New York, Feb 15, 1894.
Hon. General Howard.

Sir,

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you once more in concern[ing my son] James W. Kelly who is serving his sentence on Governor Island for deserting. As I know you have granted me a great many favors for which I can heartily thank[ful to] you for it, I have one more to ask of you.
And I hope the Lord will reward you and yours true life. Do grant it to me please Sir.
Respectfully
His Mother
M. J. Kelly
203 East 7th St.
City

P.S.
If Hon. General Howard does not read this the gentleman who does please show it to the General as I hope to receive an answer.

Sir, in which I will trust you will grant me and that is if you will pardon my son before you retire from service. I hope I am not asking too much by doing so. But he feels his punishment very much of which I am glad of. He regrets he will be in his 23rd year if he serves his time. That he is yet able to earn anything for either himself or I. He feels his election to me is a great many ways. Hon. General Howard I make this appeal to you instead of going to anyone else as I know you are the best and most generous can appeal to.
PLEA.

To the Specification: Guilty.
To the Charge: Guilty.

FINDING.
Of the Specification: Guilty.
Of the Charge: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"To be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances now due or to become due, and to be confined at hard labor, under charge of the guard, at such place as the reviewing authority may designate, for the period of eighteen months."

In the foregoing case of Private Charles Gerhard, Company G, 15th Infantry, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. In view of the length of time the prisoner has been in confinement, awaiting trial, six days of the period of confinement are remitted, and as thus mitigated the sentence will be duly executed; so much of it as provides for confinement, at the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. The prisoner will be held at Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, until further orders shall be given for his removal to the Leavenworth Prison.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

SAM'L BRECK,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aid-de-camp.

G. C. M.

CASES TRIED.

Fort Adams, R. I.
Private Eugene Sullivan, Battery G, 2d Artillery.

Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H.
Private Robert W. Donnelly, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

Fort McPherson, Ga.
1. Musician Samuel Debboury, Battery I, 3d Artillery.
2. Corporal Orla H. Brooks, Battery I, 3d Artillery.

Fort Thomas, Ky.
Private Noia Kelly, Battery D, 4th Artillery.

Fort Columbus, N. Y. H.
1. Private Max Gertick, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

GENERAL COURT MARTIAL: GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY.

ORDERS, No. 48. December 19, 1893.

1. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Adams, R. I., pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders, No. 221, October 6, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Captain Edward Field, 4th Artillery, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Edwin St. J. Grebie, 2d Artillery, is judge advocate, was arraigned and tried:

Private Eugene Sullivan, Battery G, 2d Artillery.

CHARGE.—"Violation of the 62d Article of War."

Specification 1st.—"That Private Eugene Sullivan, Battery G, 2d Artillery, did approach Sergeant David E. Hawley, Battery G, 2d Artillery, at the dinner table, and in a threatening attitude demand to know why he (Sergeant Hawley) had spoken to Sergeant P. J. Mulheen, Battery G, 2d Artillery, about him, and when informed that such was not the case, did use threatening and abusive language towards Sergeant David E.

CHARGE.—"Desertion, in violation of the 47th Article of War."

Specification.—"That Private Michael Kelly, Troop K, 2d Cavalry, having been already enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States at New York, N. Y., on the 6th day of October, 1891, and having received his pay under said enlistment died desert said service on or about the 26th day of July, 1892, at or near Fort Bowie, A. T., and did remain absent in desertion until he was apprehended at Depot, General Recruiting Service, U. S. A., Davids Island, N. Y. H., on or about the 2d day of November, 1893, while serving in Company G, of Instruction, G. S. R., under the name of James W. Kelly."

PLEA.

To the Specification: Guilty.
To the Charge: Guilty.

FINDING.

Of the Specification: Guilty.
Of the Charge: Guilty.

SENTENCE.

"To be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forgoing all pay and allowances now due or to become due, and to be confined at hard labor under charge of the guard, at such place as the reviewing authority may designate, for the period of two (2) years and six (6) months."

In the foregoing case of Private Michael Kelly, Troop K, 2d Cavalry, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. One year of the period of confinement is remitted, and as thus mitigated, the sentence will be duly executed; so much of it as provides for confinement, at the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The prisoner will be held at Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, until further orders shall be given for his removal to the Leavenworth Prison.


CHARGE.—"Desertion, in violation of the 47th Article of War."

Specification.—"That he, Private Charles Gerhard, of Company G, 15th Infantry, who enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States October 9, 1891, did desert said service at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on or about May 8, 1893, and did continue in desertion until November 23, 1893, when he surrendered himself at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H."
In the foregoing case of Private Nova Kelly, Battery D, 4th Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. In view of the length of time the prisoner has been in confinement, eighteen days of the period of confinement are remitted, and as thus mitigated, the sentence will be duly executed; so much of it as provides for confinement, at the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where the prisoner will be sent, under proper guard, by the Commanding Officer of Fort Thomas, Ky.

Y. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders, No. 376, Headquarters Department of the East, December 11, 1893, and of which Captain Henry P. Kingsbury, 6th Cavalry, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Adam Sleumer, 1st Artillery, is judge advocate, were arraigned and tried:

1. Private Max Gertiss, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

CHARGE.—“Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the 621 Article of War.”

SPECIFICATION.—“In that Private Max Gertiss, Battery B, 1st Artillery, was drunk and disorderly in the barracks of Battery B, 1st Artillery, and when ordered by Sergeant Thomas Williams, Battery B, 1st Artillery, to remain quiet, he, Sergeant Williams, being at the time in the execution of his duties, did use insulting remarks to Sergeant Williams. This at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., at about 4:10 o’clock P. M., December 6, 1893.”

PLEA.
To the Specification: Guilty.
To the Charge: Guilty.

FINDING.
Of the Specification: Guilty.
Of the Charge: Guilty.

SENTENCE.
“‘To forfeit to the United States fifteen ($15) dollars of his pay, and to be confined to the limits of the post where his battery may be serving, for a period of one month.”

In the foregoing case of Private Max Gertiss, Battery B, 1st Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed. Private Gertiss will be released from confinement and returned to duty.

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In the foregoing case of Private Eugene Sullivan, Battery G, 1st Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed.

II. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders No. 246, November 6, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Major John Eagan, 1st Artillery, is president, and 1st Lieutenant John L. Chamberlin, 1st Artillery, is judge advocate, were arraigned and tried:

Private Robert W. Donnelly, Battery B, 1st Artillery.

CHARGE.—“Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the 621 Article of War.”

SPECIFICATION.—“In that he, Private Robert W. Donnelly, Battery B, 1st Artillery, having, at gunner mounting of November 26, 1893, been released from confinement, under the sentence imposed in G. C. M. O. No. 46, Hqrs. D. E. 27 October, 1893, and having, upon his application for authority to rejoin his proper station, Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., been refused and specifically instructed by the old officer of the day, 1st Lieutenant J. L. Chamberlin, 1st Artillery, to go to the battery to which he was attached and there await the necessary orders, did disregard said instruction by absenting himself without authority from the post of Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., about noon of November 26, 1893, and did fail to return to comply with Post Orders, No. 124, of 26th November, 1893, ordering him to rejoin Fort Columbus, N. Y., by the steamer of November 27, 1893.”

PLEA.
To the Specification: Not Guilty.
To the Charge: Not Guilty.

FINDING.
Of the Specification: Guilty.
Of the Charge: Guilty.

SENTENCE.
“‘To forfeit to the United States ten ($10) dollars, and to be confined at hard labor, under charge of the guard, for thirty (30) days.”

In the foregoing case of Private Robert W. Donnelly, Battery B, 1st Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed at Fort Wadsworth, New York Harbor.
III. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort McPherson, Ga., pursuant to paragraph 3, Special Orders, No. 253, November 14, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Lieutenant Colonel Edmund C. Bainbridge, 3d Artillery, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Elmer W. Hubbard, 3d Artillery, is judge advocate, were arraigned and tried:

1. Musician Samuel Dehboury, Battery I, 3d Artillery.

**CHARGE.**—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, under the 62d Article of War."

**Specification.**—"That Musician Samuel Dehboury, Battery I, 3d Artillery, having been duly mounted as bugler of the guard, and having been granted permission by the sergeant commanding the guard about 8.30 P. M., to go to his battery quarters for a few minutes to be back in time to sound tattoo (9.15 P. M.), did fail and neglect to return in time to sound tattoo, he not being prevented by sickness or other evident necessity. This at Fort McPherson, Ga., on or about December 3, 1893."

**PLEA.**

To the **Specification**: Guilty, except the words "he not being prevented by sickness or other evident necessity," and of the excepted words Not Guilty.

To the **CHARGE**: Not Guilty.

Finding.

Of the **Specification**: Guilty.

Of the **CHARGE**: Guilty.

**SENTENCE.**

"To forfeit to the United States ten (10) dollars of his pay."

[Evidence of eight (8) previous convictions was duly considered by the court.]

In the foregoing case of Musician Samuel Dehboury, Battery I, 3d Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed. Musician Dehboury will be released from confinement and returned to duty.

2. Corporal Orla H. Brouts, Battery I, 3d Artillery.

**CHARGE.**—"Drunkenness on duty, in violation of the 38th Article of War."

**Specification.**—"In that Corporal Orla H. Brouts, Battery I, 3d Artillery, having been duly mounted as a member of the post guard, was found drunk. This at Fort McPherson, Ga., at about 5 o'clock P. M., December 4, 1893."

**PLEA.**

To the **Specification**: Guilty.

To the **CHARGE**: Guilty.

Finding.

Of the **Specification**: Guilty.

Of the **CHARGE**: Guilty.

**SENTENCE.**

"To forfeit to the United States six (6) dollars ($6) of his pay."

[Evidence of eight (8) previous convictions was duly considered by the court.]

In the foregoing case of Corporal Orla H. Brouts, Battery I, 3d Artillery, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The sentence will be duly executed. Corporal Brouts will be released from arrest and returned to duty.

IV. Before a general court martial which convened at Fort Thomas, Ky., pursuant to paragraph 2, Special Orders, No. 273, December 7, 1893, Headquarters Department of the East, and of which Lieutenant Colonel Harry C. Egbert, 6th Infantry, is president, and 1st Lieutenant Benjamin W. Atkinson, 6th Infantry, is judge advocate, were arraigned and tried:

Private Nora Kelly, Battery D, 4th Artillery.

**CHARGE.**—"Desertion, in violation of the 47th Article of War."

**Specification.**—"That Private Nora Kelly, Battery D, 4th Artillery, having been duly enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States June 3, 1892, did desert said service on or about September 14, 1892, at or near the post of Fort Barrancas, Fla., and did remain absent in desertion until apprehended at Louisville, Ky., on or about November 11, 1893."

**PLEA.**

To the **Specification**: Guilty.

To the **CHARGE**: Guilty.

Finding.

Of the **Specification**: Guilty.

Of the **CHARGE**: Guilty.

**SENTENCE.**

"To be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances due or to become due him, and to be confined at hard labor in such military prison as the reviewing authority may direct, for the period of one (1) year and six (6) months."
February 15th, 1894.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island,
New York Harbor.

Dear General:

I have your note with reference to the Florida Construction Co., and think perhaps you are right that it is for the interest of all parties to put that concern in the hands of a Receiver. I have never seen Mr. Ellis and do not know how he feels about it, but if you were correct in supposing that he is of the same mind, I think I can find a suitable person now resident in Florida, who will take charge of the concern, if all parties are agreed.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne

Mr. Ellis
Conduct Bros. to William St. N. Y.
Please read return.
Dear Governor's Committee,

New York, New York

Dear General:

I have your note with reference to the location you mentioned. You are right, I feel the interest of all parties to buy this property is of great concern to you. Perhaps, I have not seen Mr. Diller and you know now how he feels about it. If I can be of any service to you, I shall be glad to take a note of any suggestions you may have in mind. I think I can find a suitable person for this purpose who will take charge of the concern if this business is disposed of.

Yours ever,

[Signature]

Walter F. Exercise Co.

[Additional handwritten notes at the bottom of the page]
Gerl O. Howard
New York City

My dear Sir:

Can you pick me a good teacher from your morning bible class to take a class of boys in the afternoon school?

If so will you send him to me or to Mr. Gaylord and very greatly oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Rufus Adams
Superintendent
Eda S. and Rufus Adams

Dear Mr. Greenhouse,

With best wishes,

[Handwritten text obscured by damage]
It is my hope and prayer that we may be delivered from the terrible drunkenness and crime that is so rapidly increasing in the present generation, and that they will be given over to the power of their idols, as the Scripture directs.

If you are much pleasure to hear through our Secretary of the I. M. A. T. that we are expected to be in Malden March first, to address the Young Men's Christian Association, and they are planning to give you an enthusiastic reception. If agreeable, and convenient to you, we should be very happy to have you come to your home with us while here, and shall be very glad if your wife will come with you. We wish so much to see her. It is many years since we met. We are boarding in a private family, very quietly, and regret that we cannot do as much for you as if we were at home. So happy to entertain you.

Affectionately yours,

Sarah O. Talbot.
It gave us much pleasure to receive a letter from Sister Lee, not long since, written from your house, informing us of your health, and that you had recently succeeded in adding a new daughter into your family, who will I trust be a pleasure and a blessing to you all.

I wish to congratulate you, and also the society, on your election to the Presidency of the National Temperance Society, and trust you may not find its duties too arduous, and exacting, with all your other responsibilities. I have for many years been a subscriber of the Nota Temp. Advocate, and feel great interest in the success of their work, especially their educational department, and trust they will push their work for scientific instruction in the public schools as to the effect of alcohol and other narcotics upon the human system, as has recently been discovered by Dr. Richardson.

Of England, and Dr. Davis of Chicago, and many other most distinguished physicians in both countries.

Through the able, and indomitable perseverance of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a compulsory law requiring that scientific temperance education, as to the effect of alcohol, and other narcotics upon the human system, be taught in the public schools, has been enacted in all the States, but six, and in all the Territories and the District of Columbia, which Mrs. Hunt states in her last annual report brings thirteen million children under the beneficent influence of this excellent law. Think of the immense possibilities to the next generation, if this law is thoroughly enforced, and its principles carried into effect, in all the public schools of these States and Territories. This law has also been enacted in Canada.
Southern Pacific Company,

C. F. HUNTINGTON, President
23 Broad Street, New York, Feb'y 13th 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard
Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 14th inst. to Mr. Huntington with its enclosure is duly received, and, in acknowledging its receipt I have to advise you that Mr. Huntington is now on his way to the Pacific coast. I have forwarded your letter with its enclosure to him at San Francisco.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]
Southern Poins

3 Bond Street, New York

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my gratitude for your kind assistance in the past. Your help was invaluable and greatly appreciated. I am confident that your support will continue to be a valuable resource for me.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
Emil P. Kowasch
Germantown
By Our Command

Our Commanding Chief (GAR) IGB Adams
is to lunch with a few friends of Lafayette Post tomorrow Friday
400 at Lawyers Club

Will you join us

Emil Horner Detten
girl and prince
pothics with fr
them. lunch time
in private.
kindly mix me
at my expense
in receipt of this
lobby
H H Adams
(125 003 Odyuss Reg.)
2nd div 4th corps
October 17 7 Broadway
My dear Gil Howard:

When you meet with no lack

Sabbath yourogany in regard to my friend occupation was most anxious
quite as clearly as I would like seeing

the day and the surroundings

If you came here but a few

minutes to read the first three days of

the enclosed little book you will obtain

a concise and, I trust, clear statement of

my new venture.

Although from a business point

ofview, the times are hard, I feel that as soon as is the time for goods to

selling out, they are from Europe and

of the very best Physicians and as I do

they will do just as I claim; my hope of success

is based entirely on the ignoras themselves

the first of their kind in the market, backed

by the sentiment expressed in Longfellow's

'Psalm of Life' and Paul, 'Not Slothful in

Business, Servant in Spirit, Savvying the Lord;

Junoed that all men make

the Crossed Banner and Prepare for

the Life; beginning now for the Life that

live, begins now for the Life that

is beyond, not very far off; the life from

the youngest of the

Yours sincerely,

J. Miller Crampton
We call your attention to the following, which appeared in THE CONGREGATIONALIST dated Feb. 15.

Gen. O. O. Howard succeeds Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler as president of the National Temperance Society. Both are brave warriors who have fought many battles and won great victories in widely different fields, but under the same Commander. The army general is in the line of succession to the Christian minister. May they both have yet many years of active service!
Dear Sir: Your favor received. We send you by this mail five copies of the issue of September 28, 1893 containing your article on "The Prob. Concerning the Next 25 Years."

Yours truly,

J. E. DePeauagh
United States America

Postal Card OCE CENT FEB 157

CHICAGO (2-17-84)

THIS SIDE IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

Maj. Gen. A. H. Burnside

New York City

U. S. S.
Mr. O. O. Howard.
Major-General, U. S. Army,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday beg to say that we have arranged to stop the trains requested at Hageman Station, to-morrow, Friday, February 16th.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Traffic Manager.
My Dear General:

The duplicate copy of your letter, improving my chances for a staff appointment, was forwarded to me by Mr. Buck, and I desire to thank you for this additional kindness. I don’t like to think of myself as an office seeker, but I thought the office might have some difficulty in finding one in the crowd, as I sent in only one application.

It is a source of gratification to me to have my services spoken of in terms of commendation, but I believe I appreciate more highly still the kindly feeling that you have shown me in this matter and on other occasions, and I am greatly indebted to you.

Mrs. French joins me in kindest regards to you and to your family. I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
Preach 7-7-23
181st Line 7-7-77
Buffalo, N.Y.
February 16th, '94

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to look through this letter and advise me what course I had better take to clear myself of desertion?

I enlisted in Chicago on the 22d of March 1886, my age at that time being fifteen years and ten months. I deserted from the 7th U. S. Infantry after serving four years, two months and eight
I had money in the Army Savings Bank and about a month before I left put $25.00 more to what I had then. When I think over what I have done I believe I must have been insane as I only had to put in nine months and a few days to complete my five years, then I would receive a good discharge and nearly five hundred dollars in cash.

The reason I am writing to you Sir is because I have just heard that if a deserter remains in the United States without changing his name for two years after the expiration of his enlistment he can apply for protection.
days. During that time I was never reprimanded by an Officer or placed in the Guard House, and on the very day I deserted the Commanding Officer "col. Thummel" appointed me Principal Musician of the Band. The cause of my desertion had nothing to do with the Army. It was through a woman that I committed the rash act. I left Fort Logan Colorado without telling a living person, and a few days after when I began to think of what I had done I felt sorry, but was afraid to return. To show you that the desertion was not premeditated
papers. I have remained in the United States three years since my enlistment expiring on the 1st of March 1877, during that time I have had a troublesome feeling of unrest and twice I have been threatened by men that they would inform on me, consequently I have lost good positions. I have an aged mother whom I have been trying to support but until this last year have not been able to do very much owing to my wandering about, but now I have a good position and am studying to become a Physician but before entering into a College would like to have everything settled.
Sir, again Sir while
examination is hanging over
me I have not the heart to
go through with anything, for
I am in constant fear of
some one knowing me and
giving me up to the authorities.
Sir would you be kind
enough to look into this
matter and help me out of
what I went into foolishly
and unthinkingly, and which
if it went on much longer
would be the ruin of my
life, as it is the last four
years has almost unbearable.
Would you Sir assist me
in this and I am sure you
would help to make the rest
of my life more happy than
the past has been— Or would
Dear Friends,

I'm sending this letter from the hospital where I've been unable to return my phone calls. I've been quite unwell, but I'm writing this to share my thoughts and experiences with you.

The hospital staff have been very kind and attentive. They've taken good care of me and have been very supportive. I'm trying to stay positive and hope to be discharged soon.

I miss our regular chats and would love to hear from you. Please let me know how you've been doing.

Thank you for your concern.

Yours sincerely,
[Name]
be something I would not forget to my dying day, for God knows Sir I have had hard struggles the last four years, and now I have something within my reach it would be to bad to lose it. Hoping you will do all you can for me.

I am Dear Sir
Yours Respectfully
S.G. Gurney

Samuel G. Gurney,
of Mr. Ann Gurney,
211 Seneca St.,
Buffalo,
N.Y.
change Samuel to

Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my appreciation for your recent help. Your assistance was invaluable, and I am grateful for your generosity.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist you in the future. I value our relationship and look forward to future collaborations.

Best regards,

[Your Name]