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615 E St., N.W.
Washington D.C.
December 23. 1891.

Lieut Chas G. Treat
A.D.C. to Genl Howard

My dear Sir

Yours 16th inst rec'd. This morning I called at the Surgeon General's Office War Dept and he suggested to me that any information of the appt., service, & final discharge of E. H. Ripley acting Asst. Surgeon U.S.A., asked for by Genl O. O. Howard would be promptly furnished him — and that would probably refresh his recollection & enable him to give me such a statement as I want in the matter of his widow's pension — who was also an Army Nurse.

Yours respectfully & c
Geo. E. Fisher

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WILLIAM E. DODGE,
NEW YORK.

Dec 23 1891

11 CLIFF STREET,

My dear Gail Howard

I have read your note of the 19th with great interest.

I have had such a burden of liberal things put upon me unexpectedly since my return that I am almost used up —

I want to show my interest in the new peculiar trouble which has burdened you and enclose a cheque

for $500. — toward
the balance you have
to make up which I
could do more.
With best wishes
I am
Very sincerely yours
W E Dodge

Geo Ostrander

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344. W. 33. St. N.Y.
Dec. 24. 1891

General O. O. Howard

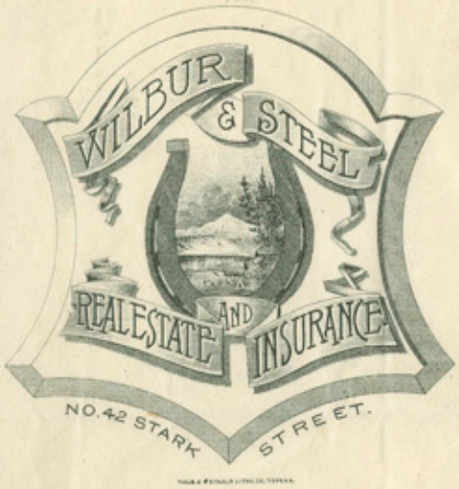
Dear General:

If you have any one one or more of the following works I would like to borrow them long enough to revise a manuscript. I will call for and return them.

Sherman's Memoirs
McClellan's "
Johnston's J. E. "
Lee "
Hood "
Thomas "
Humphrys' history army of the potomac.

Very Respty.
T. W. Osborne

Carbon Tel.



W. G. Steel.
R. M. Wilbur.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 25. 1891

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governors Island,

My Dear Friend:

While I sincerely hope there will be no hostilities between our own government and Chili, still the bare possibility of such a thing brings a question to my mind in this way: Chili is a mountainous country, and, as far as land forces are concerned, the fighting would be done there. Under such circumstances, could one or more companies, composed exclusively of men used to mountain life, be used for scouting, or other purposes, when they are not trained in military affairs? Why I ask is, that in case of trouble I can at once raise such a company; or, more than that if need be. Every man would be used to handling a rifle, forced marches, camp life and exposure.

Sincerely your Friend,
W. G. Steel.

Lieut. W. C. L.

Portland Oregon Dec. 25. 1891

Gen. O. O. Howard
Governors Island
My Dear Friend:

While I sincerely hope there will be no hostile return on your government and while all the true friends of peace and a thing things a quietus is now wanted in this way: that is a permanent country, and so far as land goes as personal, the Indian should be also treated under such circumstances, could you in your communing, conferred exclusively of your work & operations, tell us what for coming, or rather franchise, when they are not treated in positive affairs? Why I ask is that in case of trouble I can at well those such a condition; in fact then that of such the Gov. must be work & handling a with friendly Indians, cause life and expense.

Sincerely your friend
W. C. Lee.

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New York Dec 26 1891

Genl O. O. Howard
Governors Island

Dear Comrade

Lafayette Post would like very much to have you present at its installation of officers and Reception to Commander-in-chief Palmer of the Grand Army of the Republic. enclosed you will find six tickets. for yourself staff or ladies that may accompany you. please inform me at your earliest convenience, if you will be present, &

obey

Yours in F. C. & L.

Lucius Hart

Chairman Committee of arrangements
10 Barclay St
N.Y. City

Military guests will appear in uniform

Hazard G. R.

Newton, Kansas.
Dec. 26th - 1891.

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Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Cousin Otis; -

I am soon to leave for San Francisco, to visit friends there, and shall be away from home about three months, and return by Portland. In talking of stopping a day or two there, Papa and Mama said they thought your daughter Grace, lives there and I should like very much to meet her, if she is now there.

Will you please write me, and also her, giving me her address. We often speak

of you and your family,
and hear through Grandma
of you. Hoping you,
and all had a Merry
Christmas and wishing you
a Happy New year, with
love to you and kind regards
to all, in which Papa and Mama
join me,

I am,

Your sincere Cousin,

Grace R. Hazard.

Address,
118 Scott St.
San Francisco.
Cal.

C/ Mrs. Geo. Merritt.

Temple Richard

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353 State st, Albany.
Dec 26th 1891

My dear Gen.

The note of Gen. Thomas - which, at your request, I return - convinces me that he has only consulted the men, or their agents, whose interest it is to keep the large coal trade between this country & the Isthmus of Panama in their own hands. If you look at the Pamphlet I gave you, you will find what a profitable business it is.

As to the quality of the Coal. When tried under the most disadvantageous circumstances, the testimony of the leading men employed by these Companies ought to suffice

The promises of these men, Gen. Thomas knows, cannot be relied upon.

With the compliments of the season
to all the Howards,

Very sincerely yours
Richard Temple

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
Governor's Island
N. Y.

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AGENCY OF THE

German American Insurance Co.

of New York.

G. W. BALLOCH, Agent,

Washington, D. C., Dec 26th 1891

Dear General

Yours of the 21st with enclosures in the matter of Thomas B. Cook is at hand & I will confer with Dr Rankin and see what can be done. I dont see just why they should bother you with these matters that you cannot possibly know anything about. I was very sorry not to be able to meet you and others on the occasion of the Reunion of the 11th Corps. I am glad to know that the Corps is emerging from the cloud that hung over so long, and so unjustly – The

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Lapse of years will eventually set all things right. — —

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again".

is as true now as when Longfellow wrote it. It has occurred to me that it would be a nice thing for you to do at the coming G.A.R. meeting next fall — to invite all the members of your old Staff in all your various Commands to meet you again. I can give you the address of some that you may have lost sight of. The number is growing less every day.

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and I feel that such a reunion would be very pleasant. I feel the loss of our grove Dr Palmer, who was so pleasantly associated with me, on my first admittance to your military family — You and Mrs: Howard must feel quite alone, with John and Harry & Bessie all away. So it is, as we grow older the birds leave the old home nest to build for themselves. Kind remembrances to Mrs Howard & others of your family, who may be at home, during this Christmas season. Sincerely

G. W. Balloch

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Fort Sheridan Illinois
December 26, 1891

My dear General

I have in preparation a paper upon "Methods of Marching;" in which I desire to show that when the interests of the service will permit, great advantage will ordinarily be derived by informing the common soldier daily when on the march, every thing concerning public affairs that might interest him, such as the proposed distance of the days March, the character of the roads, water, &c, not for the purpose of gratifying his curiosity

but as a tribute to his intelligence, and that he might in consequence of such tribute have the full support of his mental faculties in the exercise of his physical powers. During the war of the Rebellion some general officers were more communicative with their men than others. I believe there was more cheerfulness among the men under the former management than under the latter, better health, better discipline, and a greater display of courage in battle. If you can give me a few words in support of this theory for use in my essay,

I will be under many obligations. Your experience during the war and the impressions made upon your mind concerning the matter under consideration in comparing methods, will make your views specially valuable

Very respectfully
A. R. Dunkerhoff
(Capt 15 Inf)

To
General O. O. Howard
Governors Island
N. Y.

Brinkerhoff H. R.