Oct 18th, 1888

My dear General,

I must assure you that this Inspector will be done to justice. The account of demand for stoke on this reservation is in my judgment too large for one man to attend to; and the tendency of a portion of the bureau to work inspectors of officers and enfield men of the garrison, I am afraid that this has somewhat cut into the

[Signature]

L. Col. W. McPherson
1st A. Y.
We came in a car from the Heavy Night in Nagged Shy to that
I can't leave this morning to
Go on and see
Call when you this
Afternoon and explain
More clearly why
I came from here
Matters turned on the
Cattle question. With
a high a rate of
Your Courtesy, I am lowered
very respectfully
Your humble servant,
L. C. R. B.
Santa Cruz, Cal., Oct. 18th, 1880

G.O.O. Naval.
Commanding Dept. of the Pacific, S.F.

My dear Sir:

I am desirous of getting up a little folder for Eastern distribution. Description of Santa Cruz generally and the Sea Beach Hotel particularly. I feel confident that the location of my hotel is unsurpassed for beauty of marine scenery and shall feel under many obligations of you could consistently collect of your knowledge of the many attractions here offered. I enclose a few lines which indicate the nature of the endorsement which I should be pleased to have you give.

Wishing you health and prosperity.

Yours truly,

J. T. Sullivan

P.S.
Omaha, Neb., Oct. 18, 1888

My Dear General:

Yours of the 11th came duly to hand. I have looked for a purchaser for your Telegraph stock, but thus far have not succeeded. I find that it is not in demand owing to the fact that the dividends have been declared and their expenses are very heavy. I had a talk with Mr. E. H. Shopley, the Trust. He said he thought a $5,000 dividend would end the matter and suggested that they would not be able to continue keeping the price at $1.50 a share. I confess I think this is a good idea, but that this was not the object of making it higher than $1.50. After a conversation with him you get up all the information on the subject. I have continued to offer...
You for your Stock 600 dollars Cash.
If you conclude to take that Amount.
Have it legally transferred to me. Send it to the First National Bank of Okaha.
And I will send you my Check or
Draft for the Amount. This is the best
I can do for you. And under the Cirmum-
stances Consider it a fair offer.
If I can find any one who will give you more for it will cost you
your Money, here is pretty tight.
If you accept of my proposition please
let me know at once. For I have another
Matter for investment, Under Consideration.

Respectfully

P. Kelsey.
Lorin, Cal. Oct. 19, 1888

Dear Sir,

I wish to take my boys, some fifteen of them, over to the Presidio some day. What privilege can you allow us? What time may we go? Saturday is the best day for the boys, but we will take the time when it suits your pleasure.
The most of the lads are members of a cadet company, and are anxious to know all there is to learn about military matters.

Yours sincerely,

W. F. Bickford.
General Howard,

Dear friend:

My work will not admit of my attendance at the committee meeting today. I will sign anything the brethren may agree on.

Yours fraternal,

(Handwritten name)

Oct 18/88,
Re: Robert MacKenzie

Drummond saw

Yours part

I have written to Dr. Kim

Purinton will return

I wired him to return

Yours

[Signature]

3/31/1950
To: Mr. Howard

From: J.W. Howard

178 Broadway, New York, Oct. 28, 1883

Dear Father:

Your good letter of Oct. 7 is here. I have received the certificate of birth as well as a certificate of baptism, all of which are very important to me. The necessary papers have now all been obtained and I have forwarded them to Büttner, where Adelheid's mother will present them to the proper authorities. From what we expect to obtain permission to marry at any time after Dec. 1, which may be convenient in Büttenge, I am very busy at present. There are many details to be attended to. I am employed near very little at the refinery or directly on paving. There is much machinery to be kept in order. I am very much

The Barber Asphalt Paving Co.,
No. 1 Broadway.

J.W. Howard
put up - also many kind of business during each day I am generally kept going all over New York to city offices, business men etc. It is really an outdoor life of constant motion. It is fatiguing only to the body. There are certain responsibilities of course indeed. Training at Troy & elsewhere has fitted me for steady work of the nature I am now at.

The check for $75. came safely. Thank you for it. In addition to the usual marriage expenses I have three tickets to pay for across the Atlantic. I have not received letter from New York yet. He is about to return to the city for the winter. I shall, of course, not mention any
They are about tickets to Europe. I should much enjoy the pleasure of viewing your country and calling at your home at times. If anything concerning passage to Europe may come up, it must be from him, not from me.

You ask - I expect to leave for Europe Nov 17 or as soon thereafter as I can be spared from my duties in this Company for a few weeks. January I may be delayed until Dec 1st or before leaving. A firm business standing is of first importance to me (8 Adelaide. tree) then marriage.
A letter yesterday from Aunt Kitty says grandmother is losing strength, but her mind is clear & bright. I write her every week & she says that my letters are a pleasure to her.

I hope Harry will come very soon. Splendid weather here. He could see N.Y. with me each day because he could go about with me & look some directly here. If he visits Tony he can rent the cheapest room by taking a ticket here & back from here. It will cost him little & he can stay a long time with me. I am well & have your love. With love to all from Jamie.
Omaha, Neb. Oct 19th 1888

Gen. O. Howard, San Francisco.

Sir,

Having your address before me I wrote you for information in regard to my brother's death, which occurred Aug 26th 1888. And in 2 things, as you wrote to me. I forwarded to his lodgings of Benicia barracks, and my reply, he sent me list of 4 articles requested an answer as to when and as to what, the news wire kept me and as yet no reply.
and have learned that some of the things are gone and some sold, and seems very much against wishes of his Brother & Sister, as we all agreed that the things be sold and Williams body removed to Presidio and what money there was turn out to the Keeper of (as that is his request if he should live; and I want to know if it can be done and also ask for the citizens' clothes, the lost calls for some also the money that was received, he had, and if there was going to be money to remove him, have it done and I will get the rest from home, and as the best I can to remove him. I am very sorry to have to leave you and off. Respectfully.

213 state St.
20th June 1867.

Mrs. F. J. Arbery.
G. O. SHIELDS,
(coquina.)

243 STATE ST., ROOM 46,

CHICAGO.
Chicago Oct 30th 88

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir: I have lately visited the Big Hole battlefield and am writing a history of the engagement that took place there of the campaign that led up to it.

Will you kindly send me a photograph of yourself to be used as one of the illustrations of the article.

I am ever your obliged

G. O. Sheilds
The Grant Monument Association of Missouri; invites you to be present at the unveiling of the Bronze Statue of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at St. Louis, Mo. on Saturday, October 20th, 1888, at three o'clock p. m. 12th St. betw. Olive & Locust Sts.


COMMITTEE ON INVITATION.
Grant Monument Afe
UNVEILING OF STATUE

OF

GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT,

ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER 20, 1888.

Admit Mr.  and Lady.

TO GRAND STAND.

D. R. Francis.
C. H. Sampson,
A. G. Peterson.

COMM. ON INVITATION.

Gentleman:

As you were a
prominent commander in the immortal host who fought to save our Union, I very respectfully ask for your autograph.

I ask it as a memento of your service and a reminder of what I owe to my country's defenders.

Very Truly Yours,

Fred Wilder Corse.

G. C. C. Howard.
San Jose, October 22, 1882

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the (2) GAR Posts of San Jose to ascertain from you if there are any (small size) condemned ordinances, on this coast that could be procured from you for use in fitting up a Rural lot, in this city, for deceased soldiers. And what would be the cost for us to procure to obtain them.

I remain yours very respectfully,

J H Garnett (Sec. of County)
Dear Sir:

I am greatly obliged to you for the interest that you have taken in our institution, and I shall not now fully relish your say concerning Mr. Frank T. Rice, Lieut. 1st Artillery.

Our Senator Stewart made application for the detail of Lieut. DeWitt of the 24th Infantry.

Very Truly Yours,

LeRoy D. Brown

Winnemucca, Nevada State Bank

Major General O. O. Howard
San Francisco, California
CLAIMS
FOR THE
EQUIPMENT FOR FOOT TROOPS,
INVENTED BY
COL. H. C. MERRIAM, U. S. A.

U. S. PATENTS JUNE 13, 1876, MAY 21, 1878, AND MAY 3, 1887.

ALSO PATENTED IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, AUSTRIA, ITALY AND BELGIUM.
1st—It places a large proportion of the weight of the soldier’s pack directly upon the strong bones of the hips, relieving the shoulders and spinal column from strain.

2d—The stiff side braces stand in the direct line of the shock produced by the act of marching, viz., that of the advanced leg, as it comes to the ground; hence they receive the shock and transfer it to the strong base of support above named.

3d—It prevents all pressure upon the shoulder blades, leaving the shoulders and arms entirely free for action, and allows free ventilation of the back — the pack not even touching it necessarily.

4th—The shoulder straps, by their form and vertical attachment no longer press upon the nerves and vessels of the arm-pits, consequently preventing numbness and swelling of the hands.

5th—The invention avoids every form of cross belt, leaving the chest entirely free from constriction, so that the coat and even the waist belt may be thrown open on a hot march, without deranging the equipment.

6th—It distributes the weight and shock of the pack, and removes leverage and constriction from the vital parts of the body to such an extent that the pack is now arranged to contain rations, as well as clothing, extra cartridges, etc., thus dispensing with the cumbersome and unsightly haversack, heretofore carried under the arm by a cross belt, and tolerated only from necessity.

7th—The side braces are interchangeable, and are easily detached from the pack and joined together, forming an excellent pole for the shelter tent.

8th—The equipment is adjustable to all sizes and all forms of men, and is light, simple and serviceable in all its parts.

9th—It sustains the cartridge box, or belt, in exact position, whether full or empty, thus avoiding the necessity for wearing the waist belt tight and uncomfortable.

10th—In case of any accident to the side braces which cannot be met at once by their interchangeability, the equipment is instantly convertible, so as to be carried temporarily upon the shoulders.

11th—This single equipment is adapted to the lightest as well as the heaviest marching order.
POST OF FORT SPOKANE, W. T.

August 12, 1888.

To the Regimental Adjutant 4th Infantry,

SIR:—In reply to your letter of inquiry on the subject of the worth of the equipment for foot troops, invented by Colonel H. C. Merriam, U. S. A., I have the honor to state that I turned it over to Companies ‘F’ and ‘B’ 4th Infantry, to be tested in their practice marches of last year, who pronounced it to be all that was claimed for it by the inventor. It has also been tested in short marches, on several occasions at the Post, and all agree that if any equipment must be worn, that this is the best of the lot. I doubt if any uninterested Co. Commander would favor the use of a knapsack of any kind, and the soldiers say that they would rather drop and pay for it than to use it.†

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. Ford Kent,
Major 4th U. S. Infantry,
Commanding Post.

†The author might have added with truth and equal force that soldiers would rather pay for the ration than to carry it, and for the rifle than to use it. I have seen times when I would pay for a hundred rifles rather than to see them used.—Merriam.
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"The privates of the Hospital Corps were equipped with the Blanket Bag, Haversack, Canteen, and tin cup, soap, towel, blanket, shelter tent and pole, meat ration can, knife, fork, and spoon. One private was supplied with the "Merriam Equipment," in lieu of the Blanket Bag and Haversack. On the march without ambulance or wagons, and the succeeding bivouac, the upper compartment of this Equipment was used for a supply of medicines and dressings, the lower compartment being packed with underwear and rations.

I have made several practical trials of this Equipment, having personally carried it, and the Blanket Bag on the march. I feel that I can recommend it as good Equipment for hospital use in the field. By paragraph 33 of G. O. 56, A. G. O. 1887, it is required that in the field or in time of war, one fourth of the Hospital privates shall carry Hospital knapsacks, or dressing cases. The Merriam Equi..."
POST OF FORT LARAMIE, WYO.

October 22, 1888.

To the Commanding Officer, Company "E," 7th Infantry.

Sir:—In reply to your request for a report on the knapsack carried by me (the invention of Colonel H. C. Merriam, 7th Infantry.) I have the honor to state the following facts for your information.

The pack was first issued and worn by me, in the Spring of 1886, since which time I have worn it a good deal; both in the routine of Garrison duty and short practice marches of fifteen or sixteen miles. I have also worn it on the recent practice march, a distance of 224½ miles, part of the time lightly packed and part of the time with the full kit as provided in Circular 5, Department of the Platte, series of 1887. I have also worn it with an additional blanket packed on it, and found no inconvenience resulting from the increased weight. The rations being carried in the pack keeps them free from dirt, and does away with the cross-belt of the Haversack, an objectionable feature in itself; the cross-belts of Haversack and Canteen tending to hinder respiration, and to me more objectionable in crossing hills or traveling over a rough country. Owing to its construction the weight carried is thrown on the hips; thereby allowing me an erect or natural position when marching, which I could not obtain if carrying the "Blanket-Bag" now issued by the Ordnance Department. In the arrangement of the shoulder-strap, they do not cut the arms or shoulders, but allow free use of the arms during the march. If at "Attention" the arms do not become numb when this pack is used, and I consider the "Standing at Attention" the most severe test of endurance that a soldier in heavy marching order can be placed in.

The field belt supports are an excellent thing especially in warm weather, when the blouse can be thrown open, and the belt at all times worn loosely.

I have carried the Blanket-Bag now issued to foot-troops the old war knapsack, the Sherlock equipment and the Blanket-Roll; and I prefer the Merriam equipment for the reasons above given.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant,

Hugh Hynds,

Endorsement. Company "E," 7th Infantry, Fort Laramie, Wyoming. October 22, 1888. Respectfully forwarded to the Post Adjutant. On the recent practice march I had occasion to note the advantages of this pack over the "Blanket-Bag" and "Blanket-Roll." My own observation leads me to believe that it has all the advantages claimed for it.

G. W. Melver, 2nd Lieut. 7th Infantry, Commanding Co. "E."