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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Cal. Oct 22, 1861

Lieut. Col. A. Cady: Comdg. district of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash, Ter.

Sir: The steamer which leaves this city on the 20th instant will take to Fort Vancouver five companies of the Fourth Regiment of California Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Lee. These companies will, the colonel commanding the department directs, be stationed as follows: One company at Fort Vancouver, one at Steilacoom, one at The Dalles, one at Hoskins and one at Yamhill. The company at Fort Steilacoom will be designated by you on the arrival of the troops at Vancouver and will be kept at the latter post until the arrival of the steamer leaving this place on the 7th November. A subaltern of this company will be sent overland to relieve Captain Woodruff in charge of the quartermaster's and commissary property so that on the arrival of the volunteer company there will be no delay in the embarkation of Woodruff's command. On the arrival of Vancouver of the steamer of the 7th Company D, Third Artillery and the volunteer company for Steilacoom will be sent to their respective stations. The artillery company will be sent left at San Juan and the steamer proceeding to Steilacoom will leave the company of volunteers and take on board Woodruff's command. On its return the steamer will touch at San Juan and take on board Captain English's company, both commands coming direct to this city. Captain Black's company, band etc. and the company at the Cascades (Captain VanVoast, will be sent on the return steamer to this city. The post at the Cascades will be abandoned and the movable property sent to Fort Vancouver. You will direct Lieutenant Wildrick to turn over to the assistant adjutant general at these headquarters on his arrival here all funds pertaining to the adjutant general's department now in his possession.

Richd. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant-General

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific
San Francisco October 23, 1861

His Excellency John Whitaker

Governor State of Oregon, Salem, Oreg.

Sir: The War Department having authorized Colonel Cornelius of Oregon to raise a regiment of cavalry for service in that district, I have the honor to request that your Excellency will suspend the enrollment of the cavalry company at Fort Dalles as requested in my communication to your Excellency in the early part of last month when I was in command of the District of Oregon. G. Wright, Col. U.S. Army, Commanding Department.

San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1861

Col. Cady, Fort Vancouver

Suspend the enrollment of the cavalry company at The Dalles.

By order

Richard C. Drum
assistant adjt.gen.

Headquarters Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 23, 1861

Lieut. Col. A. Cady: Seventh Infantry, Commanding District of Oregon

Sir: The colonel commanding the department desires you to give the necessary orders suspending the raising of the company of mounted volunteers by Captain Whittlesey. The regiment to be organized under Colonel Cornelius will, the colonel thinks, be ample for the whole country. If any men have been raised for this company the colonel desires you to disband them.

Richd. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant-General.

Headquarters, District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Oct 23, 1861

Maj R.C. Drum, assit. adjt. gen. hdqrs. Dept. of the Pacific, San Francisco

Major: I have the honor to report that Major Curtis with companies A.B.C.D and E of the Second Infantry California Volunteers, arrived at this place on the 21st instant in good condition generally. Measures have been taken for the distribution of these companies and they will be soon sent to their respective destinations. Major Curtis with two companies has been assigned to Fort Colville and will leave here on the 25th instant for that post. That is the earliest date I find at which he could be moved from here without incurring unnecessary detention on the way. The delay has enabled him to put his command in more complete condition than it was in when he left San Francisco. I have been obliged, in view of present contingencies at Fort Dalles, to place one of these companies at that post contrary to the tenor of my instruction as to the distribution of them. The necessity has arisen in part from the removal of the guard from the Warm Springs Reservation to join its company at The Dalles. The Snakes have availed themselves of the opportunity to run off from the reservation about 100 horses belonging to the friendly Indians, as the agent reports to Captain Whittlesey. I shall have the guard replaced at once from the company of volunteers.

A Cady

Lt. Col. 7th Infantry, commanding district.

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Headquarters District of Oregon
Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter. Oct 23, 1861

General Orders

No 3 Pursuant to Special Orders No. 191 current series from the headquarters of the Department of the Pacific, the undersigned hereby relinquishes to Lt. Col. Abermarle Cady Seventh Infantry, the command of the district.

B.L. Beall

Colonel, First Cavalry, U.S. Army commanding

General Orders

No 4

Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter Oct 23, 1861

Pursuant to special orders No. 191 current series from the headquarters of the Department of the Pacific, the undersigned hereby assumes command of this district.

A. Cady

Lieut. Col. Seventh Infantry.

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Fort Colville

Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter. Oct. 23, 1861
Special Orders

No. 44

* * II-Major James F. Curtis, Second Infantry, California Volunteers, will, with Companies C and D of same regiment, proceed to Fort Colville Wash Ter. via Walla Walla and relieve Major Lugenbeel, Ninth Infantry in command of that post.

The latter, being relieved, will without delay repair with companies of the Ninth Infantry now under his command to Fort Vancouver, Wash.

Ter. Surg. I Parry is assigned to duty with Major Curtis' command and will relieve the assistant surgeon at Fort Colville.

III-Capt. C.W. Smith, Second Infantry, California Volunteers, will with Company A, same regiment, proceed to Fort Dalles, Oreg. and report for duty to the commanding officer at that post.

IV-Capt. J.C. Schmidt, Second Infantry, California Volunteers, will with Company B same regiment, proceed to Fort Hoskins, Oreg. and relieve Captain Dent, Ninth Infantry. The latter on being relieved will, without delay repair with his company to Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter.)*****

By order of Lieut. Col. Cady

A.C. Wildrick

First Lieut. Third Artillery, Acting Assistant General

Mullan

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Lt. Col. A. Cady

Headquarters, Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Calif. Oct. 24, 1861

Seventh Infantry, Commanding District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter.

Colonel:

I wish you to keep all the clothing in depot at Vancouver for issue to the regular troops east of the Cascades when they arrive at your headquarters. The troops from Colville and more particularly the escort with Lt. Mullan will arrive at Vancouver much in want of many articles of winter clothing necessary for their comfort on the trip to New York.

The lieutenant in command of the escort will remain on duty with it until the men join their proper companies, when he will be assigned to duty with the Ninth Infantry under orders for the East.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant

G. Wright

Colonel U.S. Army Commanding Department.

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific,

San Francisco, Cal. Oct 28, 1861

Col. Edward D. Townsend, Asst. Adj. Hdqrs of the Army, Wash. D.C.

Col:

I beg leave, most respectfully but earnestly, to request that the General in Chief may be pleased to reconsider the second paragraph of Special Orders No 160 current series. I have served on the Pacific coast more than nine years, six of them passed on the dark valleys of the Columbia River, or in pursuing the savage foe in the mountain fastness on the eastern borders of Oregon and Washington. Under these circumstances I appeal with confidence to the General in Chief and Pray that I may be ordered to service in the field.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

G. Wright

Colonel, U.S. Army commanding department.

Headquarters Department of the Pacific

San Francisco, Cal. Oct 29, 1861

Col. E.D. Townsend:

Colonel: Under instructions from the War Department dated September 28, 1861, I have the honor to report for orders to the General in Chief. Again, most earnestly requesting that I may be ordered to the East. I am etc.

G. Wright

Brigadier General U.S. Volunteers.

Headquarters Dept. of the Pacific
San Francisco, Oct 31, 1861

Col E.D. Townsend: Assistant ~~gen~~ adj. gen. Hdq rs of the Army, Wash D.C.

Colonel:

I deem it my duty to submit to the General in Chief the condition of affairs in the Southern District of California and the prudential measures which I consider of vital importance in suppressing any attempts of the rebel forces to gain a foothold on the Pacific Coast.

The U.S. Troops in this department can repel any direct invasion of the state by the rebels but the adjoining state of Sonora with a feeble government and sparse population presents inducements of the strongest kind for the rebels to march a force into that country and obtain possession of the fine port of Guaymas. This once accomplished it destroys our commerce in the Gulf of California and interrupts the natural transit in and out of Arizona. The fondly cherished hopes and aims of the rebels are to obtain a ~~port~~ port on the Pacific. Timely interference on our part will frustrate their designs. To protect Arizona and re-establish the authority of the U.S. government in that country the occupation of Sonora is a military necessity. The ~~amicable~~ amicable relations existing between our government and that of Mexico would not necessarily be interrupted by our temporary occupation of Sonora; the design and object would be apparent. At all events Sonora is de facto independent of the Central Government and has been so for four years and I am assured by persons of responsible positions and reputation guarantee their assertion that the introduction of a force of U.S. Troops would be hailed with joy and meet with the moral and physical support of the entire population. We would not enter the country as conquerors but friends, to unite with the government and people in driving back the Southern rebels who are now threatening their country with ruin and devastation. I am informed by gentlemen of high standing that the introduction of U.S. troops into

Sonora would be agreeable to the present governor--Pesqueira. Under all the circumstances, to protect ourselves, I consider it imperative that we should take the initiative in this matter. Sonora is weak and unable to resist the rebel force and if our aid is withheld she will inevitably be overrun, virtually conquered and the rebels obtain possession of the port of Guaymas. Let two regiments, one of cavalry and one of infantry with a light artillery battery be promptly thrown into Guaymas and all will be well.

Once occupy Sonora and the re-establishment of our authority in Arizona would be a work of easy accomplishment. The force necessary for the expedition is now on this coast and could be transported to Guaymas by steamers in a week's time.

G. Wright.

Brigadier-General U.S. Army, commanding.

Volunteers:

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Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter Nov 4, 1861

Maj R.C. Drum, hq's dept of the Pacific San Francisco

Major: I have the honor to report that Lieut Col H. Lee, Fourth Infantry, California Volunteers, with Companies A, B C ~~and~~ D and E of that regiment arrived at this post on the evening of the 1st instant (403 enlisted, 419 aggregate present)

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Special Orders 53, Vancouver, Nov 4..Lieut Col H. Lee with Companies A (Rowell's) and C (West's) Fourth Infantry California Volunteers will take post at Fort Walla Walla..and relieve the present garrison..

Special orders 54

Vancouver, Nov 4--Company D, Third Artillery will proceed by the steamer Pacific about the 11th instant to Camp Pickett, San Juan Island where it will take post, relieving the present garrison Company H, Ninth Infantry Capt English, Ninth Infantry will with his company embark on the steamer Pacific on its return from Fort Steilacoom and will continue thereon until its arrival at San Francisco.

Nov. 5-- (Wright-- Troops in good condition, Cavalry regiment full Infantry regiments filling up. Fifteen companies sent north/

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transfers troop movements

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From George B. McClellan: Informer General W that Colonel Carleton and Colonel Cady will be retained in his department; that his arrangements are approved. Recommend to the secretary that six picked squadrons of Californians be formed for service with the Army of Potomac and four for service in Texas; that two regiments of California and Oregon infantry be raised for service here and two for Western Texas..

November 13, 1861

Company D. Third Artillery, and Company E (Crownshield's) Fourth Infantry California Volunteers, left this post yesterday to embark on the steamer Pacific for their respective destinations, Camp Pickett and Fort Steilacoom. Relieved garrisons, Company B Ninth Infantry arrived Vancouver 9th and may be looked for at San Francisco by the steamer Pacific about the 22d instant...

November 15--In compliance with special orders 53, Hdqrs dist Ore the command of this post is hereby turned over to Capt C.W.C. Rowell, Fourth Regiment California Volunteers. W.T. Magruder, Captain, First Cavalry Commanding the post.

Nov 19-- Brig Gen. George Wright volunteer service is assigned to the command of the department of the Pacific. He will retain in his command the Ninth Regiment of Infantry, which is now under orders transferring it to the Eastern coast. By command of Major General McClellan. L. Thomas.

Vancouver, Nov. 19... Companies B and I Ninth Infantry now leaving post to embark on steamer Pacific for San Francisco. Captain English's command from Camp Pickett and Captain Woodruff's from Fort Steilacoom are on board. This completes the withdrawal of the Ninth except the two companies from Colville and the detachment with Lieutenant Mullan...

by Nov 21--"right "my troops are now occupying a vast extent of country, extending from Yuma in the south to Colville in the north, a distance of about 2,000 miles..

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War Department, Nov 8, 1861

Lieut.Col B.E. DeRussy, Corps of Engineers of the Senior officer of engineers at San Francisco, Calif.

You are hereby ~~appointed~~ appointed ~~and authorized~~ the authorized agent of the United States to purchase or acquire "Lime Point" at the entrance to San Francisco Bay, Cal. for the erection of fortifications and other military purposes You are authorized to offer \$30,000 for the land ~~and~~ and if refused you will commence proceedings under the law for condemnation

Thomas A. Scott, acting secretary of war.

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California

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Headquarters District of So. Calif.

Los Angeles, Cal. Nov 9, 1861

Maj. Edwin A. Rigg

First Infantry California Volunteers, Comd. Camp Wright

Major: Your note of November 8 inst. I received last evening.

As soon as Colonel Andrews' command arrives from Yuma give the colonel all your wagons and your ambulances, if necessary, to move his command from Camp Wright to San Diego. Not one of Mr. Banning's wagons can be used for this purpose so they must come on without delay to San Pedro. You will load Mr. Banning's train with the stores and property of Camp Wright and move that camp to Oak Grove or Temecula, if in your judgment after having surveyed the country, the latter would be considered the best point and direct your train to return with supplies from San Diego to the new camp WHICH, BY THE BY WILL RETAIN ITS PRESENT NAME. Colonel Wright decided before he left Los Angeles that Mr. Banning's train must not go to San Diego so use it to move your camp, provided you do not delay it. Have everything packed up against it comes up.

James H. Carleton, Col. First Calif.

Volunteers, commanding.

Headquarters , La Mesilla, Ariz. Nov. 10, 1861

Col. H.E. McCulloch, commanding dept of Texas, San Antonio, Tex

Sir: I have nothing new to report as to the movements of the enemy.

My spies report that there are sixteen companies at Fort Craig and three within thirty miles of the fort and that every effort is being made to enlist the Mexicans who are much divided on the subject of making war upon Texans or taking any part in the war at all. There exists too, dissaffection among the regular troops who have not been paid, many of them for one year and a half.

There is a large train at Craig and quantities of supplies are being hauled there. All this would indicate that the enemy intend to make a move of some sort.

I have my supplies at Bliss and transportation ready to move it down to Quitman or Davis if necessary. I shall, with my mounted force push to Santa Fe and hold the country until the arrival of General Sibley. A party of citizens of California who have joined my forces report great excitement in Southern California. They know of no troops marching for Arizona but say that Fort Yuma is being strongly reinforced. I am convinced that a strong force stationed in Western Arizona would enable us to get hundreds of good southern men well armed and mounted who are anxious to join our cause and this would enable us to watch Sonora and prevent United States troops from crossing that state and what is of importance open communication with Guayamas and other posts on the Pacific, where we must, of necessity, get most of our supplies.

John R. Baylor,

Lt. Col Comd Tex Mounted Rifles, P.A.C.S.

Headquarters

Fort Yuma, Nov 13, 1861 3 p.m.

Col. James H. Carleton, commanding, southern district of Calif. Los Angeles

Col: I believe that I can accomplish my present object best by addressing you in person. Hadji Ali, the expressman, left here at 1:30 p.m. and the steamer was at the landing one hour afterward setting at rest all anxiety on that account. I am so impressed with the policy of holding this post securely, if held at all, that I am induced to address you again on the subject... Capt. Johnson of the steamer Cocopah ..economical plan and permits the retention of the command at Warner's ranch, also. Capt. Johnson is of opinion that he is prepared to contract with government to that end..that 300 men with 150 tons of freight, two pieces of artillery can be landed here in ten days from San Francisco at an expense not to exceed ~~\$20,000~~ \$20,500., viz; Charter a steamer at the mouth of the Colorado from S.F. to carry 300 men and 150 tons of freight \$10,000, passage 300 men from mouth to fort Yuma at \$10, \$3,000; freight 150 tons from mouth to Fort Yuma at \$50, \$7,500, total \$20,500. If this can be done it is my opinion..secure beyond the possession of this post against any force the enemy can bring against it. Fort Yuma is a valuable position. it has cost vast amount of money, holds large amount of stores and possesses great strategic importance..Its abandonment would be equivalent to a loss of \$1 million by U.S....With 600 men the post could be made a fortification in a short time..It is a weak and valuable post within the enemy's reach... J.R. West, Lt. Col first infantry Calif volunteers commanding the post.

War of Rebellion, Vol 1, Series L [Part I, p. 729] Headquarters Dept. of Pac.

San Francisco, Nov 17, 1861,

Col J.H. Carleton, Los Angeles.

Col West will take command of the district. Send for him to come to Los Angeles. You will report he is as soon as possible without awaiting West's arrival. By order of General Wright.

Richd. C. Drum

Asst. Adjutant gen.

Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant general's office

Washington, Nov. 19, 1861

Special Orders

No. 309

1-Brig. Gen. George Wright, volunteer service, is assigned to the command of the Department of the Pacific. He will retain in his command the Ninth Regiment of Infantry which is now under orders transferring it to the Eastern coast.

By command of Maj. Gen. McClellan

L. Thomas

adjutant general.

Headquarters, Dept. of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Ter. Was Nov. 19, 1861

Maj. R.C. Drum, asst. adjt. hdqrs. Dept of Pacific, S.F.

Major: I have the honor to report that Companies D and L, Ninth Infantry are now leaving the post to embark on the steamer Pacific for San Francisco. Captain English's command from Camp Pickett and Capt. Woodruff's from Fort Steilacoom are now on board. This completes the withdrawal of the Ninth except the two companies from Colville and the detachment with Lieut. Mullan. I have received no official information in regard to the movements of these commands and do not anticipate their arrival here until some time the ensuing month. The companies of the First Cavalry will commence arriving here tomorrow and may be expected to be in time to take the steamer of the 27th. A. Cady
Lt. Col Seventh Infantry Commanding district.

Headquarters Dept of the Pacific
San Francisco, Nov 21, 1861

Brig. Gen. L. Thomas, Adjutant Gen U.S. Army, Wash D.C.

General: I have this day forwarded to you by steamer a return of troops of this department. It is made up of the latest reports we have received.

My troops are occupying a vast extent of country extending from Yuma in the south to Colville in the north, a distance of almost 2,000 miles over a route usually marched. The severe snow storm in the mts. has completely blocked the mail route east and it will probably be several days before it is decided they can resume their regular trips. In the meantime I shall avail myself of the telegraph and the tri-monthly steamers to communicate with headquarters.

Col Seawell sailed on the steamer today with three companies, Sixth Infantry. At San Diego he will receive five additional companies. Major Lovell, 10th Infantry, Major Flint, Sixteenth Infantry and Brevet Maj.

Andrews third artillery. I have placed on duty with Col. Seawell's command. The last steamer from Oregon brought down two companies of the Ninth Infantry and on the steamer now due I expect five more.

companies of the same regiment. They will all go east on the steamer of the 1st December. The companies from Forts Dalles, Walla Walla and Colville may be looked for by the 10th of December. Lieut Mullan has 100 good men of the Ninth Infantry as escort to the Walla Walla and Fort Benton wagon road expedition.

An order was sent early in October for these men to join their companies since which we have heard nothing from him. The last general order I received from your office was No 89 of Oct 11th, a single copy.

I have not yet received the Revised Army Regulations. I would suggest that in sending out books and large packages the ocean route be used.

Quiet pervades the Pacific Slope.

G. Wright

Brig. Gen. U.S. Army, commanding.

Headquarters Dept of the Pacific, S.F. Nov 22, 1861

His Excellency J.W. Nye, governor of Nevada Territory, Carson City

Sir: I have received instructions from the headquarters of the Army to send a regiment of troops or more if I deem it necessary to protect the Overland Mail route. The command will be under Col. Carlton and will move as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. I am informed that it is next to an impossibility for troops and their supplies to cross the mts. at this time and my reason in addressing your excellency is to obtain reliable data as to practicability of the route and particularly as to condition of the Indians and the probability of their committing depredations on the stock of the mail company.

As soon as practicable I design to establish troops at Simpson's Park, Ruby Valley and Camp Floyd and in the meantime is it within your power to issue such provisions to the starving Indians along the route as may be necessary for their existence. I have an extra supply of provisions at Fort Churchill and although I am not authorized to issue to them in small quantities, yet I should not hesitate to sell it to the Indian dept under existing circumstances, even if the dept. should not be in funds, not doubting that such a course would be approved.

The Union loving people of this coast are vastly in the ascendant, their fiat has gone forth and no secession doctrine can flourish here I shall not assume a threatening attitude for the purpose of warning our enemies to refrain from unlawful acts but pursuing the even tenor of my way ever observant of impending events and ready at all times to enforce a due respect and observance of the Constitution and laws of our country; and without regard to personal consequences, feeling assured that I shall receive the cordial support of every true and loyal citizen on the Pacific Coast.

G. Wright

Brig. Gen U.S. Army Commanding Dept.

War of rebellion, Vol 1, Series L [Part I, p. 738] Lugenbeel

Headquarters, Dept. of the Pacific S.F. Cal Nov. 25, 1861

Lt. Col A. Cady

Seventh Infantry, commanding district of Oregon, Ft. Vancouver, Wash Terr.

Sir: The general commanding the department desires you to halt Major Lugenbeel's command at Fort Vancouver. For the present they will take post at that station.

Richard C. Drum, assistant adjut. gen.