

"ar. Dep't. Letters Rec'd. 54-58

H.D.G.

Head Qrs. Bonacia Barracks Cal.

March 4, 1856

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival at this post last evening of a detachment of recruits for the 3rd Reg. Artillery under the command of Capt. F.E. Patterson, 9th Reg. Infantry. The accompanying return exhibits the strength of the detachment.

I am sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Jas. A. Hardie

1st. lieut Adj. 3rd arty.

comdy. post.

To Colonel S. Cooper
Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington City, D.C.

84G G. 28 On board steamer, Columbia, Puget Sound, O.T.
near Steilacoom, March 13, 56. R.S. Garnett, Maj. 9. infy.

Reports his examination of special orders No. 6 of Jany 24, 56 from
Ad. Qrs. Army. . Head Qrs of the Army, NY April 18,, 1856. Respectfully
forwarded by cmd. of Vt. Lt. Gen. Scott. ... MacDowell. Rec. April
19, 1856.

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On Board Steamer Columbia

Puget Sound, W.T. near Steilacoom, March 13-56

Colonel:

I have to report that in compliance with special orders No. 6
of Jany. 24 from the headquarters of the army I sailed from New York
the 5th of July 56 in command of the detachment of recruits for the
3rd arty. ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ and 4th infy, therein specified and reached
San Francisco Cal on the 1st inst. The detachment consisted of 299
83 men and 3 musicians for the 4 infantry
men and ~~xx~~ 7 musicians for the 4th Infantry, 5 commissioned
officers, 4 laundresses & 4 officers' servants . The entire detachment
with the exception of the man washed overboard from the 1.. in
the Atlantic ~~where~~ whose case I reported to you from Panama, arrived
in San Francisco . I had orders from General Wool, then in Benecia,
to send 105 men and 2 musicians of the Arty. detachment to San
Diego ..from the company of the 3rd arty. to the company of the 3rd
arty. at that post and then at Fort Yuma. They went under charge of
Lieut. May & Nichols 3rd Arty with descriptive rolls, and clothing.
...extracted as copies from the general rolls delivered to me
by Maj. Barkus in New York. By the same authority I was instructed
to send 80 men (arty) to Benecia I did so and sent with them the
remaining musicians from the 3rd Arty. This detachment was sent
to Benecia under Capt. Patterson 9th Infy (who rejoined before
leaving San Francisco) with the original descriptive rolls and
clothing accts. given me by Maj. Backus after having extracted
from them and retained the rolls and accounts of the remaining recruits

of the arty. of this remaining detachment of arty. recruits I brought up with me by Gen. Wool's order, 42 men to bvt. Maj. Reynolds company H 3 arty. I also brought with me to Crescent City, Cal. 26 men of this infantry det. per Cos L and F, 4th Infy. with roles and accounts extracted from them This original roll 7 clothing acct rolls... to of all the arty men left after sending the 107 to San Diego and the 80 to Menecia I left at the Presidio, San Francisco in the hands of Lieut Black 9th Infy who under instructions from Genl. Wool was ordered to remain there until the next trip of this steamer to bring up the remaining men of both detachments. The rolls, accts. of the men left at Fort Orford for Co. H 3rd arty now extracted from those left in the ~~hands~~ hands of Lieut. Black. Wherever these multiplied rolls and accounts have been sent the officers in whose hands they were left have been extracted after completing them to send them to Regimental Hd. Qrs. from which points they will be forwarded to the Adt. General of the army. So soon as these two detachments under Lieut Black are disposed of and I can get the necessary papers from him I will forward descriptive list and clothing account of the deserters and deceased soldiers of the original detachment.

Captain Patterson and Woodruff ~~have~~ were left at Fort Vancouver with instructions to ~~give their companies~~ join their companies then at the Dalles. Capt. Pickett is now with me under orders to join his company near Steilacoom. I presume that General Wool's order assigning the recruits under my command has been or will be furnished to you.

I remain sir, very respectfully, your obt. svt.

R. S. Garnett, Maj. 9th Infy.

Lt. Col. S. Thomas, asst. Adj. General, Hd. Qrs. of the Army.

[Writing of this letter very difficult to make out. Garnett's handwriting seems to grow worse as the roll unfolds... note...]

Head Quarters Southern Army

Fort Leland March 31, 1856

His Excellency, Geo L. Curry

Gov. Ore. Territory, Salem, O.T.

My dear sir:

I have the honor to make the following report of the troops under my command.

On the 22nd ulto. I gave orders to Major Pence (or Bence) to move with his command to Illinois Valley to secure that part of the country, and if possible to find Old John's band of Indians. Bence immediately reported to the head quarters of the Southern Battalion and gave the necessary orders for a march. This movement on the 23d inst. (?? His movement) As they were about startling news came into camp of John's band being on the trail to Crescent City and that they had that day killed three men and that they were then attacking the home of Mr. Hay. Capt. O'Neal's company hastened to the assistance of Mr. Hay and in getting there had to run through the whole of the enemy's line, some 200 strong. As soon as Bence came upon the Indians retreated from the house and took to the mountains. Major Bence then with his command commenced getting the families in that section of country in a condition to protect themselves. In the mean time the enemy were endeavoring to kill all the mules and horses they could find on their retreat. Major Bence pursued the Indians some five miles fighting all the way. Three of his men were killed and some 10 or 12 Indians killed. Night coming on the men drove off the Indians still retreating towards the mountains.

On the 22nd ulto I ordered a detachment consisting of 100 men of the Northern Battalion under the command of Major Latshaw (?) to gather on Cow Creek. On the 23rd they fell in with from 75 to

80 Indians six miles below Fort Smith . The fight here commenced, the men pursing (or pushing) forward and the enemy retreating. Some thirty Indians were collected on a hill to the right of the battle ground at this time and one of the spys looking through a glass discovered a white man among the Indians on the hill. Lst. Lieut Combs of the Benton Co. Company was ordered to take 30 men and charge the enemy on the hill, ~~later~~ which he did gallantly killing one Indian and capturing a mule, saddle blankets and a pair of boots. The volunteers drove the enemy right and left beating them in all directions. The enemy lost four killed, certain, and had many wounded. Four mules and two horses were captured, One white man killed of Sheffield's company, and one of the spy company wounded . Great credit is due to these brave volunteers who have driven the Indians from the trail and are still in pursuit of them.

Capt. Laben Brouys (?) comment that a fight with some 75 Indians six miles south of Cammas Valley. (sic) The enemy came into the valley it appears to sweep the settlements. Upon ~~hearing~~ hearing it Capt. Brouys with 35 men started in pursuit and came up with the enemy in the mountains leading to the meadows from the north. As soon as Capt. (Maybe Byouy) came up with the Indians he immediately divided his command and charged them right and left and completely routed ~~them~~ and defeated them, killing three Indians which they found on the ground, one with a Navy sized pistol still tightly grasped in his fist, though dead. The command followed the Indians about a mile until the men were completely exhausted for want of water. They were then ordered to return to camp. The company, both officers and men behaved in such a manner as to ~~entitle~~ entitle them to the highest praise of every citizen of our country. Allow men to mention the obligations we are under to Maj. Pence and the men under him.

Major Latham and the brave boys from the north as well as Capt. Buoss (Looks like Buoss this time) and Lt. Moore, both of whom have been in the service all winter.

I have ordered 60 men from Capt. Buoss' ~~xxxxxx~~ company to follow the Indians and if possible to fall in with Col. Kelsey and Major Latham at the Big Bend of Cow Creek. Col. ~~Kelk~~ Kelsey bids fair to be a very active officer and ~~my~~ my confidence is unlimited in Lt. Col. Chapman all of whom are very of success.

With my respects, I am sir,

Your most obdt. servt.

John K. Lamerick,

Brig. Gen. O.T.

John R. Hale, aid-de- camp.

OG1 May , 1856

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G/ 139 Fort Steilacoom. W.T. 139 G April 10th, 1856 Capt. P.N.

Guthrie 9th Infy.

Asking additional allowance of clothing for Company H, 9th Infy.

Respectfully referred to the general com the dep. for his consideration and reference to the War Dept. In the war against the Seminole Indians there are precedents for an extra allowance of clothing to soldiers ... in the field. Silas Casey, Lt. Col. 9th.

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant general, John Wool, 15, May, 56.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War. The allowance of clothing to the army at the present time is given in the accompanying general order. S. Cooper.

Rec. Nov. 8, 1856 AGO. A. 387 June 17, 1856

Irregularly presented. 8606. Jefferson Davis, Secty of War. Received June 16, 1856.

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Fort Steilacoom, W.T. April 10, 1856

Sir:

I would respectfully report that in consequence of the unexampled country in which the soldiers of my company have been serving against the hostile Indians they are unable to preserve their clothing or make it last any length of time.

Travelling almost constantly in swamps filled with water, fallen trees, heavy and thick bush or brush, the bootees and pants are worn out and become in a short time unfit for use.

I would respectfully ask that my company be allowed an additional amount of clothing. Say three pair of bootees, two pair pants, two pair drawers and two shirts each year while serving in this territory against hostile Indians.

At the present time the men of my company are wearing clothes bought by themselves from citizens and not clothing ordered by regulations. They have drawn all and over their yearly allowance from the government and it is worn out in service. I am etc.

P.N. Guthrie, Capt. Co. H, 9th Infy

I.S. White, 2 lt. 3rd Arty., Post adjut. Fort Steilacoom, W.T.

42-0. Territory of Oregon. Portland, Apl. 12/56. Gov. L. Curry
governor, acknowledges receipts of letter of the 26th Dec. 1855--trans-
mits copies of latest dispatches from the comdy. officer of
Volunteers on the Northern Frontier and in Southern Oregon. (3 enclosures)
Orl. May 19.56. Adt. Gen. Copy Sent Mil Com. H.R. June 56.

Territory of Oregon

Head Quarters

Portland, 12th April, 1856

Hon Jefferson Davis

Secretary of War

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reception of your favor of 24th Dec-
ember last. This acknowledgement has been some time deferred in the
hope of accompanying it with advices of the arrival of Hardy's
Tactics. They have not yet been received.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit copies of the latest
dispatches received from the commanding officers of the volunteers
on the northern frontier and in Southern Oregon. From these you
will perceive that the operations in both sections are being pushed
with commendable energy and perservance in the face of severe trials
and privations and with gratifying results. By the recent disastrous
and fatal affair at the Cascades, the forward movement of the U.S.
troops under Col. Wright has been suspended, and the relief of the
volunteers on the northern frontier consequently postponed. The
country of the Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla cannot be evacuated
by the territorial force with safety to our settlements before it
shall be occupied by the regular troops. In view of the rapid
approach of the summer season when offensive operations against the

are of doubtful issue, I have directed the main body of the First. Rgt. and Battalion of recruits to withdraw from the enemy's country after the termination of the expedition into the valley of the Yakima , leaving a column sufficiently ~~many~~ strong on the south side of the Columbia river for the vigilant and efficient occupation of the Walla Walla country until relieved from that duty by U.S. troops.

I am, very respectfully

Your obd't servt.

George (signed Geo) L. Curry

Governor of Oregon.

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Head Q 9 Infy

Camp on the Naches River, W.T.

May 30, 1856

G. Wright, Col. 9th Infy.

Rec'd July 15, 1856

Head Quarters 9th Infy.

Camp on the Na-chess River, W.T.

May 30th, 1856

Colonel:

In obedience to General Order No. 2 from the Head Quarters of the Army, dated on the 12th of March, 1856, I have this day selected 1st Lieutenants H.M. Black & L.C. English of the 9th Infy. for recruiting service and ordered them to report on the 15th of July inst. to Major Backus at Fort Columbus

Very Respectfully

Your most. obdt. Servt.

G. Wright, Col. 9th Infy.

Col. S. Cooper,

Adj. Gen. U.S. Army,

Washington City, D.C.

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Washington D.C. June 2, 1856

F.S. Bowman, Capt. 9th Infy.

2nd Auditor reports a balance due from him of \$1,026.94 etc.
(1 enclosure) Enclosed statements of differences forward to Capt.

Bowman June 4/56 for report or explanation of the expenditures

objected ~~to~~ ~~such~~ if such can be offered. S. Cooper, AJ

Rec'd June 3, 1856

Treasury Department

Second And's office, 2 June, 1856

Sir:

Agreeable to the 41 paragraph of the regulations for the
Army of the U. States approved 1, September 1855 I herewith respectfully
transmit a statement showing amt suspended as also that disallowed
on ~~the~~ adjustment of the Recruiting Account of Capt. F.L. Bowman
9th Infy. to ~~include~~ include 3 qr ,55 with a balance due the U. States
of \$1036.94 , this day confirmed by the Second Controller of the
Treasury.

I am sir

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

P. Clayton, second auditor

Col. Saml. Cooper,

Adjutant General

Fort Steilacoom, W.T.

June 9th 1856

To the Honorable Jefferson Davis,
Secretary of War

Your memorialists, officers of the Army, respectfully represent that they are now engaged in an arduous service in the Territory of Washington where the means of subsistence are more expensive than at any other portion of the Pacific Coast. By an order now in force, issued by Mr. Conrad the former secretary of war, the officers serving in the Pacific coast are denied the right to draw their rations in kind. Thus the order was issued under certain circumstances not now existing, appeared to justify it To render it bearable, however, it was ordered that the Commissary Department be authorized to sell subsistence to officers at the original contract prices the cost of transportation not being added. Thus at the time provisions were brought in the large Atlantic cities was not to be complained of, but recently provisions etc. have been purchased by contract in the City of San Francisco whereby in addition to the profit necessarily accruing to contracts etc merchants, is added actually the additional cost of their transportation from the Eastern States, the effect of which has been to increase the price of each ration ^{its} ~~one~~ ^{or ten} cents beyond ~~the~~ former cost..

As the actual cost of the ration ranges now from 24 to 28 cents and the fixed commutation therefor, but 20 cents the denial of the right to draw rations in kind for actual subsistence is a serious hardship to men whose stipend is so small as hardly to enable them to live even under a generous interpretation of the law authorizing their various emoluments.

Therefore we most respectfully request that we may be allowed to at our own option, one ration in kind per diem, for vouchers and one for our servants, respectfully and deduct the same from

our monthly pay accounts.

Silas Casey

Lt. Col. 9th Infy

E.S. Keyes, Capt. 9th Infy.

G.E. Pickett, 9th Infy.

R?H. Davis, 1st Lieut. 9th Infy.

H.B. Fleming, 2nd Lieut 9th Infy.

J.S. White, 2nd Lieut. 3rd Arty.

G.H. Mundell, 2nd lt. Top Eng.

? B McKibbin, 2nd lt. 2 Infy.

M. Maloney, Capt. 4th Infy.

P.V. Guthrie, Capt. 9th Infy.

Nick Potts, Asst. Surg. U.S. Army

Geo Suckley, asst. surgeon, U.S.A.

G. McBean, 1st lt. 3rd Arty.

John Hayden 2nd lt. 4th Infy.

A. Shaeff, 2nd lt. 4th Infy.

Camp on the Yakama River,
Near the Cascade Mountains, W.T.

July 2, 1856

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your communication of May 15, -56 enclosing my commission as major in the Ninth Regiment of Infantry.

I am sir,

Very Respectfully

Yr. Obt. Svt.

R.S. Garnett,

Major 9th Infantry

To the adjutant general
of the Army
etc. etc.

314 W

Head & 9th Infy. Camp on the Na-chess River W.T.
May 30th, 1856.

G. Wright, Col. 9th Infy.

Reporting the names of officers selected for Recruiting service
Rec'd 2 July 15, 1856

(Repetition of previous letters
appears to be duplicate of the same)

Fort Simcoe Washington Territory

August 13, 1856

Sir:

It is with great regret that I find myself constrained to seek of the general commanding the Department the indulgence of a leave of absence from his command for the period of sixty days--to date from my departure from San Francisco for the purpose of visiting my place of residence. I am conscious that I have no professional consideration or claim to offer in support of the favor I am now asking and I beg to assure the general that nothing but interests of the highest importance to my welfare could have induced me thus to intrude myself upon his notice. These interests imperatively require my presence in Maryland, and I sincerely trust that the general commanding the department may not find it inconsistent with the public interests to dispense with my humble services for the short space of time above mentioned.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

C.S(?) or A(?) Reynolds

2d Lt. 9th Infy.

To Major W.W. Mackall

Adst. Adj. Genl.

U.S. Army

Benecia, Cal.

Approved D. Woodruff, Capt. 9th Infy

Comdr Co. I.

War Dept. Letters Rec'd.

Port Simcoe W.T. September 4, 1856. Joseph B. Brown, asst. surgeon
Reports the case of Capt. F.L. Bowman, 9th Infy. 503.13(AGO)

Oct. 29, 1856. Recd. Sept. 12th/56. Sept. 4.

Fort Simcoe, September 4, 1856

Sir:

I am directed by the commanding officer of the post to make a report in the case of Captain Bowman. His condition is such as to demand that he be immediately relieved from duty. His mind is so much impaired that he cannot retain the command of his company without manifest injury to the service. He is laboring under the most remarkable mental hallucinations which entirely unfit him for the performance of his duties. From my knowledge of his case for several months past I am warranted in stating that this mental disease has been gradually coming on and I fear will result in permanent ~~injury~~ insanity. His bodily health is in tolerably good condition.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Joseph B. Brown

Asst. Surgeon.

Lieut Henry Douglass,
post adjutant.

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237 G Banytown (?) N.Y. September 12, 1856

William Gaston Bvt. 2nd Lieut 2d Drag. Acknowledges receipt. and accepts
commission etc. (one enclosures) Noted.

Rec. AGO Sept. 13, 1856

Barryton Sept. 12, 1856

...Cooper, Adjutant General U.S.A.

Sir:

I have the honor hereby to acknowledge the receipt & to
signify my acceptance of a commission of Bvt. 2nd Lieut. Dragoons
Enclosed I send the required oath duly executed. As required by the
regulations I beg leave to inform you that my birth place was
Newbern (?) N.C. my age at present is 22 & six months & my residence
is at Barryton [very plain this time] Dutchess County, New York.

I am sir very respectfully

Your obedient servant

William Gaston

Bvt. 2nd Lt. 2d Drags.