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New York,

Aug. 22nd, 1896. *189*

General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. Army,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear General:-

If you could be here for a few minutes, you would have no doubt about the ~~Flood~~. Our comrades are thoroughly aroused throughout the country and are forming Leagues in every direction, especially so in the Western states, - the battle ground of the campaign. Of course, you must belong to the Republican party and we do not propose to take you out of it, but we desire you to aid in leading a flank movement against the enemy. Our organization is really the only one that appeals to the old feelings of loyalty and patriotism, and especially to the love and affection which the Veterans, their sons and sons in law, feel for Comrade McKinley.

We hope to hold ten to twelve large gatherings of soldiers in the West, - Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha or Lincoln, Neb., Topeka, Kans., and perhaps Milwaukee and Detroit. General Sickles will go and address these gatherings and I have thought that your services will be urgently demanded by your comrades in the West at some of these meetings. We also hope to have Generals Hawley, Woodford, Sigel and Mulholland.

Gen. Sickles and myself leave here on the 28th or 29th for St. Paul, where we attend the National Encampment of the G.A.R.. While there we shall exert ourselves to influence our comrades to stand together in this contest as we did in the war time. Your influence is exceedingly important to us in this movement, which we look upon as one of the most important in the campaign. We shall hope for your assistance by spoken and written words and by your personal presence, where there are large gatherings of our comrades. We shall make arrangements to make my journey that we ask of you, as comfortable as possible, and I assure you that your comrades throughout the country will give you a most loyal welcome wherever you go.

Yours sincerely,

L. Edwin Dudley

Union Veterans Patriotic League

No. 1 East 9th Street

Aug. 22nd, 1898

General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. Army,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear General:

If you could be here for a few minutes, you would have no doubt about the result. Our comrades are thoroughly informed throughout the country and are forming leagues in every direction, especially so in the Western States. The battle ground of the campaign, of course, you must believe is the Republican Party. We are doing progress so fast you will not believe it. We are in a line of a flank movement against the enemy. Our organization is really as only one that speaks to the old feeling of loyalty and patriotism, and especially to the love and affection which the Veterans, their sons and sons in law feel for the old Union.

We hope to hold ten to twelve large gatherings of soldiers in the West - El Paso, San Antonio, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Paul, Minn., Kansas, and between Kansas and Detroit. Several States will go and address these gatherings and I have no doubt that our services will be vigorously rendered by your comrades in the West at some of these meetings. We also hope to have General Lewis H. Woodford, Sig. and Major General.

Gen. Alvin and myself leave here on the 26th or 27th for St. Paul, where we attend the National Encampment of the G. A. R. While there we shall exert ourselves to influence our comrades to stand together in this contest as we did in the war. The influence is especially important to us in this movement. We shall look upon as one of the most important in the campaign. We shall have for your assistance by speech and written words and by your own and personal where there are large gatherings of our comrades. We shall make every effort to make a journey that we can do, on comfortable as possible, and I assure you that your comrades throughout the country will give you a most warm welcome wherever you go.

Yours sincerely,

Jefferson Barracks Mo
Aug 22nd 1896

Dear General:

I received from Capt Sladen this morning, a copy of a letter which he had written to you recommending the bestowal of a Medal of Honor for volunteering to perform - and performing - perilous duty on the Columbia River between July 4th & 8th 1894. He suggested that a little information from me with regard to details might be desirable to you.

The present Administration seems to have an exalted opinion of those who voluntarily - knowingly and advisedly wilfully, put themselves in harm's way. Capt Sladen's letter indicates that he does not know but that I may have had permission of some kind from superior authority. The length of time that has elapsed has left the matter a little bit hazy in his mind. I had no authority or permission from any official - or any superior.

The conviction that I ought to do it came to me about sunset and had to be acted upon at once if at ~~all~~ any time, hence I left Vancouver early next morning - having taken very necessary responsibility. Supplying half the ordnance Detachment ~~and~~ of 20 men, and 10 infantry soldiers from Fort Vancouver, with arms, ammunition & equipments from the Arsenal under my command and taking therefrom a fathoming gun & ammunition and 60 extra Rifles for other men that I hoped to get. You will remember that telegraphic communication with Washington was not prompt in those days and as this occurred during the night there was no propriety in asking authority from the Chief of Ordnance. I reported the

details to him when I returned to Vancouver and he approved the action I had taken. The Governor of Washington Territory - Gov Terry went up the river with me and continued his journey to Walla Walla - from that town he secured and sent me 40 volunteers. I armed them and they did good service in the little skirmishes we had. I had a fine command - a fine boat with one fishing gun for amusement and 60 splendid men with rifles and an abundance of ammunition.

You took favorable notice of the incident in General Field Orders No 9 Headquarters Dept of the Columbia, dated Oct 4th 1878.

Capt Staden says that General Doe, Asst Secy of War, thinks it important that the services should have been so acknowledged.

The Governor of Oregon and the Governor of Washington Territory, in their next messages to the Legislature of their respective jurisdictions, complimented me in very favorable terms.

Capt Staden took charge of the Arsenal during my absence.

I am informed that 11 or 12 Medals have been received by members of Ransom Post of A. R. in St Louis (Ex-volunteers) - there seems to have been a liberal distribution. In several cases of which I have read, great stress was laid upon the fact of voluntary assumption of perilous positions - and one may be excused for thinking that voluntarily placing yourself with a small command in the path of an army of Indians, with a view to head them off and to compel them to take another route - and with good effect - comes in that category.

I am General

Very Sincerely Yours

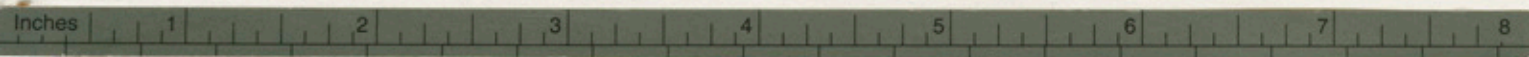
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Adj. Gen. Dept - Bvt Lt Col. U. S. A.

Major General O. O. Howard.

P.S.

I learn that much importance is attached to the phraseology of recommendations by the officer who reviews them - "Distinguished service" will not answer; the law under which the Medals are awarded reads "Most distinguished". Capt Maclen mentions the very interesting points connected with your recommendation for his Medal, and the difficulties to be overcome,



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I have the great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
J. H. [Name]

Saint Louis Powder Depot

Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

August 2nd 1896

Dear General.

In my letter yesterday I failed to refer to an important point - namely. You have already obtained for me a Brevet, as reward for "Gallantry in services in action against Indians, on the Columbia River Oregon July 5th 1878". You may very naturally conclude the reward is sufficient. Probably General Lee will so view it. If you incline to that opinion please drop the matter. I cannot complain - in fact I am seriously in doubt as to whether it is not the correct way of looking at it. Still it may be argued that the Brevet is for services which every officer performs by virtue of his position - of his oath of office - and the non performance of any part of his duties in action should result in punishment.

Any Officer subject to orders to ^{or serving under orders} serve in battle, receives a Brevet if his bravery discovers it. But our superiors seem to make a broad distinction between such an officer and the one who voluntarily takes the risks and freely exposes himself. The distinction having special reference to the bestowal of a Medal of Honor.

I had no thought, or hope, of any reward when I decided to start. I knew from your telegrams to Staden that you considered it a matter of great importance that the Indians should be prevented from crossing the Columbia and was much surprised that none of the line officers in the vicinity appreciated the necessity for action being told by Staden that nothing could be done - I determined to go and do the best possible with the means at my disposal.

Not having acted from expectation of reward I was agreeably surprised when you recommended me for a Brevet, which will serve amply to preserve for my friends and descendants a recollection of some return to my country for the many favors and blessings it has bestowed on me. yet I am free to confess that the additional honor - marking the readiness to respond promptly to the country's call in dangerous circumstances - would be very acceptable.

Very Sincerely Yours

John A. Cross

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Major General O. O. Howard.

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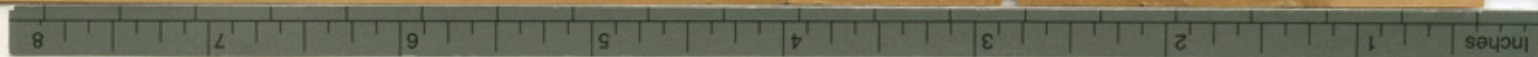
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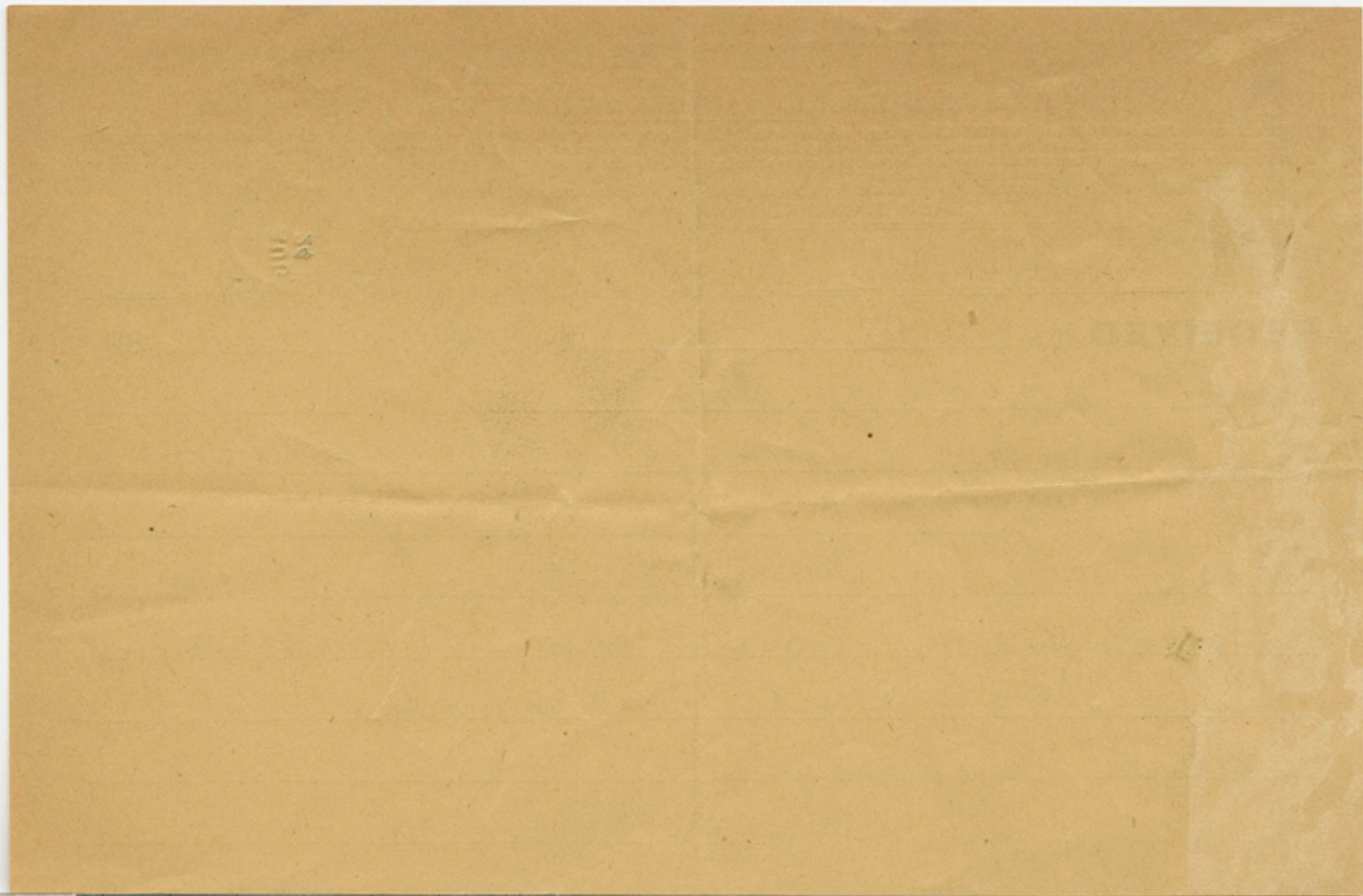
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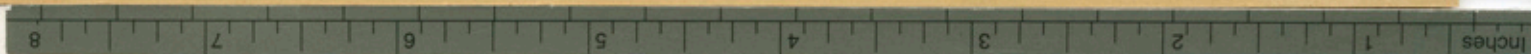
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G. W. BALLOCH,
PATENTS, CLAIMS, INSURANCE,
P. O. Box 557.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24th 1896

Dear General.

Replying to yours of 22nd would say that my recollection is that the "Concept Fund" referred to in my reports, came to the Bureau as a legacy from the old Department of "Negro Affairs" in Louisiana. In my report for 1865, I remember to have referred to the fact that we incorporated into our reports, some of the transactions of the Dept of "Negro Affairs" which existed prior to the organization of the Bureau. At any rate, that fund came from La. Look at the "Wood investigation testimony; you may find a reference to it there.

Sincerely
G. W. Balloch

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Williamstown, Mass.
Monday Aug. 24, '96.

Dear Uncle Otis

I enclose the West
Shore & Nickel Plate passes
which you so kindly
allowed Don and myself
to use. I arrived here
Saturday evening after
an outing of two weeks
and two days in Glenoe.
I need not say that the
time was one of pleasure.
Every minute seemed
especially blessed. I ~~must~~ ¹ ~~5~~ ⁵

admit that for the most
part I was rather idle
and I wish now that
I had worked a little
more to show them at
home that I know
how, but I don't think
I was overmuch of a
burden to the family
and the laziness has
made me feel more
like working now that
I'm back. Glencoe-
-in-the-summer had
lost none of its charm
since the last time I

had seen it three years
ago. I hated to leave though
I knew I was coming
to a place naturally much
more beautiful and
attractive. I wish you
could come and see me
here sometime. I have
hoped that you might
^{be stopped} find it in the way of
some of your trips ever
since I've been here. Now
~~we~~ some of the Christian
association fellows are
planning to invite as
many strong and inter-
esting ~~men~~ as we can get

To address our Sunday
evening meetings (and
possibly a college meeting
Saturday) during the
coming term, and some
of the fellows have
asked me to ask you
if you couldn't plan to
come down some time
so as to be here at least
over Sunday with us.
The boys respect straight-
forwardness, real sincerity
and earnestness very
much; more, it seems
to me, than anything

Else in the men they hear
and meet. Please
don't let this burden you,
but if you can plan to
come down some time
after October first you
could give a great deal of
pleasure and, I believe,
do a great deal of good
here. If convenient please
let me know what
you think of it.

I wish to thank you
again for the use of the
passes. I could write
all day without giving
~~to~~ more than half an

idea of the pleasure it
gave me.

All were well at home
when I left. Please
give my love to Aunt Lizzie
& Bessie and Harry and
any others of the family
with you.

Affectionately

Lawrence Howard

Aug. 24, '96.

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Dear uncle Otis, —

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Your letter came this A. M. with introduction to Mr. Clark. — I presented it and find that they have need ~~only~~ of ordained ministers. — He was very cordial and said he preached my father's installation sermon at Rockport. — I also met Mr. Clapp who knew my father well.

Mr. Clark said, "If any man can see a way to use your services it is Mr. Moody. He has a school in Chicago for ~~a~~ fitting purposes and you could earn your living while studying." —

Lucie does not feel "drawn" as she expresses it, toward Mr. Moody but is ready for anything. If I could study for the ministry, my inclination leads me there but I of course have no means.

We are depressed by the selfish and narrow atmosphere that is abroad in N. Y. and feel that with Chicago as a centre we could, ^{perhaps} serve the Master better. — We are simply waiting. — I have applied for a position which has been partially offered me but my whole nature turns to other things.

With hearty good wishes for your welfare and love to all. Lovingly

Francis Gilman Howard

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her with her sweet
face. Believe me sincerely
yours
Abbie L. Galbraith.

163 Westminster St.
Springfield Aug 24. 1896.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard;
Dear Gen. Howard;

Your letter was
a great comfort to me,
although I knew what a
memory Fred had - and
that he was brave during
his Army service, yet
it is very gratifying to
have you say it, and
my boys will treasure
your kind words as well
as I.

Fred talked very often
of you, and anticipated
helping you about events

and dates. He could
recall the events of
almost every day while
he was in the service.

When he was needed so
much it seems doubly
hard that he should
have been taken from
us, but it will not be
long before I shall meet
him, and the boys are
growing up so fast, they
will not need me a
little later. I am on
a visit to Seymour and
his wife. Fred, Jr. is
on his way home from
San Francisco in a

ship as third mate.
John and Archie will
continue their course at
Harvard University. They
are courassing for a book
and have worked hard
all summer. Their standing
was so high last year
that they will each have
a scholarship - and with
the work we can all do,
they will be able to
continue if their health
is good. I was greatly
interested in your Grand-
children you wrote Fred
about. Please remember
me with love to Alex
Howard, whom I remain

answer

Mr. J. K. Nebr. Aug 23rd 72

Leila D. C. Howard

Burlington -

Dear Leila Howard -

I have just rec'd
a letter addressed to my
husband. I suppose from
your son. in regard to
some lots.

I am rather surprised
that more of the notices of
my husband's death have
fallen under your eye -
but evidently you had not
learned of the great sorrow
that has come to me -

I am stricken but not cast
down. lonely but not comfort-
less. for I find God's grace
efficient for my every
time I need -

My husband's death was so
peaceful - so triumphant -
The glory and beauty of his
passing almost lifted me
above the agony of the parting
and the mourning of it. must
ever remain an inspiration
and an unspeakable comfort

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I have looked over this paper but can find nothing to give me any light on the subject - I wish this letter speaks - I know nothing about it only that you resided in some place - I do not think it possible that these lots are the ones referred to, but should think they were in California.

If you will please write me, further I will gladly do anything within my power to clear up the matter.

If possible, I would pay any person all that they are invested, but alas! I cannot. I am left with more debts than my life insurance covers, and must have a hard struggle till times are better to support myself and my two girls - My boys must take care of themselves.

A word from you who have always braved time a friend would do me good.

Faithfully yours.

Wm H. Ellis -

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Chicago, Ill. Aug. 26th. 1896.

Gen'l. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother -

I thank you for the certificate addressed to Col. F. C. Ainsworth. It is all that I could ask for I think, but there is one other point of information requested from the auditor's office that I need to have confirmed by you. The auditor's office asks for my "discharge certificate" as Lieut. Col. Now the facts as they stand in my mind are these; that I was promoted to the staff appointment of Lieut. Col. as Asst. Inspector General of the 4th. Army Corps at or about the time you were transferred to the command of that Corps. Will you please state this fact as definitely and accurately as you can, viz. the date when you were assigned to the 4th. Corps and the fact that I was assigned at the same time, or if not the same time state the date when I was assigned to this new position? I had been Major and Senior Aide in the 11th. Corps. Please state if you can in what way I was assigned to this new duty and staff promotion. Was it by an order from the headquarters of the Army of the Cumberland, or did it come from the Inspector General's office in the War Department?

2nd. You will remember that I remained in this position with the

Chicago, Ill. Aug. 26th. 1898.

Gen'l. O. O. Howard

Burlington, Vt.

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4th. Army Corps as long as you were in command, and that I was transferred and relieved from the position of Inspector when you went to the Army of the Tennessee. Please state if you can the date of your transfer to the command of the Army of the Tennessee, and also the date of my transfer; whether it was the same time or not. If you cannot give the exact date give your impressions "to the best of your knowledge and belief." State in what way I was discharged or relieved from the position of Lieut. Colonel and Asst. Inspector General, whether by order from the Army of the Cumberland or by what order.

As to a "discharge certificate", the term used by the auditor, of course I had no such paper, as I was assigned in orders and relieved in orders, and I would thank you to so state the fact. I drew my pay as Lieut. Colonel as long as I was Asst. Inspector General of the 4th. Corps.

My impression is clear that I ^{fell}~~was~~ back to the rank of Major and only drew the pay of Major at the time I was at the headquarters of the Army of the Tennessee, beginning probably about August 1st. 1864. I had the brevet rank of Colonel, but was not assigned to duty according to the rank and so never drew the pay of a Colonel until my promotion to be Colonel of the 128th. U. S. C. T., which was by commission from the War Department, dated March 14th. 1865.

Affectionately,

C. H. Howard

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W. H. Brown
Respectfully,

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Aug 27th 1896

My dear General:

Accept my hearty
thanks for your cordial
felicitation on my promotion,
the receipt of which
touches me & much - It
is very good to have reached
the top-round of my
particular ladder, & it is
good ^{also} to feel that my
appointment is satisfactory
to the Army generally, &
to so many of my
old comrades & friends.

in & out of the Service -

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None of the many
Congratulatory I have
need have been more
grateful or more appre-
ciated, my dear old
friend & classmate, than

Yours - Mrs. Scoville
& Bessie join in kindest
recollections to Mrs. Howard
Yours Bessie & Grace -

Very Respectfully Yours

Chas. H. Scoville
Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington - D.C.

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Augusta, Maine, Aug. 27, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

C/o Hon, S. M. Carter, Auburn, Me.

My dear General:

You speak at Damariscotta Monday evening, Sept. 7th.

I am hearing splendid accounts of your meeting at Bar Harbor and I congratulate you upon the great speech you made.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Manley

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Augusta, Maine, Aug. 27, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

C/o Hon. S. M. Carter, Bangor, Me.

My dear General:

You speak at Bangor Monday evening, Sept. 7th.

I am having splendid accounts of your meeting at Bangor.

Harbor and I congratulate you upon the great speech you made.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Whittier

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Crocker's Toura Brigade.

Chicago, Ill. Aug. 27, 1896

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General O. Howard,

156 College St., Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:

Replying to yours of the 18th will say that there is apparently no evidence on the part of the Western Speakers' Bureau that you will be called to the west, or at least as far west as this, during this campaign. This being the case, can you not plan to come out to our Reunion September 23 - 4? I am sure it will aid you in your lecture work this winter; as our boys are scattered over the state and many of them are influential men in their respective communities. Can you not plan to be with us? Reduced rates can be obtained from Chicago, of which you will be duly advised.

Kindly let me hear from you at Market and Monroe streets,
Chicago, Ill.

Yours sincerely,

N. H. Rood

We will pay all Expenses
from Chicago there, while there
and return to Chicago

May 22

[Faint handwritten signature]

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Will send names
to Boothby —

All well here

Harry
Quinn

O. C. K.

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Bonner Springs Kans
Aug 27. 1896
O.O.H.

Major General O. O. Howard
Burlington Vermont.

My dear General. I wrote you
sometime ago asking you to
please sign the affidavit if
you remember the case. I have
the rupture bad enough and re-
ceived it on Septbr 1st 1864 at the
battle of Gettysburg when my horse
fell. He spoke about it and it was
only slight then. You and Dr Ken-
can both advised me to not treat
it lightly but you know I was
very young then and careless and
did not mind it much. It got
worse. All I ask from you to
state that I got an injury
like a rupture on that

day or if you do not remem-
ber the right day exactly
on or about such day or
while on your staff. Then
I will prove up that I
had it when I left you
and came with your
letter to St Louis. Because
there and then I got a good
trap. Please send it soon,
and do a favor and justice
to your old aid and admiring
comrade, — Genl I
have written 35 page parosa
describing battle of Atlanta,
July 22^d, a Cavalry charge, and
Mr. Therson's death and have
positing now the Battle of Jones
boro. and then will have them
both printed, but will send
them first to you for your
inspection if you will kindly
do so. Your true comrade
M. K. William Grebe.