I do not doubt that my timely recognition of that error saved many lives and may be a break in our hard pressed line.

2d. In the evening a while before dark, my Captain was ordered to take his Co. to our left front, at the head of the ravine and make a charge. My tactical place in making the charge was in rear of the left center of the Co. but in the effort and excitement of urging on the men I got in front and after driving the Indians before us and to cover, I found myself as the twilight was failing, with one man on my right and two on my left, and the rest of the Co. well back and out of our view. A little later I missed the three men who crawled back to the Co.

Then I heard voices 20 to 30 paces in my front; some were squaws. They were talking in muffled tones and I plainly heard them piling up some breastworks.

I called back to my Capt. to go and have the Kaurilger fire a shell at a point.
The Indians were coming up the bluff from the
river and engulfing our line, and getting to
our rear which was guarded only by the river.
The Captain finally went to Headquarters and
reported the facts, and soon after Captain
M P Miller 4th Art. came out with his Company
and posted it as skirmishers with its left
on the river and facing in the opposite direction
to our front. The men were deployed
with pretty wide intervals thru the grass and
ditch hollows. They kept passing word along
depending in touch with me and each other.
Private Wickoff was killed near my right
and others were injured. I was directed to
go to Headquarters and get members of the
Hospital Corps and also more ammunition.
While I was gone the men got to jumping
up to look around, quickly dropping again.
Capt. Miller's men took them for Indians
and began to jump up and fire at them
They thought Capt. Miller's men were Indians
and returned the fire. This was going on
as I was returning to the open ground
between the Cot & St Peter Leary 4th Art.
who was then acting as A.C.S. I believe,
thought they were all Indians or being driven
by Indians from the river and ravine, and
pushed out yelling "Packers to the Rescue",
I unfortunately realized at once the fatal
error and rushed on past St Leary yelling
"Cease firing - you are firing into your
own men." In a little while order was
restored but I was shocked to find be-
tween the two Cot Private Winters with a
dreadfully shattered hip, and declaring
over and over that "our own men did it." I
told him he should not say that as
the bullets were coming like hail from
every direction. (We were actually sur-
rounded by the Indians)
Encouragement I got the three or four Cos formed. As an incident away to the left I found the late Capt Haughen, 21st Inf and Lt Eltonhead lying down with a slight earthwork at their heads. I gave them the orders for their part of the line: I was standing up and they were forcibly ordering me to lie down as I would draw fire on us from a tree in their front. As we were speaking of it, there was a puff of smoke from the tree and a bullet struck the earthwork a few inches from Lt Eltonhead's head and about the same distance from my legs. I got down quickly and apologized heartily for having been so thoughtless.

During the final charge I urged men on according to their need by threats of shooting or by encouragement. I kept the late Capt Winter's Cav to get some of his men forward from behind trees in the ravine by throwing rocks at them! The living officers named and others are witness of most if these facts.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

1st Lt 21st Infantry.

To yards in front of me was the howitzer on low ground to our left. The orders were evidently given to the howitzer on the hill directly behind me, for after awhile there was a flash and boom from that howitzer and I saw a blazing shell coming directly at me. I lay very low and it passed over me. I then thought I could have reached it! It ploughed straight in front of me and exploded at the very point I desired. All sounds there ceased. Next day I saw a young man with a large three-cornered hole in his forehead. After waiting some time for more sounds I called back for permission to join the Co. which was granted. Setting up and turning in a half
Nipping position to go back, a gun flashed. Cast my shadow before and I seemed to feel a bullet thru' my hair, tho' I think it was merely close. I dropped and turned and fired my rifle at the place of the flash, and then drew my revolver and waited. I heard no more. After firing a time or two and waiting ten or fifteen minutes I rejoined the Co. I had the pleasure next day of hearing at Elbonhead and others speak admiringly of my Charge.

3rd. The morning of the 2nd day's fight found Capt. C. F. Humphrey (then 4th Art. now a Gen.) and myself alone with quite an extent of line to watch.

The officers had gone to help me something to eat. After polite urging we "drew lots" to decide which of us should go first for the same purpose while the other got remained on the line. The firing at this time was light, only two or three bullets coming a minute along our front.

I won and went for my coffee and bacon. None of the officers were ready to go out with me, and as I was returning alone Capt. Evan Miles, Battalion Comdr., asked me to execute certain orders he had received from Genl. Howard. I said I would.

I relieved Capt. Humphrey and walked along the line to the left or from the river visiting every pit and every man and ordering the groups of two or more in the pits to move out and along to the right in proper skirmish line, as we were soon to make a general Charge (and as it proved, a finally victorious one). I had some difficulty in getting the men to take and keep their places as an occasional bullet would come and run them back to the pits. By threats and
To the Adjutant-General,
U.S. Army
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 26th stating that the Major General Commanding desires either or furnish a specific
report of the details connected with the
act of Gallantry for which I recommend
Lieutenant R. L. Bailey of the 21st Infantry for promo-
motion by brevet, I respectfully submit the following:

The action with the Indians at the Clear-
water, Idaho, took place on July 11th, 1872. It was
fought with the clubs under cover in the
rush grass and behind earth works and trees.

Lieutenant Bailey exposed himself fearlessly
to moving up and down the field under
fire, encouraging the men, whilst doing
This Scout Bailey discovered a movement of the enemy around the flank which he reported and when a little later our troops were under a misconception giving into their commands it was Scout Bailey who stopped the fire. Scout A also did excellent service charging at the head of his platoon and when the men halted in the charge he was left in advance of the line, discovering the fact that the enemy was erecting works within 500 or 600 yards of him but was not bold enough to have been fired in that direction which was done with effect checking the operation. This was during the night of the 11th of July. Lieutenant Bailey again exposed himself fearlessly succeeding his men, particularly in the final charge which resulted in driving the dastards from their lives and a victory for us.
[Handwritten text]
My dear General

Yours of the 26th respectively.

Nothing but Mr. W's ill health
has prevented he writing you

to come to our house & make it
your home while here. But hope
you will do so. Yrs truly

J. M. Woolworth
167 Chambers St., New York, May 29, 1894.

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

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Arrangements for the General Neal Dow Reception and the International Temperance Congress at Prohibition Park in the outer room of the Auditorium, on Saturday at 4 P. M. All members are earnestly urged to be present.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Sec'y of Committee.
Prohibition Park

Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Committee on April 15th.

Enclosed is the General Meeting for the presentation and the

International Temperance Congress at Participation Park on the

afternoon of the Adirondack reunion on Saturday, April 16th.

All members are respectfully invited to be present.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Signature of Committee]
13 Leyden St.

Salem, Mass., May 29, 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commanding Department of the East,
Governor's Island, N.Y. Harbor.

My dear General,

I served in the Army of the Tennessee, from its organization, until it was mustered out of the service.

Like many others I have a hobby. After compiling the history of my regiment, I hunted up, borrowed, and had copied photos of each of the 91 officers that served in the regiment. I secured all in eleven months, this led me into making a collection of portraits of all known Generals, Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels, of whom I now have 263, and need 39 others to complete the list. Among the latter, I wish one of Samuel L. Taggart, Capt., and Actg. Adjt. Genl. Army of the Tennessee, Burnt Maj. and Lt. Col. Vols.

I shall be very grateful, if you would loan me a photo of Col. T. to have a copy taken from it. I will take good care of it, and return just as soon as copied. Should you not have one, please give me the address of some officer who was at Nat. Centre, Army of the Tennessee, with Col. Taggart, and who may have photos.

Hoping that you will be pleased to grant my request I am, General

Very respectfully yours,

L. S. Tyler
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
May 29, 1894

Dear Uncle O.O. Howard,

Dear Brother:

We are perfecting our plans for June 14th for seeing you at your office next week. I called on Mr. Depew and he gave our Railroad transportation for you from Chicago to Buffalo. I left it with Mr. Warbinton to send to you. You will have received or will soon have received. Arrange to spend the entire day of June 14th with me as you have many friends here who are anxious to see you. Let me hear from you when you start on your western trip.

Farewell.

Yours,

[Signature]
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S.M.C.A.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
May 20th, 1894

My dear Gen. Howard:

Memorial Day: The Lord bless all the soldiers and their children: the Lord bless you and yours.

I will write the young man, for when you asked my attention, I think, he would do well to come here.

The Trustees met yesterday & the meeting was very harmonious. Six of the students, the last year. I wanted a LL.D. for John Dranamaker, but, I wanted it for this year; because there was some hesitation. I ought to have got your opinion. Please send it to me now. If you approve it, I shall urge it again. Aff. yours, S. Clavdin.
Boston May 30th

Dear General,

Will you kindly give me the name of 'Jesse's' husband as I have not got it in my records. I send you I have just received by me from my son-in-law who has been studying it up at Maternity in T. H. K.

D. W. Howard
110 Boylston St.
Mr. S. J. East College St.,

*Boston, May 30th '94*

Rev. Mr. Howard,

Last evening I attended the R. exercises. The main feature was an account of the real battle of Gettysburg by a participant. Rev. Mr. Green B. S. T. I presume, I have heard with as vivid portrayal of the fighting as one might ever hear in a sentimental tribute to your sagacity & strength, braving with your own blood and filled with a great desire to look into your face once more. That desire culminated in a determination to write you a letter and tell you of the same glorifying tribute of praise, hoping you will not think it an unnecessary liberty on my part.

In many years now, you and your grand stocker Ross Fairechild
can each been exclaimed in the
hearts of both my husband and
myself and the two men whom
alone all other men are truly
unworn. and as truly and
delghtly low and esteem.

Poor Fairchild pronounced
the mode that ended us husband
and wife and baptized our
first born son - step and ten
ties between us - while you
many tokens of kindness and
friendship endear yourself
equally to us.

I want you to know that
while life shall last you have
no more living in faithful
friends in all the land than
Mr. Ellis and myself.
We have so appreciated all your
goodness to us.

As you may know, Mr.
Ellis has been in Nebraska
for nearly six months, and we
not seen him for that length
of time, but I hope to see him
within a month.

The Lord has been good to
tell us by many trying experience
of late - the failure of which has
been this long explanation, but
there are able to see his loving hand
in it all, and realize that many
our heaviest trials have brought
us spiritual blessing, and to
We can truly thank him for all his dealings with us of God's providence, I plan to join my husband in his work in July.
Wishing that it were possible for me to see you once more, praying that God's richest blessing may rest upon you in your faithful service.

Yours lovingly and faithfully,

Mary H. Ellis.
Isle of Jutte May 30th 1874
Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Sir

When the order
was published in the Savannah
Ga. papers for all persons own-
ing cotton in the city to report
same to you, I obeyed the order.

Some time ago I saw by a
Washington paper that the
money for that cotton was
in the Treasury; if owners could
get it, it they only understood
kind. As I turned the cotton over to you, I now appeal to you to aid me, as I feel you will, if it is possible to recover it. My father is W. J. Chaplin who owned the cotton is dead.

Having read of your great efforts in the noble work for the good of thousands, I feel that you will not hesitate to aid my widowed and aged mother.

Respt.

Mrs. Ida De Feipp
Isle of Hope

3a
New York, May 31, 1874.

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard,
Governor Island,
New York.

Dear Sir,

Mr. J.W. Bresee, our representative on the Pacific coast, has requested me, if possible, to send him a statement from you, referring to your opinion of the Bicycle system. He is convinced that such a statement would go a long way in securing the contract in San Francisco for a road from Central Avenue to the 'Cliff House'.

In case you should feel inclined to show us this favor, I take the liberty of enclosing such a statement, subject to any changes you may desire.

Very respectfully,

D. C. Reusch.
Tampa 7½  May The 31st 1894

To Major Gen C A Howard

And all others who are and will be assembled in the cause of temperance
at the convocation commencing Sunday June the 3rd 1894.

I am one like the important man at the pool who for years desired to be put in
the water and be healed of all the people he found none to help him.

Such is my case to day broken down in health impoverished in circumstances
I am unable to carry out my desire of reformation as I would wish.

I am a barber by trade to follow the business I would be compelled to use
stimulants on the account of my
and debilitated condition.

There is only one other occupation for me that is teaching primary school
affected with bronchitis my throat soon becomes irritated especially if I should
under take to teach singing.

Therefore I have for a long time desired a magic lantern instrument that I
could show small panoramic scenes among my colored race who would be
more benefited by such views that occur from intemperance and drunk
enness than they would by lectures.
That is in this section of the land where the colored people are in more religious and more susceptible to the evil of intemperance in the South than they are in the Northern States and especially South Florida.

I have written unto other parties sometime ago failed to receive any support. I suppose they thought I was some crank or an impostor trying to raise money in slang phrase trying to raise the wind.

That is not my case for God knows there is not a man or woman actively engaged in the cause who has a deeper interest than I have and a greater desire to do good unto suffering humanity and the cause of Christ.

I am the youngest out of ten children. My oldest brother who is next to the eldest one of all was alive last November and living at 103 McDougall, New York city can testify that I am one who have been a periodical drunk upwards of forty years could and would have been blessed with health and happiness only for the evil practice of intemperance and now when I would do good evil is present to
Prohibit my progress and hinder my usefulness in a cause that I feel to have as good if not the greatest right of any man living because I have lost my all except my soul which at times to be grieving in the balance.

I have just past my 77th birthday on the 8th day of April last should be according to the record of our family, good for at least fifteen years yet I feel very much in doubt if three years from to day finds me a living soul among men.

After leaving The Soldiers Home Hampton Va. from a very severe attack of Rheumatism and inflammation of the lungs I was advised to come to Florida that was in the winter of 1887.

I improved so much in a couple of years that I fancied myself well and to live an upright life I got married succeeded very well until the yellow fever broke out in Key West Fla. I became a refugee for Tampa on our way my wife step daughter and myself fell victims to the scourge.

We all survived leaving my system in a very debilitated condition from which I never have recovered and feel myself to day failing causing me to set my house in order and leave a living testimony

Note: All is well although a 77 year old man.
I arrived in Tampa seven years ago on the 26th of July next. The authorities ordered all of my effects burnt up promising to reimburse me for them but failed to do it although they gave me a bed and something near $10.00 and a situation to teach a primary school at $25.00 per month.

Last October I was taken sick again compelled to give up my little business of baking and sell out for four months. I was confined in my house although I am now able to knock about I am unable to work sufficient to be of much benefit.

I lost one of my little boys after coming to Tampa from the yellow fever. I have three children of my own left. The oldest is in his thirteenth. The youngest four years old, my step daughter in her sixteenth.

Unfortunately is about to bring upon me in my straitened circumstances which is a source of grief and distress to my affliction. Nevertheless I strive to bear with a christian's fortitude.

I must state that I am in receipt of a pension of $15.00 per month for all of that I suffered this winter for nourishments as well as medicine. The times was not as hard as in the north my health failing me as well as my state San leaving me in my bed of sickness to live with a prostitute.
causing me to apply on the following Sunday unto a neighbor for something to eat for my family. Thank God I have not had recourse unto the same method since my little boy could not get any work. Hacking snow is his occupation. My family and self anything so bare of clothing that it seems to me we will be an object for observation if I continue in this condition for a much longer time. Therefore I am desirous of doing something whereby I can obtain a little help to lighten the burden of which my wife is failing under the heavy strain of providing and that only in part. We have not any charitable societies or pre institutions whatever in Tampa. There is in Northern cities and counties the sick and afflicted must be provided for by relatives, friends or benevolent organizations.

I went to Key West with the express purpose of uniting with the S.A.R. was compelled to leave before I could accomplish my intentions.

When you were here last winter I tried to get to see you before you went away to see if you could prevail upon congress to erect a National Home for such invalids can not stand the winters.
I may call myself a stranger in a strange land and far away from home. My birthplace is Philadelphia. I was partly raised near Princeton. I Y., where my parents hail from which makes my case worse having no kind folks.

My reason for selecting you to write to at this time was looking over the columns of last Sunday's World and seen the notice of your meeting of delegates on Sunday next June the 3rd. Also seeing the names of so many eminent I felt that you was the most prominent one to apply to because you having been a soldier yourself can sympathize with their needs as well as their failings.

Hoping that you will excuse all mistakes of the rules of literary and remember my request and case unto those greats lights and leaders of Temperance.

I bring my communication to a close ever remaining

Your Most Humble Servant

Most truly,

Augustus W. Holcomb

ex soldier co-E 14th reg. Rhode Island

Shag Ricks changed unto the 11th reg.

U.S. Troops color
Edward W. Kinsley, Post 16, G.A.R.
Department of Massachusetts.
Headquarters, No. 194 Washington Street.

Boston, May 31, 1874.

Maj. Emile Howard
New York.

My Dear Sir & Comrade:

I have quite an extensive military album, and would like your autograph to accompany your photo which I have. Will you kindly write it on the enclosed slip & much obliged.

I am all for my grateful to you for the scholarly service rendered our Post yesterday and your usual indications, pray that you may well pleased with the day's exercises.

Yours in F. C. L.

[Signature]

S. V. C.

Major General O.O. Howard
W.T. A.

Dear General:

Land and give
me the name of the
Commandant of Wash
Point and a card
with my name
and his attention
should do it in this:

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124.

Respectfully,

Edward Hubbard
New York, May 31, 1894.

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

Dear Sir:—

We herewith send you proof of your introduction for "Congregationalists in America".

Your MS. was so carefully written that there are only a very few marks on the proof. However, you will probably like to see it before the plates are cast.

We will ask you to kindly look over the proof at once and then mail it to our binders, The Marshon Co., Rahway, N. J.

Very respectfully yours,

J. A. Hill & Co.

Per W. J. Dingley.

Proof sent back C.S. page 124 June 1994
O. A. HILL & CO. PUBLISHERS
45 East Fourteenth Street
(Union Square)

May 21, 1912

Olive O. County,
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to receive your request for a copy of Porter's "Congressional Directory in Paris;"

"Congressional Directory in Paris;"

Your M.S. has so generously written that there are only 2 very
few copies on the market. However, you will probably like to see
if possible the place where I am.

We will seek for you to kindly look over the book at once and
then send it to our printer, The Metropolitan Co., New York, N.Y.

Very respectfully yours,

O. A. Hill & Co.

Per W. T. Dunton, Jr.

[Redacted] 2/2 page 1st
New York May 31, 1874.

Gen. O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

Please excuse the liberty I take in writing to you. You have addressed different Churches where I was present and this gives me the boldness to ask you a question. My boy (15 years) wants to join the navy; he has studied electricity two years; he would like to follow that if possible; he is determined to go. I would give my consent, but I know so little about it. Can you tell me what influences a boy has there? Is he any more liable to get in bad company than in N.Y.? He is a good boy now, and a Christian Endeavor and Sunday School I would like him to become a honest Christian man. You have a large experience both as a Christian and the life of some of these boys or men and the navy, therefore I will be very thankful for your advice. O, forgive an anxious mother for troubling you who wants to do the best for her boy.

Yours with respect

L. Brunder

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To

Gentlemen:

I will you lend Laura Holloway Langford two large tents for Buck Mother & Childrend at Brighton Beach this Summer.

C. L. Langford
Reply:--

       June 1st 1894.

       General Howard absent. Application for tents should be made to the 
       Honorable Secretary of War.

       Jollett.  

       C. G. Treat, Aide.