit to die if I take me. Good by - God bless your 4 years - may this letter find you 100% well of the joy your kind to me - truly yours.
The letter begins:

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I wrote to you the other day, as I thought of you on the 23rd. I also wrote to you last week about plans for the future. I hope you received my letter. I am still in Paris, but will be leaving soon. I am thinking of returning to the U.S. in the near future.

I had a pleasant surprise when I received your letter. I was very happy to hear from you. Your letter arrived on the 15th of this month. I am looking forward to hearing from you again soon.

I have been busy with work and have not had much time to write. I hope to write to you more frequently in the future.

I hope you are doing well. Please write and let me know how you are. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate your thoughts and kind words.

Take care and write soon.

[Signature]

[Date]
716 Fulton St. Troy, N.Y.
Le 7 Octobre 87
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Received at SAN FRANCISCO: 935a Oct 7

Dated: 1881

To: Maj General Howard

Phelan 9 Bed 3

Want you with Warren Atkinson and others grand missionary meeting next Sunday night will see you Saturday don't fail me.

CD Barratt
You: I have been expecting to see you but "circumstances alter cases." My very kindest regards. I have just been to St. L. Remember me to your love. Truly,

Theodore C. Wilson.
Dear Brother,

Enclosed please find your credentials as delegate to the State Convention.

Don't fail to take the 3 o'clock boat next Wednesday afternoon October 12th.

Very cordially yours,

Henry J. McVey
Gen. Sec.

Be sure and present R.R. certificate to ticket agent when you purchase ticket.
Dear [Name],

I am writing this letter to express my deep gratitude for your kind words of encouragement and support. Your letter brought a smile to my face and a warm feeling in my heart.

I am definitely going to the [event] and I am so excited about it. I am really looking forward to meeting you there and hearing more about your experiences.

I hope you are doing well and that all is going on in your life. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
United States Indian Service,

Indian Training School Agency,

Dakota City, Oct. 1, 1887

Maj. General Howard, U.S. A.
Commanding Division of the Pacific

Sir:

The bearer of this is "Chief" Miguel, successor to the removable Parqueal. He holds your name in grateful remembrance for kindnesses you formerly extended to the Kunsas when they needed assistance. He wishes to see you on business which he can better explain than I can. He is a very good Indian and will no doubt receive any favor or notice you may extend him.

I am very respectfully,

Miss Mary O'Neill, Supt.
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,

Oct 8th, 1887

927.

Dear General:

I enclose you a clipping from the Los Angeles Times of yesterday which will be of interest. I will be back and at the office Wednesday morning.

Yours, G. T. Searle


San Francisco, Cal.
War Department.
Office of the Secretary.
Washington.

Oct. 8, 1887.

Dear General:

Permit me to introduce Mr. L. W. Tolman, Chief of the Division of Requisitions and Accounts of this office, who visits the Pacific Coast on public business.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Chief Clerk.

 Maj. Gen. O. Howard
 Chief, Div. of the Pacific.
Waterville, Maine
Oct 10 - 1887

My dear General:

Enclosed please find press report of the recent reunion of the 35th Maine Regt. at Augusta.

I was unexpectedly complimented by unanimous election as President of the Association for the ensuing year, and I take my initial step in that capacity by inviting you to be present at our next reunion at Oakland Aug 16 - 1888 and also to the dedication of the regiment's monument at Gettysburg July 2nd next.

The reception given by the citizens of Augusta surpassed in spirit and in proportions any honors
Eve shone to a regiment in this State.

Governor Bodwell, Attorney General Baker, Judge Whittemore, Col. Staples, and others spoke of you and yr name was cheered most heartily.

As the years go by, our reminiscences seem to take on more dignity and strength of influence. The natural reverence of these occasions, come to teach the young people something of the cost of National unity and of the broadest duties of citizenship.

Seeing this growth of the higher sentiments among our members and the increased public attention to and attendance upon the evening ceremonies (which, usually, are held in the churches of our thriving towns,) I feel sure that you will find keen enjoyment in again meeting with yr old regiment and yr duties will permit you to come. I can promise you in its name, that its warm greeting
such fun to see those stupid little snails things wriggle."

"Is it, really?" said Arbuthnot, with an unperturbed gravity, while the speaker began to eangle his absurd little line in the water.

"Do you know what that makes me think of?" he continued, in a low tone, which only Sybil heard. "It reminds me of a definition which I once heard given for a fishing-rod—a stick with a worm at one end, and a fool at the other."

Sybil broke out into a merry laugh, which made Evelyn turn around to see what the fun was.

"Won't you try now?" said Mr. Arbuthnot. "There are not very many people at the table."

"Yes, dear," said Evelyn, sweetly; "let us try now, by all means. Do you know, Mr. Arbuthnot, there is to be a German after the fishing, and we ladies have to fish our partners out of yonder bowl?"

"How momentous!" Arbuthnot exclaimed. "I hope heaven may be kind to me."

Evelyn smiled at him, and Sybil, having a sense of being in the way moved toward the table.

"Come ladies!" cried the youth with the eyeglass. "There is as good fish in the sea as ever yet were caught."

"Allow me!" said Dick Travers, a brother of the hostess, to whom Sybil had been presented, and she found herself in possession of one of the gilded willow rods, which were gaily adorned with bows of ribbon.

She cast in her line, and almost immediately the others were cast alongside.

"I am fishing for you, Miss Weir," said Dick, boldly. "I want a good partner, and you look as though you deserved divinity."

"I am very fond of it," Sybil said modestly; but I don't know much about the German. I think I should be almost afraid to try."

Evelyn frowned and bit her lip. What a feel the girl was.

"Why, Sybil," she said, pettishly, "you are fishing on my side. I want that little fat fish. I am sure he has got something nice in him."

"You are welcome to him. I'm sure," said Sybil, abandoning her game very pleasantly; "I'd rather have that slim little fellow. Perhaps he hasn't anything in him, and I shall be allowed to look on."

"Aha!" cried Dick, whose skilled hand had hooked up the first fish.

"What have we got here? No. 17, Amy, what is No. 17—gentleman's prize?"

"You dance with Miss Irwin," said Mrs. Bayard, putting a box into her brother's hand.

Dick groaned.

"Never mind," said Arbuthnot, laughing. "We are only going to have six figures. Let us see what you have got."

Dick produced a very pretty leather pocket-book, which they were all admiring, when Miss Evelyn's cry of triumph riveted attention on herself.

"I've got him!" she exclaimed, lifting the fat fish out of the water. But poor you, hot chasca when she
The reunion of the Third Maine regiment at Augusta Wednesday, Sept. 21st was the largest and most successful ever held by them. The annihilations of Grand Army men were present from all over Maine and many other parts of New England. Headquarters were established at the Augusta House.

Among the many prominent Grand Army men present were the well-known and honored veterans: Col. M. B. Lakenham of Maiden, Mass.; General James Smith, Bangor; General Harris M. Flinsted, Augusta; Major Frank W. Hoscott, Waterville; Lieutenant C. T. Hooper, Bath; Major John S. Wiggan, Bath; Captain John R. Day, Vassalboro; Colonel Henry G. Staples, Augusta; Major William Thomas, New York; Captain G. Fuller, Hallowell; H. N. Fairbanks. At a business meeting held at Grand Army Hall, at 10 o'clock this afternoon the following officers were elected: President, F. W. Haskell of Waterville; vice presidents, B. D. Savage of Skowhegan, Henry Peasiman of Whitworth, H. G. Staples of Augusta; secretary, William McDuffie of Augusta; recording secretary, Lewis Nebourg of Augusta; treasurer, George F. Fuller of Hallowell; sergeant, George E. Brickett of Augusta; chaplains, S. F. Chase of Salem, Mass.; committees on resolutions, H. N. Fairbanks, G. S. Fuller, Henry Peasiman, H. A. Godfing, E. W. Haskell; executive committee, M. B. Lakenham, H. N. Fairbanks, John Lord, G. E. Guerard, Charles Landers, W. H. Higgins, G. S. Johnson, H. A. N. Duntan, H. S. Godfing, J. R. Day, George H. Fisher, H. S. Snell. One thousand dollars were raised for a Gettysburg monument. The meeting continued in session until 130, when a processional was formed, headed by the Hallowell band, and marched to the Augusta House for dinner.

In the evening, the city was fairly alive with people, and it is estimated that 5,000 people from out of town witnessed the pageant. At 7 o'clock the Bands of Portland and the ladies of the City were formed in line, headed by the Hallowell band, and marched to the Augusta House to escort the Third Maine Regiment to Meason Hall, where a grand banquet was held. As the line started all the bells of the city were rung, cannons boomed and brilliant fireworks lit up the streets all along the line of march. The illumination of private residences was very fine. Around Water street the stores were illuminated and hunting and flags profusely displayed.

The procession marched directly to Meason Hall, where the ladies Relief Corps had prepared a sumptuous banquet for the veterans. Over 300 plates were laid for the veterans and the invited guests. On entering the hall the men were welcomed by Mayor Macomb who performed them the freedom of the city.

The veterans then sat down to their banquet. At the close of the banquet the exercises began. Captain S. A. Lane acted as toastmaster. Among the many prominent gentlemen who responded to toasts were Governor Bodwell of Hallowell; General Selden Conner, General H. M. Pliny, Hon. J. Manchester Haynes, Hon. O. D. Baker, General S. J. Gallagher, Judge A. G. Andrews, Colonel E. C. Allen, Augusta; General Luther Stephenson, Jr. Governor and Captain Coghair, treasurer of National Soldier's Home, Togus; General C. W. Tilden, Hallowell.

Monday an excursion to the National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers at Togus was made. There they were treated to a reception by General Stephenson, governor of the Home.

It was voted that the next reunion be held at Oakland, Aug. 16, 1888.
shall quicken your heart, and that you will feel satisfaction in the honorable progress of yr. old Command.

I take this occasion to thank you for the letter which you kindly sent to Gen. Black in my behalf. It failed to reach me at Boston but was sent to Gen. B. by the P.O. Dept. months afterwards.

I thank you for it, but I was not appointed. The G.A.R. of Maine unanimously endorsed me and asked all the progressive young democracy of the State but the old Bourbon brigade objected on the ground that I was not an orthodox democrat.

I therefore withdrew my papers, yet it is with much satisfaction that I tell you that after the young democracy of this district last fall nominated me for representative to the Legislature and although defeated by a brother Grand Army Comrade I was complimented at my home in this University town, by receiving the largest vote ever cast for a democratic
candidate (hotel) — & go forward by having 12 Copperhead votes, and by receiving nearly 100 Republican votes as an offset.

Pardon me for telling you all this, but I want you to know how difficult it is for a Union Soldier, who has not yet apologized for having enlisted in the Union Army, to satisfy the more-back variety of Union democracy.

Mrs. Hackell joins in Kindred wishes, for your welfare. May truly. Your friend.

M. Hackell

If I would be glad to have the address of your brother Charles, that I may send him invitation.
San Francisco, Oct. 10th, 1887

Gen. O. O. Howard, City

Dear Sir,

I have opened an office in San Francisco at last. Do you wish its place sec. 33, Tp. 30, 30 on the market at $5 per acre? I think the R.R. mention in the Daily Call of this city (issue of Sept. 28th) will go pretty close to this section. Did you see the article refer to? Will you kindly give me Lucius Runcie's present address and greatly obliged?

Yours very truly,

John W. Northup
San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 10th, 1887.

Sir: O.O. Howard,

My dear General,

I will have your ticket and meet you at the ferry Wednesday at 3 o’clock. Please don’t fail to be with us.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]

H. J. M. McCoy
Gen. Howard

San. Francisco Cal.

My Dear Sir.

Learning that there was a prospect of your coming to Butte to lecture this fall or winter, I write to see if you could not come over and give our Y.M.C.A. a lecture. We are building up a good work here and we want to have a lecture course this season. We are so far from the large cities that we can get but few of the regular lecturers out here. The president of our association is Col. Chas. Bird of the army. You may know him personally. I have only recently come here having left
Dear Mr. St. [illegible]

I was very pleased to receive your letter of the 12th of October. I regret to hear that you are not coming over and give your Y.M.C.A. lecture as we had been looking forward to your visit here.

It is true that the work here is not as large as we had anticipated, but we are doing our best to promote the interests of our association. The classes are going well and the students are very enthusiastic.

I have not had the opportunity to meet you personally, but I am looking forward to doing so when you come next year.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]
Helena, Montana ..................................................................... 188

the State work in Minnesota to take hold of this field. I do not know whether you remember me at the Convention or not, but I was there. We have a very hard field here but are gaining ground all the time.

Trusting that it may be possible for you to give us a lecture before long.

I am

Yours Truly.

[Signature: Frank C cuddin]
HELena MONTANA

I am glad to hear from you. I went to Minnesota to take hold of this field. I go down to the convention on Friday, do you know whether you will be able to come? We have a very hard fight here but the people are not discouraged.

Everything still the same.

Trust that it may be possible for you to give us a visit before long.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Fort Bayard, D. I.

October 10, 1887.

General O. A. Howard, U. S. Army,
San Francisco, Cal.

General:

Soon after the note sent you in June, I went into the field, and have just returned. Mr. Summer reported to me the names of the General officers responding to my request as their replies came in, and I came home under the impression that your name was mentioned. Otherwise I would have made explanation sooner.

I fail to find any letter from you among the kindly ones received, and as it is my purpose to send all I have to say through regular military channels, I would like to add your endorsement to those already received. If not, would like permission to send it to Senator Frye, who has agreed to push the matter as soon as it reaches the Military Committee.

I have been writing on the presumption that you receive my joint enclosure, and refrained from reply.
upon the principle of objection to interfering in matters of Army legislation. The fact that I am moving by military methods will probably remove that objection.

Please consider the poorly cared for acting distant surgeon, and the proposed means of relief, and give me the benefit of your views therein.

Very respectfully,

T. L. Turner

A.M. Surgeon W. I. Army
My dear Colonel,

Last night I was pleased to receive your kind words.

Unfortunately, I am in no condition of mind to write cheerfully, so I will say but little. Mrs. Wood writes me of the almost hopeless illness of our youngest—a baby boy—and I feel in my heart that none are so young that we can spare them, from what I hear. Mrs. Wood must be almost prostrated with work and anxiety.

I have not those external sources of consolation which
you and most men have and which, I have in vain tried to convince you. It would so joyfully welcome if I could.

A man would be a fool to blinder his eye with any hopeless belief if any plausible trick of the mind he could persuade himself into the armchair peace and comfort of a belief in immortality and salvation.

Change annihilation into a mere parting for a time with all we love here, except it is as impossible for me to drive myself into the blissful region of faith as it would be for you to join me, which I hope my dear General is impossible.

So without aid or consolation simply lie here and suffer.

Give my love to Mrs. Howard Grace and all the others.

Believe me yours very truly,

C. Eddowd

P.S. How is Mr. Merritt? Harry
Mr. & Mrs. [Handwritten name]
716 Pearl St., Troy, N.Y.

Tuesday evening,
Oct. 10, 1889.

My dear Father,

Yesterday in my short letter to you I asked I could write you to-day how much I will need before Oct. 31, to pay all my necessary expenses until then. I need as follows:

For Room rent, my share, 4 weeks @ 3.25 = $13.00
For Board 4 ... @ 4.00 = 16.00
For Books & paper, etc. for 1. stamp 80 cents, 15. 4.45
For Agency & printing all write one account 2.20
For a pair of shoes 9.50
For chemicals & glass tubing for "Blow Pipe work 1.25"

For use toward data, please see for "Graduating Thesis" 4.20
For washing & toiletal 10; book 2.50 2.35
For expense of visiting me, C.C. Marston .20

Total 47.65

Please send me this amount over from S. A. on or before Oct. 21st. I am trying to live closer for less than I have done so far. We
cause of examples sake. And because for at least a short time after I graduate I will need to leave you help me a little financially—probably. And I wish to be of as little expense to you as possible during the year—that you may possibly better able to help me or not than I was once able in getting a suit of winter clothing—excellent Thick, rough material, black with a blue and blue blue line in it, fits well for only $14. for the whole suit. It is the best bargain I have ever made in my life, for clothing is cheap here in Troy if will insist upon having it as I about being careful. John is doing very well, stands well, will probably astute as in many ways. is very interested in his studies especially really his time wonderfully well. I am well, any work this week is very hard. I insist upon retlying early before midnight every night. I have not failed in any recitations yet a cent to-day I did not know the exact difference between
San Francisco, October 11th, 1887

Maj. General
Olive C. Howard.
Commandant Oregon of the Pacific:

Kind sir: If not
intruding upon your kindness, I would consider it a special
favor if you would please send me a pass to visit Angel
Island on the General McDowell on Thursday, with my
wife and six friends.

Bring new arrivals in San Francisco,
they are very anxious to visit the Island & I know the
Angel Island Bandits; I desire to say that
they are people of good standing, & honor these laws.

If you would favor me with the same you would
greatly oblige me.

Thanking you in advance for the kindness shown
extended, I am

Very truly yours,

Jessie C. Galusha.

320 Sansome St.
Room 34.
Santa Monica, Cal. Oct 11th 1887.

Major General O.O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

General:

Inclosed you will please find a certified copy of my official despatch of October 6th 1877, from the battle field of Bear Paw Mountain, Montana, direct to General Terry; also to Headquarters Department of Dakota. In it you will observe that your presence was reported just as you saw it at the time ten years ago, and any impressions you may have had that it was afterwards omitted have been erroneous, and any actions based upon such impressions must therefore have been unjust and unwarranted.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Big Horn, 1886.
Santa Monica, Cal. Oct 11th 1887.

Major General O.O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

General:

Your letter of September 29th referring to Col. Hughes instructions was duly received; also one of the same date on same subject.

It is due Colonel Hughes that I should say that he executed his order in a courteous as well as professional manner.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Nelson F. Miles
Bishop, U.S.A.

Gen. O.O. Howard, U.S.A.,
Dear General:

Will you be kind enough to advise me what pay, etc., was promised to the men who volunteered and did go on the expedition against the hostile Nez Perce Indians in June and July, 1877, as I am in receipt of the following letter from W. G. Ritchey one of the men who served under Capt. Ed. M. Conville: "I wish you would write me if there has ever been any appropriation made for the payment of the Nez Perce Indian War debt or if there is any show for me to get my pay for my lost time and a lost horse. Gen. Howard promised that we should have $4.00 per day as pay for all lost horses."

You're very truly,

Allan Rutherford.
Wall Street, Oct. 11, 1917

Chairman of the Committee of Congress on the Department of the Treasury

Dear Mr. Chairman,

With the utmost respect,

[Handwritten text not fully legible due to wear and tear on the paper]
San Francisco
Oct. 12th 1887

Benj O. C. Howard,

Dear Commande: We
will be pleased to have you
present at our next meeting Oct
13th, as we are going to give an
entertainment for the benefit of
our Relief Friends, and we would
like to have you delive a short
address on this subject. I am sure
it will be of interest.

H. 8th. I would like to
love all members of the Johnnny Board present, hoping that you
are well and all of your family.

Pam and me in F. 68 D.
Barry A. Lee
President Nashville

No 8 Dec 66 SR
997 Market Stue.
Grand Centurk Hall.