

Letters Received 54-58

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245 W. Washington, D.C. June 24, 1854. W.F.T. Walker, Bvt. Lt. Col.
6th Infy. Sec. of War Directs that he be placed in command of Corps of
Cadets to relieve Major Garnett, etc. 103-June 24. Rec.d June 24, 1854

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The secretary directs that Bvt. Lt. Coll. Walker 6th Infantry
be ~~xxxxxx~~ detailed as commandant of the Corps of Cadets to
relieve Major Garnett on the ~~Sixth~~ 21st ?

D. Oxx A. Campbell
chief clerk

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Hd. qrs. Dept. of the Pacific. San Francisco, Sept. 16, 1854

John E. Wool Major General (one enclosure) Report upon affairs in Dept. Establishment of Fort Tejon. Indian difficulties near Whidby's Island, Fort Lane and Fort Boise. Change of hd. qrs. to Benecia. Change of detachments at Fort Orford. Hqrs of the Army, Oct. 12, 1854 Respectfully referred to the Adjutant General. L. Thomas (?).

Rec. Hqrs. October 12, 1854. Rec'd. Oct 13, 1854.

A. 667, October 16, 1854. Respectfully submitted ? ? ? ?
Reet. Inquiry will be made as to the cause of the small limits of the reserve. The posts designed to protect and control the Indians to be collected on the military reserves should certainly be on the reserves. The want of troops in Oregon is apparent and will be remedied as soon as possible. Jeffn. Davis. Sec. War. War Dept. Oct. 13, 54
Rec. Adt. Gen. Oct. 14, 54.

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Head Quarters Dept. of the Pacific
San Francisco, September 16, 1854

Sir:

I have the honor to report that a military post is now being built at the Canada de las Uvas [grapevine canyon] fifteen miles southwest of the Tejon Indian Reservation [30 miles south of present Bakersfield, Calif. on Ridge Route] which is to be called Fort Tejon, to indicate its location. I have assigned Brvt. Lieut Colonel B.L. Beall (sic) major 1st dragoons to the command and Company 1st Dragoons is now there as a garrison. The recent reduction of the limits of the reserve prevented the post from being placed within the limits. Santa Barbara, Cal. is now the nearest post office.

Having on June last heard reports of Indian hostilities near Whidby's Island, W.T. I sent instructions to Lieut. Col. Donnevillle at Fort Vancouver to render any assistance in his power in that section. I have just received in reply a report from Lieut. Ruffell commanding Fort Steilacoom in which he states that the difficulties

are for the present settled. The disturbance had its origin in the sup posed murder of two or three white men by the Indians. "The chief ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ones engaged in these outrages have been apprehended and are now in confinement in the guardhouse at this post awaiting trial by the civil authority authority of the territory." "The most recent difficulty was occasioned by a descent of a party of Northern Indians residing in the Russian Territory, upon the settlements in Bellingham Bay. This is the most northern portion of Washington Territory being within a few miles of the 49th Parallel." "The settlers there are more liable to the incursions of the tribes beyond the jurisdiction of the U.S. who are able to make a descent in their canoes and retreat before any force can be brought against them. The only sure method of effectively checking these Indians, at the same time giving additional security to the settlements between this post and that point would be in my opinion to establish a post of one company at Bellingham Bay or in that vicinity."

Lieut. Col. Bonneville remarks, in addition to this, that Acting Governor Mason thinks "the only effective method to check the incursions of the Russian Indians is to have on Puget Sound a steam revenue cutter" to pursue them in their canoes. I have not now an available company for the new post suggested by Lieut. ^(Russell) Rufell [old style double s, written like l], but shall take this measure into consideration by the time Lt. Col. Steptoe arrives with his battalion. He might soon be here.

In reply to a communication to Captain A. J. Smith, 1st dragoons, comdg. Fort Lane in which I called his attention to apprehended difficulties with the immigrants and the Indians near Goose Lake he informs me that all necessary measures have been taken in that quarter and he is on the alert to prevent disturbances. It seems a company of volunteers has been mustered into service by authority

of the governor of Oregon, but Capt. Smith is of the opinion that they were not needed and that it was done upon the representations of speculators who expect to be benefited by furnishing supplies.

Reports from Major G. J. Rains, 4th Infantry commanding Fort Dalles O.T. informs me that on the 20th August the emigrants en route for the west "were attacked on Boise River, a branch of the Snake River and 8 men killed and 4 ~~wounded~~ women & 5 children carried away captives with all their property.

"Assistance was asked for by the Indian agent (Mr. R. R. Thompson) and others and I (Major Rains) dispatched Bvt. Major Haller, Lt. Macfeely and Asst. Surgeon Suckley with 26 soldiers to the scene of difficulty. Major Haller left August 30 and since a company of Volunteers 30 strong, having offered their services, were accepted and they were furnished with arms, horses ammunition & rations and left here (Fort Dalles) yesterday (August 31) "

The scene of this outrage was 15 miles from Fort Boise and about 300 miles from Fort Dalles, the nearest military post. The Win-nass Indians who were those concerned, are said to number 600 warriors & are believed to be all hostile.

Lieut. Col. Bonneville has sent company L 3rd Artillery from Fort Vancouver to the Dalles with 6,000 rounds of cartridges. A. Mr. John F. Noble, living off Malheur River, 20 miles west of Fort Boise who appears to have influence with the Indians, has also gone out with a half breed Snake Indian to endeavor to recover the captives and their property.

Colonel Mansfield, inspector general, happened to be at Fort Dalles when the information arrived there. He writes from Fort Vancouver the 4th instant that Major Rains has ~~acted~~ acted "promptly and efficiently. He was able to mount all the infantry and volunteers and Colonel Bonneville has sent the Artillery company

from this post to Fort Dallas. No further steps need now be taken as to movement of troops at this season of the year till further developments."

I enclose herewith a copy of instructions sent to Lieut. Col. Bonneville to use all diligence which the means at his disposal will permit.

A part of the office furniture attached to the Department Head Quarters was sent up to Benecia some ten days ago. I am only waiting for the transport to move the remainder. An accident which happened to the vessel has detained her.

As will be seen by Special Orders No. 86 I have sent a Detachment from the company at the Presidio to Fort Orford to relieve the Detachment from the company at Benicia Barracks, this arrangement appearing to be more in accordance with the views of the Hon. Secretary of War.

I am sir, very respectfully

Y'r Odt. Servt.

John G. Wool

Major General

Lieut. Col. L. Thomas
Assistant Adt. General
Head Quarters, Army
New York.

[Printed]

General Orders No. 20 War Department, adjutant General's Office,
Washington, November 7, 1854

The subjoined statement of the allowance of clothing to each soldier during his enlistment, and his proportion for each year respectfully as established by the Secretary of War under the regulations of 1851 is published for the information and guidance of all concerned. Until further orders, clothing will be settled for at the prices set forth in General Orders No. 7, of May 12, 1854.

By Order of the Secretary of War

S. Cooper, adjutant general

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Statement exhibiting the allowance of clothing to each soldier

during his enlistment and his proportion for each year respectively as established by the secretary of war under the regulations of 1851

Clothing for five years total in the years

	1st	2d	3rd	4th	5th	
Cap, complete	2	1	2	1	1	7
Pompon	1	---	1	---	---	2
Eagle and ring	1	---	1	---	---	2
Cover	1	---	---	---	---	1
Coat	2	1	2	1	2	8
Trousers	3	2	3	2	3	13
Flannel shirt	3	3	3	3	3	15
" drawers	3	2	2	2	2	11
Bootees, pair	4	4	4	4	4	16
Stockings, pair	4	4	4	4	4	20
Leather stock	1	---	1	---	---	2
Great coat	1	---	---	---	---	1
Fatigue coat frock	1	---	1	---	---	2
" overalls	1	1	1	1	1	5
Blanket	1	---	1	---	---	2

----- Mounted men may receive one pair of "boots" and two pairs of "bootees" instead of four pairs of bootees. Note--As the Metallic shoulder ~~boards~~, ~~ornaments~~ scales, letters, numbers, Castle and Shells and Flames, will last for many years, they will be borne on the returns as company property, in the same manner as are sashes, knapsacks and straps, haversacks, canteens and strps, and other articles of camp and garrison equipage and will be charged to the soldier when they lost or destroyed through neglect.

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Fort Steilacoom, W.T.

Governor:

January 5, 1855

It having been my lot to have been engaged in active operations against the Indians of the Sound I know something of the conduct of those who were engaged in hostilities. I shall not attempt however to discuss the part taken by individuals in the war and thereby measure to each one his degree of guilt. But with regard to the Indian Chief Leschi, I would briefly remark that by the operations of the war he and his followers were driven across the Cascade range of mountains, he there surrendered himself to Col. Wright who was in command of that region and who so far as his authority extended, pardoned him.

He then by the advice of the Colonel returned to his own country and while endeavoring to make his peace with the authorities he was taken and delivered up by the treachery of one of his followers. He has now been confined in the guard house at this post for more than a year. I am told that Leschi has been tried by the civil authorities of the Territory for murder and sentenced to death on the 22nd inst.

From ^a map which is before me and from the representations of Lieut. Kautz who made the measurement I doubt the possibility of the testimony which convicted him, being true.

Believing that both justice and policy require it, I do most respectfully recommend that he be respited until the wishes of the President of the United States can be known on the matter.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant.

Silas Casey, Lieut Col 9th Infy
Commanding post.

to His Excellency. Fayette McMullin,
Governor of Washington Territory
Olympia, W.T.

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Fort Steilacoom W.T.

January 22nd, 1855

Governor:

Your communication of 2 1/2 a.m. is just received; and in reply I would say that the Sheriff of Pierce County was somewhat mistaken in the information which he conveyed to you with regard to what I said to him. When the Sheriff applied to me for a guard (which was in the presence of L. McKibbin) I said to him that inasmuch as he was to execute the judgment of a Civil Court of the Territory, he had the power and it was also his duty as Sheriff of the country to call the posse to his aid.

I also said to him that if he then found that he had not sufficient force to execute the law he could officially call upon me, and I would consider the case.

Your excellency is aware that by the nature of our institutions it has always been the policy of the government to employ the regular forces as little as possible, in the execution of civil processes.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

Signed Silas Casey

Lieut. Col. 9th Infy.

Commanding post

To:

His Exelcy . Fayette McMullin

Governor of Washington Ty.

Olympia, W.T.

P.S. The sheriff called on me this morning and I directed a guard to be held in readiness in case of necessity.

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Office of the Adjutant General

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149 Trenton, N.J. March 22, 1855

D. Woodruff, capt. 9th infy. Accepts. Appt. forwards oath
etc. (1 enclosure) noted. Received March 24/55

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Trenton N.J.

March 22nd, 1855

Sir:

I herewith transmit my acceptance of the appointment of captain
in the Ninth Regiment of U.S. Infantry and beg to present my
acknowledgements of the honor conferred.

Very Respectfully

Yr. obt. servt.

Dickinson Woodruff

Hon.

J. Davis

Secretary of War

Washington.

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Wilkesbarre
Woodbury Penna

March 23rd, 1855

Hon Jefferson Davis

Secretary of War

Sir:

The notice from the War Department dated March 20, 1855, of my appointment as captain of the 9th Rgt, of Infantry by the president was received this morning.

I hereby accept of the appointment and ... to instructions enclose herewith the oath as directed.

I have also the honor to report that my age is forty one years, that I was born in Wilkesbarre, state of Pennsylvania that I am a resident of that place and was so at the date of my appointment.

Very respectfully, your obt. servt.

Francis L. Bowman

(Oath enclosed. Dated, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1855, signed Francis L. Bowman)

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88 New York City March 24, 55. R.S. Garnett, captain In relation to
t.... his company of cavalry. Received March 26, 1855.

New York City

March 24, 1855

Colonel:

I deem it probable that my transfer from the 7th Infantry to the 1st Cavalry will involve some changes in the duties in which I am now engaged. I have been here nearly four months recruiting men for our company (A 7th Infantry) and have so far got about 50 picked men. I have taken much pains in the selection of these men and feel reluctant to give them up. Many of these men are well suited to Cavalry service and several are anxious to be transferred to that arm of service. Under these circumstances I venture to ask if I may be permitted to select from them such ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ as are suited to Cavalry service to constitute a part of my company in the 1st Cavalry.

I beg leave further to say that if the orders for the recruiting of the new regiment are to emanate originally from your office it would be acceptable to me, if compatible with the interests of the service, to continue my recruiting at this place. Under these circumstances I should have no objection to continuing in the recruiting for Company A 7th Infantry if it should be so desired

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully sir

Your Obedt. Servt.

R.S. Garnett,

Captain 1st Cav.

Colonel Samuel Cooper

Adjt. Genl. of the Army

U.S.A.

I Dickinson Woodruff, born and now resident at Trenton New Jersey, aged thirty seven years, appointed a captain in the Ninth Regiment of Infantry ['printing' from here on] in the Army of the United States do solemnly swear or affirm that I will bear true Allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or ~~opponents~~ opposers whatever and observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the Officers appointed over me according to the rules and Articles for the government of the Armies of the United States.

Dickinson Woodruff

Sworn to and subscribed before me
at the city of Trenton New Jersey
this 25th day of March, 1855
Wm. C. Howeley (?) justice of the peace
of Mercer county , N.J.

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102 New York, March 29, 1855

Recruiting Rendezvous

183 Chambers St., New York

March 29, 55

Colonel:

Under the authority granted me by your communication of the 26th inst. I have selected from the men whom I had enlisted for Company A 7th Infantry the following named men as being well suited for Cavalry service.

Viz: John Kaufmann, William Douglas, John Murphy, William H. McDougall, Alexander F. McDougall, John Kempfer, Charles Graul, Henry Bernasco, John F. Mertesdorf, Louis Vorass, Morris Wolf, Frederick E. Wusth)?f Thomas ~~Dunster~~ Dooley, Rudolph Wagner, Samuel Walsh, John Frost, Richard Flemming, David Garrison ~~Samuel~~ Daniel Walsh, Lewis H. Larsom, Lewis Held, in all 21.

The superintendent of the General Recruiting Service informs me that an order from your office transferring these men to company A 1st Cavalry will be necessary and I beg that it may be issued to take effect on the 1st ? As understood by your communication of the 26th inst that I am to recruit my company of Cavalry in this City and as there is no ... clothing on Government Island I shall in a few days forward to the QM general my estimate for a year's supply for the company unless in the meantime I should be instructed to the contrary.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Sir

Your Obt. Servt.

R.S. Garnett,

Captain 1 Cav & bvt. maj.

Colonel Samuel Cooper,

Adjutant general of the Army

42 A ^BBaltimore Md. March 31, 1855

James J. Archer ^CCapt. 9th Infy. Accepts appt. etc. (enclosure)

^BBaltimore

31st March 1855

To

The Adjutant Genl, U.S. Army, Sir:

I have the honor hereby to communicate the acceptance of my appointment as Captain in the 9th Rgt. of Infantry and as requested to report my age between thirty eight and thirty nine years.

Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

J. J. Archer

Capt. 9th Infantry

P.S. I was born in the state of Maryland and resided in the city of ^BBaltimore and state of Maryland at the time of my appointment

J. J. Archer, Capt. 9th infantry.

(Oath enclosed... I James J. Archer appointed a captain of infantry .. this 26th day of March, 1855, at the city of Baltimore)

Bureau of Topographical Engineers

Washington March 31st, 1855

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your directive of the 30th instant to designate a field officer of the corps to have the general charge of all military roads authorized to be constructed on the Pacific Coast and also the general superintendence of Light Houses on that coast.

In obedience to this directive I have the honor to designate Major Hartman Bache.

To enable the officer properly to attend to these duties all officers now upon said duties should be ordered to report to him and to take his orders. He should also be directed, on all Light House matters to correspond with the Light House Board and to take its instructions and upon all other matters to correspond with this Bureau.

Respectfully sir

Your obt. servt.

I. I. Albert

Col Corps

Hon. Jefferson Davis,

Secretary of War

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Recruiting Rendezvous

183 Chambers St. New York, April 2, 1855

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of General orders
sentence
No. 4 current series. The last ~~paragraph~~ of Par. V states that "All
officers will take rank in their respective grades from March ~~22~~ 3
1855." ...respectfully to be informed whether I am to understand
(sic) by this sentence that I have lost the rank which I acquired
while in the 7 infantry. My date as a captain in that Regt. is
March 9, 47 and in accepting my transfer or appointment to the first
regiment of Cavalry I presumed that I should retain it. There are
precedents for this and among them I will call to your notice the case
of Captain A.S. Shins (?) of the dept. In this dept. he
takes his place and holds the rank he acquired while in the 4th
artillery although the law under which he was appointed or
transferred to Sub Dept. was passed subsequent to his promotion
to the artillery. This is a question of much interest to me and
should all the mounted regiments of the army be merged into one camp
it is highly probable I should claim to take my place on the
final list of captains just below Captain~~s~~ (Sic) Ewell (?)
of the First Dragoons. I beg that I may be informed of the subject
~~matter~~ at your earliest convenience.

I remain

Your obdt. servt.

R.S. Garnett

Capt. 1 reg of Cav. Dvt Maj.

Colonel Samuel Cooper

Adjt. General of the Army

Washington Dity .

Spl. 13. Col S has the same opinion on the subject of the enclosed note as I have. Can I ask that the necessary order may be issued and that these men may be transferred to take effect on the 1st of April? and per this date be cause? under the authority of your letter of Marcy 26. I have recommended two of the men selected to be appointed sgts. and to be be ...to date. and Col. Sumner has thus appointed them. I should know how to muster them if they ~~xxx~~ were transferred any other date subsequent to April 1.

Will you be kind enough also to add the name of Jamie Tisconey now of Co. A 7th Infy. to the 21 I have already sent you? May I also ask your action at the same time with reference to the transfer of [all inside]

Head Qrs

Fort Columbus, 12th April 55

Maj:

I find by Col. Cooper's letter of the 4th of April such men as you may select from those specially enlisted by you for comp A 7th Infy are to be held subject to further orders in regard to their appointment to your company of cavalry. This will supercede the necessity of applying for their transfer as I presume in due time to that effect will be issued at Washington

Your obt. servt.

J.J. Abercrombie

Lt. Col. Supt GR?

Bvt. Maj. R. Garnett,

1st Cavalry N.Y.

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HDG

Fort-Gibson, C.N. (?)

April 14, 1855

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of the 20th ultimo from the Secretary of War informing me of my appointment of first lieutenant in the Ninth Regiment of infantry which appointment I have the honor hereby to accept.

The oath of allegiance required will be forwarded as soon as I have an opportunity of taking it which I hope will be in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Your most obdt. sservt.

H.M. Black, 1st lieut. 9th infy.

Colonel Samuel Cooper

Adjutant General of the Army

Washington, D.C.

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Recruiting Rendezvous

Wilkes Barre, Penn., April 30.55

Sir:

I have forty five recruits at this station and would recommend their immediate transfer to the Depot at Fort Columbus or to the Headquarters of my regiment at Fort Monroe, Virginia. They are very much in want of clothing and I have ...the necessity of purchasing shoes from my present funds to protect them from in this ague climate.

Very respectfully

Your obt. svt.

Francis L. Bowman,

Capt. 9th regt. infantry
and recruiting officer

To Adjt. Genl. S. Cooper
U.S. Army.

198 G .New York City; May 29, 1853 (sic)

R.S. Garnett, major 9 Infy. (1 enclosure) Accepts his appt. as major 9 Infy. Noted. G. Or. 10 , July 10. Rec'd May 31, 1856.

New York City, May 20, 55

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of the communication of the Hon. Secretary of War of the 24 and announcing my appointment as major in the ninth regt. of Infantry.

The appointment is accepted and the instructions carried with it will be executed as soon as the Supt. of the Recruiting Service can name an officer to relieve me/ of the public property and funds pertaining to the two recruiting rendezvous now under my charge.

I am sir

Very respectfully

Yr. Obt. servt.

R.S. Garnett,

Maj. 9th Infy.

Col. S. Cooper,

Adjt. Genl. of the Army.