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Fort Dalles, Fort Walla Walla

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Hdqrs. District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Was.h. Ter. Oct 1, 1864

Special Orders No. 125

1-Company E. First Oregon Cavalry, commanded by Captain G.B. Currey on reaching Fort Walla Walla will repair to Fort Dalles, Oreg.

Captain Currey will obtain at Fort Walla Walla such clothing for his men as they may need and which the quartermaster's department at that place can furnish.

By order of Brigadier General Alvord

J.W. Hopkins,

First Lieutenant, First Oregon Cavalry Act. asst. adjt.gen.

Winder (William A.)

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Headquarters District of California, Sacramento, Oct. 8, 1864

Lieut. Col. R. C. Drum

Asst. Adj. Gen. Hdqrs. Dept. of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: In compliance with your indorsement October 5, 1864 on the communication of Major-General Halleck August 11, 1864, and addressed to Major-General McDowell, commanding Department of the Pacific I have the honor to report that during all the period of Captain Winder's command of Alcatraz Island I had never a doubt of his reliability as a faithful officer. In the summer of 1862 there was considerable talk in the city of San Francisco in relation to Captain Winder, growing out of the fact, I apprehend, that the captain's father was p 1007

in the rebel army; and as I wished to increase the force on the island, I sent Captain Black with his company of the Ninth Infantry, as Captain Black ranked Captain Winder. I did this with a view of quieting the public mind. In all the communications I ever received from Captain Winder, as well as frequent conversation with him, I was fully convinced of his perfect reliability and loyalty to the Government. At the frequent inspections made of Alcatraz Island during his command I always found everything in the most satisfactory condition. His system of alarm signals to prevent surprise and general preparations to meet any emergency evinced a thorough knowledge of his duty and responsibility as commander of the most important defense of the harbor of San Francisco.

Very respectfully etc.

G. Wright

Brigadier General Commanding.

Fort Lapwai, Idaho Ter. Maj. Sewall ~~W~~ Truax. 1st Oregon
Cavalry Company F. 1st Washington Territory Company E.
Fort Dalles, Ore.

Col. Reuben F. Maury. 1st Oregon. Cavalry Company D. 1st
Washington Territory Company F.

Fort Colville, Wash. Ter. Major Calvin H. Rurill. 1st Washington
Territory, Companies B and C.

Fort Boise, Idaho Ter. Maj. Jacob S. Rinearson. 1st Washington
Territory Companies D and G.

District of Southern California

Lieut. Col. James P. Curtis

(In part only)

Fort Tejon. Capt. James H. Ropes. 2d California Cavalry Companies
D and G. En route: from district of California: 2d California
Company B. Capt. John C. Schmidt.

Olney

Recruiting: Bounty

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Executive Department, Salem, Oct. 20, 1864 Special Message : Senate and House of Representatives.

In message of Sept 14 I called attention to fact that most of the members of the First Regiment of Oregon Cavalry would be entitled to a discharge in a few months; troops to take their place are needed.

Alvord quotes: For the defense of the frontier against Indians it is necessary that the present military force in the District of Oregon should be maintained. I have been compelled to reduce Forts Coville and Lapwai to one company each, which is too small a force. The First Oregon Cavalry has performed in the last summer efficient and admirable service in that part of Oregon south of the Columbia River and east of the Cascade Mountains. Traversed in every direction by thousands of miners the last summer, the presence and activity of the troops have been of the utmost importance in protecting that region against the Snake Indians. (end Alvord)

It has been found that this small force has been inadequate, and in spite of it, depredations have been committed particularly on the road leading from The Dalles to Boise via Canyon City.

To induce the filling up of Captain Olney's company which was mustered into service for four months, the patriotic citizens of Dalles (p 1021) contributed City contributed ~~nothing~~ and largely from their private means. No well informed man can truthfully say that troops are not needed "in the upper country" to say nothing of the necessity of ~~having~~ having an adequate force to keep in check those who are disposed to bid defiance to the law and ~~disobeying~~ the authority of the Government. Heretofore but a small part of the quota due from Oregon has been called for. At least two regiments are due from this state.

I have this day called upon Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell, commanding Department of the Pacific, acting under authority of the War Department, for a regiment of infantry consisting of 1,000 men to be mustered into service for three years. None have been heretofore required to go east of the Rocky Mountains and none will be hereafter.

Volunteers or draft. Pay. I think we should give volunteers a liberal bounty

Suppose...avenues of trade closed up by Indian highwaymen east of the Cascade Mountains, property owners will be the greatest losers; suppose those who are in favor of a Pacific republic or desire to unite the fortunes of the Pacific Coast with the Southern Confederacy should, for want of troops, light the torch of the incendiary and inaugurate civil strife, the tax-payers will be among the first and greatest losers.

Every state has passed bounty laws., recommended, one third at time of enlistment, one third in eighteen months and balance at end of three years. recommend state bonds, of as low denomination at \$50 with coupons attached. A tax of one half mill on the dollar will in a few years redeem these bonds.

Addison C. Gibbs

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Recruiting plan:

Regiment will be known as First Infantry Oregon Volunteers. Field, staff and line officers commissioned by governor. State divided into districts, per number of persons in each district liable to do military duty. When furnished, there will be no draft under this call.

Each district will furnish one company. Commissions to officers, condition they recruit their own companies. From any rendezvous at some central point in each district.

Law provides payment of a bounty of \$150 in State interest bearing bonds, payable in gold to each volunteer, in addition to bounties authorized by U.S. (See Statutes 1863-64 p. 486) The wages of a soldier, in addition, are \$16 per month besides clothing, equipments, rations and allowances furnished by the United States (See Statutes 1863-p. 662.)

Organization: (regiment of infantry)

One colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 1 adjutant, 1 an extra lieutenant, 1 quartermaster (an extra lieutenant), 1 surgeon, 2 assistant surgeons, 1 chaplain, 1 sergeant-major, 1 regimental quartermaster-sergeant and 1 hospital steward. Ten companies form a regiment.

Company of infantry: 1 captain, 1 first lieutenant, 1 second, 1 first sergeant, 4 sergeants; 8 corporals, 2 musicians, 1 wagoner, 64 privates, minimum and 82 privates maximum, besides the non-commissioned officers. Musicians may be enlisted in each company, who will be rated and paid as privates.

--Scale of payments set up

to pay, sum of \$200,000 appropriated as the soldier's bounty fund.
\$100,000 bonds, interest at rate of 7 per cent per annum

(Approved October 24, 1864)

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Recruiting. Army Strength. Pay. etc. (Oregon)

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Proclamation State of Oregon, Executive Department,
Oct. 24, 1864

Whereas I have received a requisition from Maj.^Gen. Irvin McDowell commanding the Department of the Pacific, acting under authority of p 1023

the War Department, for one regiment of infantry, in addition to the volunteers now in the service of the United States, to aid in the enforcement of the laws, suppress insurrection and invasion and to chastise hostile Indians in this military district:

Now, therefore I, Addison C. Gibbs, governor of the State of Oregon and commander in chief of the militia thereof, do hereby call upon the citizens of this state to organize themselves into companies sufficient to fill the foregoing requisition.

In witness ..etc. seal. Done at Salem this 24th day of Oct.,
A.D. 1864, Addison C. Gibbs, governor of Oregon

Samuel E. E May

Secretary of State

The following is hereby promulgated: The plan of recruiting and organizing the above force will be as follows until further notice:

Recruiting: The regiment will be known as the First Infantry Oregon Volunteers. The field staff and line officers will be commissioned by the Governor. The State will be divided into districts according to the number of persons in each district liable to do military duty. When such district has furnished its quota of men there will be no draft in the same under this call. Each district will furnish one company. Commissions will be issued by the

the Governor to company officers, conditioned that they shall recruit their respective companies and be ready to be mustered into the service within a time hereafter to be named. A company rendezvous will be established at some central point in each district and if practicable all recruits will be retained there until the company is filled and ready to be mustered into the service. The state has provided by law for the payment of a bounty of \$150 in State interest bearing bonds, payable in gold, to each volunteer mustered into the service in addition to the bounties authorized to be paid by the United States (See Statutes 1863-64 p.486) The wages of a soldier in addition are \$16 ;per month ,besides clothing, equipments, rations and allowances, furnished by the United States (See Statutes 1863 p. 662.

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The proper organization and strength of a regiment of infantry is as follows: One colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel; 1 major, 1 adjutant (an extra lieutenant) 1 quartermaster (an extra lieutenant) 1 surgeon, 2 assistant surgeons, 1 chaplain, 1 sergeant major, 1 regimental quartermaster-sergeant and 1 hospital steward.

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commissioned officers. Musicians may be enlisted in each company who will be rated and paid as privates.

emigration, expansion, exploration

Headquarters, District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 25, 1864
General Orders No. 22

The arduous services of the troops during the past season deserve the notice and commendation of the commanding general.

In the field since early spring, (p 1032

Troops under Colonel Maury, Captains Murray, Caldwell, Drake and Barry and Lieutenants Hobart, Wymire and West have all done good service,--sometimes in conflict with the Snake Indians.

Southeastern Oregon is no longer an unknown region. From the Columbia River to ^{the} Nevada and California line the whole country has been thoroughly traversed. From each temporary depot scouting parties were sent to every point of the compass. Some of the troops have traveled this season more than 2,000 miles.

During the summers of 1862 and 1863 these troops made honorable and important campaigns into the Indian country, and upon the emigrant road. If on this occasion they had had no Indian wars, they had the satisfaction by their presence of preventing them.

It is fitting that the closing services of the greater portion of the First Oregon Cavalry have been devoted to the exploration and development of a part of Oregon heretofore marked on our maps as "unexplored," but which can no longer receive that designation.

The regiment was raised three years ago in the fervor of the Union sentiment of the ~~South~~ State and many rushed to the standard to show their readiness to put down any possible scheme of secession on this coast.

The country deplores the death of Second Lieut Stephen Watson, First Oregon ~~Cavalry~~ Cavalry, killed in the fight of the 18th of May, and of other gallant men who fell with him. ..they died in the defense of a suffering frontier, which will cherish the memory of their generous and patriotic services. J.W. Hopkins, by order of Brig Gen D. Alvord;

Secession, voting

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Fort Vancouver, "ash ter, Oct 27, 1864

Capt. H.C. Small, First Oregon Cavalry, Commanding Camp Watson, Oreg.

If this reaches you in time before the election of Tuesday the 8th of next month you will proceed in command of two-thirds of your company to Canyon City, to be there on election day. The object of your repairing there is to aid the civil authority in the suppressing of violence on that day.

It is alleged that if votes are challenged on that day certain evil-disposed persons threaten to refuse to submit to the challenge and to resist it by arms.

The legal right to challenge is indisputable, and the subversion of the right by armed men can not be tolerated. You will not, however, use the military force except in subordination to the civil authority, and if any firing on a mob occurs, ~~let~~ let it be from the express ~~puddd~~ requisition of the civil officer.

I need not say that you will not permit any interference by the military (to use the words of dept General Orders No. 38, of the 25th of July last) "to influence much less control or restrain any one in the full and free exercise of his ~~v000~~ right to vote for whomsoever he pleases." If your own men are entitled to vote, let them go without arms to the polls, if p 1034

you can spare them from the ranks for that purpose.. Ben J. Alford.

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Snakes. Harney. Warner's. Goose Lake. Currey

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Fort Dalles, Oreg., November 7, 1864

Brigadier-General Alvord

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter.

Sir: Your letter making inquiries as to the propriety of locating a camp at or near Goose Lake for operations against the Snake Indians reached me at Camp No. 104 at Birch Creek. I would have replied sooner, but have been marching every day but the one I remained at p. 1050

Walla Walla. I am of the opinion Goose Lake is too far west. Warner's Lake, some two-days march east of Goose Lake, in my judgment is a much more preferable place. As soon as I get my journal copied I will send it, accompanied with a rough map of that region and a letter more fully going into the details and reasons for making a camp at or near Lake Warner. I arrived here yesterday afternoon and last night had a short conversation with Indian Agent Logan, from whom I learned the character of the country on the headwaters of the Des Chutes. As I will probably remain in the service until the 20th of March coming and as I have no taste for garrison duty, I would take it as a great personal favor if I can be sent to the mountains. I am well convinced that with the knowledge I gained of the Snake Indian country during the summer, that with about fifty men and a month's provisions starting from Captain Smith's winter camp, I can find and whip the Indians. I would propose to start about the 1st of February, push with forced marches by night to the south side of Harney Lake and from thence scout around Steens Mountain and the lakes around it. They will be forced to winter in that vicinity, and to find them in their winter camp is equivalent to destroying them. I would

promise to go light--hard bread, bacon, coffee and sugar and trust to luck for the rest. I am willing to risk my reputation and life on the success of the move. It chafes me most intolerably to lie in winter quarters, feeling as I do a keen thirst for vengeance on the murderous heathens who have run unwhipped so long. I feel that the safety of the people and the honor of the Army imperatively demand the speedy punishment of the Snakes and for that end I am most anxiously willing to make a winter dash after them. Eight days' (nights') march from Captain Small's camp will bring a cavalry troop to Steen's Mountain.

Hoping my request will not be looked on in the light of presumption, I have the honor to remain, your obedient servant

Geo. B. Currey

Captain, First Oregon cavalry.

Secessionists (secret organizations)

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Portland, Nov 8, 1864 4 p m to Maj. Gen Irvin McDowell

..letter Gov. A.C. Gibbs: Sir, things have transpired in the last few days which make it necessary as a duty to write you. I am no alarmist but I know of my own knowledge that there are 4,644 men that are sworn to make civil war against the loyal men of this state within ten days from this date if they can find any excuse. If not they will oppose the draft.. Frank Cooper.

... that there is a secret organization in this State I have no doubt, composed of men who call themselves Democrats..

..I fear that in some instances there may be trouble with immigrants who propose to vote, though our constitution requires six months residence in the state....

A.C. Gibbs

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election. politics war debts

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Sacramento, Cal. Nov. 13, 1864

His Excellency A. Lincoln, President of the United States

California sends greetings. Your majority between 20,000 and 30,000. Our three members of Congress are elected by large majorities.

F.F. Low, governor.

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Walla Walla Precinct, Umatilla County Oreg. Nov. 9, 1864

I was one of the clerks at this election, Mr. Edwards the other.

Lord was judge. The two above mentioned and myself are Union men ..

the other two judges, W.M. Moore and Mr. Chesher are Democrats.

Election went ok until I challenged an emigrant's vote; this set the Democrats in an uproar.. one of them got saucy and disputed my word..

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Some outsiders attempted to burst down the doors at the front while a lot of ruffians rushed in at the back door for the purpose of assassinating me; luckily I was in a corner of the room and as life threatened and armed etc.. cooled off.

The man I challenged voted although I did not withdraw the challenge. The two Democratic judges let him vote anyhow without being qualified.

I challenged another, and no attention.. I challenged no more but attended my part as clerk and watched.. and sir, they even let emigrants vote who were moving by in wagons over to Washington Territory.

..working a road over the Blue Mountains on the head of the Umatilla.

Now they have established polls up there for the purpose of election and Mr. Craig told me to say to you that there are not over six or eight legal voters there.. and not one of them was not a citizen of Oreg.

Our country is filled up with a set of emigrant bushwhackers some of them brag of it; they with others hurrahed at the polls for Jeff Davis

If a draft comes t~~he~~ here these fellows have it already made up to fight..

...this year's emigration has added nothing to the virtues of Democracy...

Thos. K. McCoy

Fort Vancouver, Nov 19, 1864-

Alvord to Dept of Pacific

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..the secret clubs exist in every part of Oregon and the adjoining territories, and I believe that they are bound by treasonable oaths. The excuse for an outbreak was to have been the reelection of Mr. Lincoln. The next was to have been to resist the draft or military arrests. I am happy to say that Oregon has gone 1,400 majority for Mr. Lincoln

..the apprehension has been that if there should be an outbreak in Illinois and Indians there would be one here

)military service ramifications

Yakima Indian war of 1855-56 when Governor Curry of Oregon territory called out two regiments, not mustered into the service of the United States (Oregon then a territory) The imbroglio with General Wool followed. The Oregon war debt assumed by the U.S. footing up some millions was the sequel. Repudiation of half the cost of supplies actually furnished was another sequel. Finally it has naturally bred great timidity in furnishing any supplies, especially on a call from a governor...

Secessionists

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~~Headquarters~~ U.S. Consulate, Victoria, Vancouver Island, November 18,
1864

Major General McDowell

Commandant Pacific Division, United States

Sir: I beg to apprise you that a large number of Southerners (rebels) are congregating here from British Columbia and Idaho Territory. Their headquarters are in the Confederate saloon in this city. They held a meeting last night. What they did or design doing I cannot say but it is intimated this morning that ~~that~~ they are plotting to get a vessel. We have nothing on this part of the coast to intimidate them in any of their schemes. Governor Kennedy will do all in his power to prevent them from fitting out any vessel on this island.

etc. Allen Francis, U.S. Consul

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Yakima Indian War. (except reference)

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Headquarters District of ~~Oregon~~ Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Nov. 191864

Lieut. Col. R. C. Drum

Asst. Adt. Gen. Dept. of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

Colonel: I sent to you a telegram on the 9th instant saying, "In case of insurrection can I call the militia into the service of the United States p. 1062 for nine months?" Your reply of the 11th (10th) has been received saying; "The general commanding cannot see any case where your proposed action may be necessary, as suggested in your telegram of yesterday."

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..I have said that Governor Gibbs wishes the State troops in any emergency used on the call of the United States. In conversing on that subject the other day he especially dwelt on his desire to avoid the position once occupied by Oregon when a Territory. He referred to the Yakima Indian war of 1855 and 1856 when Governor Curry of Oregon Territory called out two regiments not mustered into the service of the United States. The imbroglio with General Wool followed, which General McDowell will remember. The Oregon war debt assumed by the United States (footing up some millions) was the sequel. Repudiations of half the cost of supplies actually furnished was another sequel. Finally, it has naturally bred great timidity in furnishing any supplies, especially on the call of a governor....

Benjamin Alvord

Brigadier General U.S. Volunteers, Commanding District.

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Snakes. Po-li-ni Warm Springs

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Headquarters District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, W.T., Nov. 21, 1864

Lieut. J. Halloran

First Washington Territory Infantry

Commanding Warm Springs Reservation

(Through Commanding Officer Fort Dalles, Oreg.)

Sir: I am directed by the general commanding the district to inform you that information has been received from the commanding officer at Fort Klamath to the effect that Po-li-ni the war chief of the Snake Indians has given himself up at that post and desires peace.

The general directs that you inform the Indians at Warm Springs through their agent of the fact, so that all aggressive warfare on their part may cease.

Very respectfully etc.

W. I. Sanborn

Second Lieutenant, First Washington Territory Infantry

Acting Assistant Adjutant General

Indian abuses Po-li-ni (Snake Indians)

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Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter.

November 21, 1864

Lieut J. Halloran, First Washington Territory Infantry, Commanding
Warm Springs Reservation through commanding officer, Fort Dalles

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W. I. Sanborn, Second Lt. First Wash
Territory Infantry, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

Indian abuses

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General Orders 53 Headquarters Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, November 23, 1864

It has come to the notice of the major-general commanding that officers in this department have assumed to act in a summary manner in reference to Indians charged with crimes, and there are cases where they have even had Indians executed by troops. This is against all law, is in no way to be justified, and will not be sanctioned. As His Excellency the Governor of California correctly states, "Indians are amenable to the civil law equally with the whites and should be tried for offenses committed and punished accordingly."

Hereafter no ~~ind~~ officer or soldier will execute or aid in executing any Indian prisoners on any pretext whatever. If an Indian commit any crime the military may hold him under guard until the civil authority can take charge of him.

by command of Major-General McDowell

R.C. Drum, assistant adjutant
general