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David Perry Collection

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Biographical Note

David Perry was born on June 11, 1841 in Connecticut. He served in the Army in both the Civil War and American Indian Wars. Over the course of his military career, Perry served in the 2nd Infantry and the 1st, 6th, 9th and 10th Cavalry Divisions. During the American Indian Wars, Perry was an officer in both the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Divisions, both all-African American regiments with white officers.

During the Nez Perce Campaign of 1877, Perry's conduct was called into question for his actions at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877. The Court of Inquiry exonerated Perry on all charges.

Perry retired from the Army on July 5, 1898 due to health complications. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on the retired list on April 23, 1904. Perry died on May 18, 1908 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The David Perry Collection contains correspondence, general and special orders, and telegrams relating to his service in the Army with the bulk relating to various campaigns during the American Indian Wars. Specific campaigns included in the collection are the Modoc War and the Nez Perce Campaign. The collection also included materials relating the Perry's retirement from the military in 1898. The bulk of the materials date between 1862-1908, with some later correspondence regarding research on Perry dating from 1975-1976. The collection also contains photographs of Perry and Fort Custer as well as artifacts, including various cavalry uniform accoutrements. The artifacts are from his service in both the Civil War and the American Indian Wars. Photographs and artifacts are separated out.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order. PMML staff have organized the collection based on subject.

Series One: General Military Service, 1862-1904, u.d.

This series contains correspondence, including promotion letters and loose envelopes, relating to David Perry's general military service. A related poem or song is also included. The materials date from 1862-1904 with some undated materials. The series is arranged by material type and chronologically there within.

Series Two: American Indian Wars, 1868-1891, u.d.

This series contains correspondence and telegrams that relate to David Perry's service during the American Indian Wars. The materials date from 1868 - 1891 with some undated materials. The series is arranged by material type and chronologically there within.

Series Three: Modoc War, 1890-1895, u.d.

This series contains correspondence and a written report that relate to David Perry's service during the Modoc War in the American Indian Wars. The materials date from 1890-1895 and 19[??]. The series is arranged by material type and chronologically there within.

Series Four: Nez Perce Campaign, 1877-1907, u.d.

This series contains correspondence and general and special orders relating to David Perry's service during the Nez Perce Campaign during the American Indian Wars. The

materials date from 1877-1907 with some undated materials. The series is arranged by material type and chronologically there within.

Series Five: Military Retirement, 1898

This series contains correspondence, general and special orders, and telegrams relating the David Perry's retirement from the military in 1898. The series is arranged by material type and chronologically there within.

Series Six: Photocopies of David P. Perrine's Research on David Perry, 1822-1976, u.d.

This series contains photocopies of the letters, telegrams, orders, etc. for the research purposes of David P. Perrine, includes correspondence with Richard Perry, David Perry, and Parker Perry. All photocopies of originals present in the collection were removed leaving only photocopies of materials not present in the collection and original correspondence regarding the research. Materials date from 1882-1976 with some undated materials. Arranged with correspondence establishing research at the beginning with photocopies following in chronological order.

Series Seven: Stamps, 1893-1949, u.d.

This series contains 62 stamps of various colors, sizes, and postage value ranging from 1/2 to 30 cents. The stamps date from 1898-1949. Arranged by postage value.

Series Eight: Oversized Materials – Correspondence, 1877-1882, u.d.

This series contains all oversized correspondence relating to David Perry's military service, with most relating to the American Indian Wars. The materials date from 1877-1882 with some undated materials. The series is arranged chronologically.

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Separations

| Item ID | Call Number | Description | Location |
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| Photographs | | | |
| 800410164 | PHOTO 05550 | Undated photograph: "Headquarters, Gen. David Perry, Fort Custer" | Photo Collection Box 35 |
| 800410165 | PHOTO 05551 | Undated photograph of David Perry: "C. Parker, Newark N.J." on printed front, "Cousin Dave" written on back | Photo Collection Box 35 |
| 800410166 | PHOTO 05552 | Undated photograph of David Perry in uniform: "Davis & Sanford" written on front, "Order Duplicates by this no. and letter: 21404-B, Davis and Sanford, Artist-Photographers, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York, USA, Miniatures on Ivory and Porcelain, Pastels, Fine Fold and Metal Frames, in all sizes ready for immediate delivery, the largest and finest assortment in New York" printed on the back | Photo Collection Box 35 |
| Artifacts | | | |
| 800410167 | | Metal and canvas small trunk/box | |
| 800410168 | | 9th Cavalry 1881 Officer's Dress Helmet (in separate pieces - helmet, metal spire with yellow dyed horse-hair plume, decorative metal base/helmet plate [sits where spire attaches to helmet]) | |
| 800410169 | | Gold dress uniform cords, tassels and waffles | |
| 800410169 | | Scrap of Gold dress uniform cords (also item # 800410169) | |
| 800410170 | | Set of 2 10th Cavalry shoulder knots for dress uniform | |
| 800410171 | | US Army 10th Cavalry (McClellan style) Kepi Cap with braided strap and cavalry buttons | |
| 800410171 | | 2 scrap pieces of elastic strap from 10th Cavalry cap (also item # 800410171) | |

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| 800410172 | US Army 2nd Infantry (McDowell style) forage cap with infantry buttons |
| 800410172 | 2 scrap pieces of leather strap from 2nd Infantry cap (also item # 800410172) |
| 800410173 | Sabre belt swivel hanger snap |
| 800410174 | Belt buckle with eagle and "E Pluribus Unum" on banner (might be pattern 1851 Mounted Saber Belt buckle) |
| 800410175 | Belt buckle with Imperial Russian coat of arms |
| 800410176 | Cavalry Officer's gold embroidery and leather dress sabre belt with gold eagle buckle |
| 800410177 | Leather waist belt with gold eagle buckle and small carbine box |
| 800410178 | Leather strap (potentially goes with Leather Waist Belt Item # 800410177) |
| 800410179 | Leather sabre belt hanger strap with swivel hanger snap (potentially goes with Leather Waist Belt Item # 800410177) |
| 800410180 | Leather sabre belt hanger strap (potentially goes with Leather Waist Belt Item # 800410177) |
| 800410181 | 3-piece wooden tent pole (in separate pieces) |
| 800410182 | Bore brush |
| 800410183 | Round bore brush (potentially damaged) |
| 800410184 | Gold cap |
| 800410185 | 2 scrap pieces of brown leather |

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Perry, David, 1841-1908

Brady, Cyrus Townsend, 1861-1920

Howard, O. O. (Oliver Otis), 1830-1909

Joseph (Nez Perce Chief), 1840-1904

Subjects

United States. Army

Cavalry

Indians of North America -- Wars -- 1866-1895.

Modoc War, 1872-1873.

Nez Perce Indians -- Wars, 1877.

White Bird Canyon, Battle of, Idaho, 1877

Container List

| Box | Folder | Item ID # | Title | Dates |
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| | | | Series One: General Military Service | 1862-1904, u.d. |
| 1 | 1 | | Correspondence | 1885-1904 |
| | | 800410001 | Letter to (?) From Cach (?) B. Byrn: certifying that house that Capt. David Perry lived in while stationed at Camp Warner, Oregon was totally destroyed by fire in January 1873, house comprised of 2 quarters and fire originated on his (not Perry's) side of the house from a defect in the chimney, shortly before the fire Perry was wounded while on duty around Jan 16th and his wife left to meet him quickly leaving household goods and clothing behind, not sure of the amount of property was lost or destroyed | 5/29/1885 |
| | | 800410002 | Letter from Moses J. Kelley, Chaplain U.S. Army retired: certifying that he was Post Chaplain stationed at Camp Warner, Oregon during the winter of 1872-1873, remembers the fire that occurred in January 1873 in the building that housed David Perry's quarters, Perry was wounded and at Fort Klamath (?) and his wife left camp to join her husband, she left about all of their household goods, fire did not originate in his quarters , disaster | 6/12/1885 |

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| | could not be attributed to David Perry or his wife, not sure of the amount of his loss | |
| 800410003 | Letter to David Perry From O. Blituey (?): mostly illegible letter regarding some form of recommendation | 6/3/1890 |
| 800410004 | Letter from: Major and Surgeon, U.S.A. W. (?) Matthews: stating that Major David Perry was in the care of Major Matthews during August 2-October 2, 1890 with intermittent fever, catanhat (?) gastritis, and renal calculus. Hospital records also show that he was previously on sick-report from January 1-16, 1890 with renal calculus | 1/3/1891 |
| 800410005 | Letter to Lt. Col. David Perry from Lt. Col. Mil. Secty. (?). P. Sawyer (?): Lieutenant General Commanding the Army passes along great gratification of his visit to Fort Custer - troops in high state of efficiency and readiness for active service, performance of duties prescribed by the Regulations on occasions of ceremony was worth of the highest commendation | 6/11/1895 |
| 800410006 | 3rd Endorsement, Headquarters Department of the Platte, From Assistant Adjutant General (Sgd.) Theo. Schwan: during a recent inspection, Department Commander found Colonel Perry's command throughout in excellent condition and regards the Colonel as a valuable officer and regimental commander. Handwritten note at the bottom: found this in today's mail with the above statement, rest of note and signature illegible | 9/10/1897 |
| 800410007 | Letter to Brigadier General David Perry, retired, from Quartermaster General US Army, C (?) Humphrey (?): responding to request that a burial plot in the old part of Arlington, Va. National Cemetery be assigned, Plot "B", Lot No. 105 Western Division in officer's section has been assigned, includes details about burial of wife of officer if desired and reinternment of child | 10/22/1904 |

buried in Jefferson Barracks, Mo. National Cemetery

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| 1 | 2 | Military Rank Promotion Letters | 1862-1896 |
| | 800410008 | To Second Lieutenant David Perry from Julius P. Garesché, Adjutant General: letter of David Perry's commission of Second Lieutenant in the First Calvary | 3/31/1862 |
| | 800410009 | To First Lieutenant David Perry from Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War: letter to inform Perry the President has promoted him to First Lieutenant in the First Calvary, Company D | 9/11/1862 |
| | 800410010 | To First Lieutenant David Perry from Jas A Hardie[?], Assistant Adjutant General: letter of David Perry's commission of First Lieutenant | 7/27/1863 |
| | 800410011 | To Colonel David Perry from N.P. Hall[?], Assistant Adjutant General: letter of David Perry's commission of Colonel of Calvary | 12/30/1896 |
| 1 | 3 | Poem/Song | u.d. |
| | 800410012 | "Perry's Surrender" | u.d. |
| 1 | 4 | Loose Envelopes | 1888-1904, u.d. |
| | 800410013 | Envelope addressed to Major David Perry, "Orders placing and relieving me from command of scouting operations" written on back in what appears to be Perry's handwriting | March 1888 |
| | 800410014 | Addressed to Brig. Gen. David Perry from War Department, Office of the Quartermaster General with inscription "Gen. Crook's letter is in the envelope" with note attached with the same inscription | 10/24/1904 |
| | 800410015 | Addressed to General David Perry from Cyrus Townsend Brady | 2/26/[????] |
| | 800410016 | Addressed to Col. Perry or other Officer, First Cavalry | u.d. |

- 800410017 Address to Col. David Perry with inscription written on front "Core (?) of party going thoo (?) with ammunition (?) to [illegible] u.d.
- 800410018 Addressed to General O. O. Howard, Comdg. Department in the field, "O.B." written where return address should be u.d.

Series Two: American Indian Wars

**1868-1891,
u.d.**

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Correspondence

**1868-1891,
u.d.**

- 800410019 Letter to Assistant Adjutant General from Lieutenant Colonel George Brook : letter about learning of new orders for company movements and his requests of movement changes, a new captain coming in would outrank Captain David Perry, praises of Captain David Perry and his work in the Indian Campaign, and how to move companies without moving Captain David Perry 3/27/1868
- 800410020 Letter to Captain David Perry from Lieutenant Colonel W.L. Elliott: letter about reading a official report that Perry wrote about an occurrence in Malheur County, how prominent the report will be in the annual summary, and wishing Perry the best with his military service and his work 4/23/1868
- 800410021 Official Military Correspondence: "Compliments of O. Bliuey (?), Msg (?)", Appendix C, Headquarters Scouting Operations, To Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Arizona From Major David Perry, May 16, 1882: report of operations of troops under Perry's command during the late Chiricahua raid and outbreak on San Carlos Indian Reservation (pages 1-7); Appendix, Fort Huachuca, A.T., To Major David Perry From Captain T. C. Tupper, May 8, 1882: detailing his account and actions with hostile Indians in the Chiricahua May 16, 1882; May 8, 1882; April 23, 1882; April 28, [1882?]; May 2, 1882;

mountains during April 21-28, the following appendices A-D relate to his account; Appendix A, Whipple Barracks, To C. O. Scouting Operations, Wilcox From Haskell, A. D. C., April 23, 1882: General believes one of the best officers could be of great service in making examination of the railroad line for hostiles crossing it, open communication with Col. Bean, Supt. at Tucson and have men on hand cars out with his track patrol (page 12-13); Appendix B, Headquarters Scouting Operations, To Capt. T. C. Tupper, from Major David Perry, April 23, 1882: extract of telegram from Department Headquarters regarding establishing camp at San Simon station on Southern Pacific Railroad (page 13); Appendix C, Camp on East Side Animas Mts., To Col. Perry, From Captain Comd'g Tupper, April 28: jumped a large force of Indians, details of Indians killed and stock captured, details of their casualties, will proceed with General Forsyth by his directions, detailed report to follow (page 13-14); Appendix D, Cloverdale, To Col. Perry From Captain Tupper, May 2, 1882: Indians fought on the 28th were routed and large portion annihilated by Colonel Garcia's regiment of Mexicans, Arizona troops dismissed by Col. Forsyth with details of where Tupper has directed them, includes list of killed and wounded in engagement with hostile Apaches on April 28, 1882 (page 14)

800410022 Letter to Assistant Adjutant General (?) Department of Arizona from David Perry, Major 6th Calvary: request to furnish copies of orders from the previous year ; (3/9/1883) Respectfully returned to David Perry from Headquarters Department of Arizona stating copies of requested orders (G.O. 5, 25; S.O. 31, 38, 85) are enclosed

3/2-9/1883

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| 800410023 | <p>To (?) From Late Major 6th Cavalry, Brig. Gen. Retired David Perry: Typed Report of Dr. Hardy U.S.A. who accompanied Perry's command, extract from the cons. Report of Med. Dept. for month February 1891, Handwritten letter from Perry (undated): about how the hardships of the march were forced by the Department Commander Gen. John R. Brooke to give the Burlington R.R. a slice of the transportation funds.</p> | Feb. 1891, u.d. | |
| 800410024 | <p>Letter from: A. McD. McCook Brigadier General, Commanding, Headquarters Department of Arizona: "Indorsement" on communication from the Inspector General of the Army concerning sales to enlisted men by the commissary department at Fort Apache, Arizona, forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army who after careful inspection of this post by the Department Commander in September states that affairs at Fort Apache are exceptionally well administered, Inspector General of the Department was not ordered to make this investigation</p> | 12/29- 30/1891 | |
| 800410025 | <p>Letter to Major David Perry from Brig. Gen. U.S.A. O. Miller (?): recommending Perry for honorable mention in connection with the Indian service during Apache hostilities in 1881-1882</p> | u.d. | |
| 1 | 6 | General and Special Orders | 1882 |
| 800410026 | <p>General Orders No. 5 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Major David Perry will assume charge of scouting operations in South-Eastern Arizona and make his field headquarters at Fort Bowie</p> | 1/20/1882 | |
| 800410027 | <p>Special Orders No. 31 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Authorization for Major David Perry to proceed to such points as duties render</p> | 2/27/1882 | |

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| 800410028 | Special Orders No. 38 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Relieving Major David Perry from duty at Fort Thomas and directing him to proceed to and assume command at Fort Huachuca | 3/15/1882 |
| 800410029 | Special Orders No. 85 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Major David Perry's order to transfer from Fort Thomas to Fort Huachuca is revoked and he will instead take station at Willox Station | 6/3/1882 |
| 800410030 | General Orders No. 25 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Major David Perry is relieved of command due to request for leave of absence, The Department Commander expresses appreciation of the ability and judgement displayed by Major Perry during the late Indian hostilities, Colonel Wm. R. Shafter to assume scouting operation in South-Eastern Arizona | 6/7/1882 |
| 800410031 | General Orders No. 25 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Major David Perry is relieved of command due to request for leave of absence, The Department Commander expresses appreciation of the ability and judgement displayed by Major Perry during the late Indian hostilities, Colonel Wm. R. Shafter to assume scouting operation in South-Eastern Arizona (duplicate of the previous item) | 6/7/1882 |
| 800410032 | General Orders No. 25 from Headquarters Department of Arizona: Major David Perry is relieved of command due to request for leave of absence, The Department Commander expresses appreciation of the ability and judgement displayed by Major Perry during the late Indian hostilities, Colonel Wm. R. Shafter to assume scouting operation in South-Eastern Arizona (duplicate of the previous item) | 6/7/1882 |

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| 1 | 7 | Telegrams | u.d. |
| | 800410033 | United States Telegraph to Col. Perry from Chas. C Clute: been forced to abandon the property at Ayer Camp, Capt. Madden never tried to find an Indian or sent scout to find trail, will explain further upon arrival | u.d. |
| | | Series Three: Modoc War | 1890-1895, 19[??] |
| 1 | 8 | Correspondence | 1890-1895 |
| | 800410034 | Letter to Major David Perry, From Assistant Adjutant General [illegible] Bush (?), Headquarters of the Army: request from the Major General Commanding the Army to furnish details of "gallant and meritorious conduct during the Modoc War to April 17, 1873" on the part of Lt. William H. Miller, 1st Cavalry, and to please forward copies of any written report covering any operations of your command in this campaign | 10/7/1890 |
| | 800410035 | Letter to Adjutant General, USA, Washington D.C. From David Perry: reply to letter asking for "gallant and meritorious conduct" on the part of Lt. William H. Miller and with written reports covering any operations under his command rendered by himself or received from those under him | 11/16/1890 |
| | 800410036 | Letter to Colonel from John Green: enclosed a copy of a letter mailed to Adj. General and hopes it is not too late for Perry to receive what is due, haven't seen the list but doesn't see how Perry's company could be left off and General Davis told him, they thought a great deal of Perry capturing Captain Jack, in good health and going on another Modoc campaign. Enclosed Letter to Adjutant General from John Green: arguing that injustice was done to Lt. Col. David Perry in the distribution of Brevet rank for gallant service in action during the Modoc War, states Perry was wounded at the head of his | 8/26/1895 |

troops, lead his troops gallantly in three day fight, and captured chief captain Jack, sure that Col. Jeff C. Davis Department Commander recommended him

1 9 **Reports** 19[??]

800410037 Written Report: "Recollections of the 'Modoc War' by Brig. Gen. David Perry (retired) late Capt. 1st Cav." that was enclosed in envelope with inscription "Important, Papers pertaining to the military record of General David Perry", portion of date on letter is torn 9/15/19[??]

Series Four: Nez Perce Campaign 1877-1907, u.d.

1 10 **Correspondence** 1877-1907, u.d.

800410038 Letter to Captain David Perry from O. O. Howard: anxious since they haven't heard word, rumors that they were ambushed and killed, Kamiah (?) people send messengers in great terror, expects reinforcements for two companies there today or early tomorrow, will forward supplies as soon as troops (?) arrive, be careful about traps, sections of letter are illegible 6/17/1877

800410039 Letter to Captain David Perry from Brigadier General O. O. Howard: letter about his messengers not getting through yet, expecting any moment to hear troops have arrived at [Senrslen?], waiting for replacements, and waiting to start the train as soon as they have escorts June (?) /18/1877

800410040 Letter to Colonel David Perry from O. O. Howard: Skirmish around Mch (?) Idaho, sent ammunition, Indians have got the abandoned whiskey cargo, Letter mostly illegible 6/18/1877

- 800410041 Letter to Colonel David Perry from Brigadier General O. O. Howard: will start traveling Friday and should be there Saturday, 300 strong will arrive shortly after, 3 of Joseph's men surrendered, sending Hospital Steward with medicine, has drawn all available troops in short time, sorry to hear people complain about him bitterly, murders would have broken out in Wallowa (?) if all his troops were there, no war was possible against Joseph was possible until he had done something wrong, asking to explain that to Mr. Brown 6/20/1877
- 800410042 Letter to General O. O. Howard from David Perry: Indians passed over the Prairie in front of his position, attacked a company of M'I (?) - Idaho volunteers within 2.5 miles of his camp, before he could send command in to assist succeeded in killing 2 and wounding 3, volunteers arrived after dark and sent them as escort for the wounded and have not yet returned, under the impression the Indians on his front were the warriors on a raid and scouts insist families are with them, scouts think Indians are in the vicinity of Clear Water River, at a complete loss of the intended movements of Joseph 7/7/1877
- 800410043 Letter to [David] Perry from O. O. Howard: told by staff that he did Perry a great injustice the other day, explained he misunderstood Perry's words, asks for forgiveness 7/16/1877
- 800410044 Letter to Captain David Perry from Brigadier General O. O. Howard: if there is no train to come, wait for Niter's (?) return with the horses, [illegible] as well as you can and then return to Capt. Curley's (?) place 8 miles this side of Graugerville (?), that place is better for position than Croesdale's (?), Cols. Weeks, Wood and Natkans (?) want an escort, Capt. Whipple's co better come with them, Perry and Niuter's (?) to delay as indicated. Sections of letter illegible. 7/22/1877

- 800410045 Letter to Commanding Officer Department of the Columbia, Fort Vancouver W. T. (?) from Lt. Col. A. A. General, J.C. Kelton (3/18/1879): asks to inform David Perry that the Division Commander has read with great satisfaction the Opinion of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Captain Perry, Headquarters Department of the Columbia, Fort Vancouver (3/17/1879): Official copy respectfully furnished Captain David Perry for his information by command of Brigadier General Harrod (?), (4/18/1879): copy of this communication has been placed on file with the records of the regiment by order of Lt. Col. Forsyth, Edward (?) Cuter (?) 3/17-18/1879, 4/18/1879
- 800410046 Letter to General Perry, from T. (?) Brady (?): returning an original manuscript. Enclosed: letter written by Perry about the Affair at Cottonwood 2/21/1907
- 800410047 Letter to Capt. David Perry, from O. O. Howard: gotten on the Indian Trails with volunteers, look out for raiders, ordered Whipple back to Cottonwood, Baffett (?) will meet him in Cottonwood, will press (?) on Joseph (?) who might stop and fight or [illegible] Salmon [illegible] Crossing of Snake Note to Col. Watkins at the end: comments in conjunction with above letter from the General u.d.
- 800410048 Letter in regard to his conduct on or about the July 5, 1877 in Cottonwood: states and that there are several reasons forbidding an attack upon the Indians whole crossing the plain with their herd. Letter cuts off mid-sentence on the back, appears to be missing continuing pages u.d.

800410049 David Perry's reply to Captain Whipple's Report on operations in and about Cottonwood: report written by Captains Whipple and Winters but chose to only address Whipple, addresses the two main points - the affair of July 5th when citizens under Capt. Randall were attacked by Indians and the wording in the report that the Department Commander should infer that Perry neglected his plain duty in allowing the Indians to pass into view of his position without making an effort to stop them u.d.

1 11 Correspondence with Cyrus Townsend Brady and requested documents relating to the "White Bird Fight" 1877-1904, u.d.

800410050 Envelope labeled "Report on White Bird Fight" with return address Cyrus Townsend Brady that all documents were enclosed in u.d.

800410051 Letter to Colonel David Perry from Cyrus Townsend Brady: Brady preparing series of books including discussion on the Nez Perce War, asking for assistance in writing a clear account of fighting against overwhelming force at White Bird Canyon, asking for sketch of topography of area with added information like positions of troops, civilian auxiliaries, and line of retreat, asking for copy of his report if possible, asking about battle of Cottonwood Ranch 10/5/1904

800410052 Letter to Colonel David Perry from Cyrus Townsend Brady: received the notes on Cottonwood and looking forward to notes on White Bird fight, expecting to publish in magazine first and then in book form, will probably ask for photos, asking details on lay of the canon 10/18/1904

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| 800410053 | Letter to Colonel David Perry from Cyrus Townsend Brady: received his account of the Battle of White Bird Canon and accompanying documents, will make copies and send back originals, completed the abbreviated article on the Nez Perce War, hoping he is good enough to be able to send his experience in the Modoc War and asking for papers and/or sketches or descriptions of battle scenes, will send copy of magazine as soon as its out | 11/15/1904 |
| 800410054 | Handwritten note: "Papers relating to Nez Perce War, Report of fight at White Bird Creek" | u.d. |
| 800410055 | Written account by David Perry: "The Fight with 'Joseph's' Bund (?), Nez Perce Indians at White Bird Creek, Idaho, June 17, 1877" | 6/17/1877 |
| 800410056 | General Orders No. 1 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chambers' opinion on Captain David Perry's conduct during the Nez-Perce campaign of 1877 | 2/5/1879 |
| 800410057 | Letter to Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Columbia from David Perry: demanding a Court of Inquiry in regard to written statements concerning his action and conduct while in command of U.S. forces at Cottonwood P.T. on July 5, 1877 | 7/29/1877 |
| 800410058 | Letter to Commanding Officer, Department of the Columbia from Lieut. Col. A. A. General J. C. (?) Kelton, March 8, 1879: Division Commander has read with great satisfaction the Opinion of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Captain Perry and begs that you inform Perry; March 17, 1879 (?) official copy furnished Captain David Perry for his information; March 8, 1879, Kelton, J. C., A. A. G.: Division Commander has read with great satisfaction the opinion of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Captain Perry; April 3, 1879: Respectfully transmitted to Captain David Perry by order of Captain David Perry | 3/8/1879; 3/17,/1879; 3/8/1879; 4/3/1879 |

800410059 Map: "Indian Trail from Table Land to Battle G (?), rough and narrow along a Hogback to Cottonwood Co (?) with notes u.d.

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General and Special Orders

1877-1879

800410060 Special Field Orders No. 19 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Captain Perry and Captain Page to escort pack train from Camp Theller to Fort Lapwai and meet U.S. Indian Agent J.B. Monteithand the Indian scouts. Then escort the same train on its return to Camp Theller. 6/28/1877

800410061 Special Field Orders No. 42 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Charges brought against Captain Perry by citizens of the Territory of Idaho will be investigated on September 3, 1877 7/31/1877

800410062 General Orders No. 23 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Colonel Alfred Sully's opinion of Captain David Perry's conduct at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877 11/30/1877

800410063 General Orders No. 23 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Colonel Alfred Sully's opinion of Captain David Perry's conduct at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877 (duplicate of previous item) 11/30/1877

800410064 General Orders No. 23 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Colonel Alfred Sully's opinion of Captain David Perry's conduct at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877 (duplicate of previous item) 11/30/1877

800410065 General Orders No. 23 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Colonel Alfred Sully's opinion of Captain David Perry's conduct at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877 (duplicate of previous item) 11/30/1877

800410066 General Orders No. 23 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Colonel Alfred Sully's opinion of Captain David Perry's 11/30/1877

conduct at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877 (duplicate of previous item)

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| 800410067 | General Orders No. 23 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Colonel Alfred Sully's opinion of Captain David Perry's conduct at Cottonwood, Idaho Territory on July 5, 1877 (duplicate of previous item) | 11/30/1877 |
| 800410068 | Special Orders No. 142 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Court of Inquiry to be held in Portland, Oregon on December 16, 1878 to investigate statements of Captain Perry's conduct during Nez-Perce Indian Campaign of 1877 | 11/27/1878 |
| 800410069 | Special Orders No. 142 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Court of Inquiry to be held in Portland, Oregon on December 16, 1878 to investigate statements of Captain Perry's conduct during Nez-Perce Indian Campaign of 1877 (duplicate of previous item) | 11/27/1878 |
| 800410070 | General Orders No. 1 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chamber's opinion of Captain Perry's conduct during Nez-Perce Indian Campaign of 1877 | 2/5/1879 |
| 800410071 | General Orders No. 1 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chamber's opinion of Captain Perry's conduct during Nez-Perce Indian Campaign of 1877 (duplicate of previous item, just missing signature of Aide-de-Camp)) | 2/5/1879 |
| 800410072 | General Orders No. 1 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia, Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chamber's opinion of Captain Perry's conduct during Nez-Perce Indian Campaign of 1877 (duplicate of previous 2 items, includes signature) | 2/5/1879 |

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| 800410073 | 10 copies of General Orders No. 1 from Headquarters Department of the Columbia: Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chambers' opinion on Captain David Perry's conduct during the Nez-Perce campaign of 1877 originally kept in envelope addressed to Captain David Perry, "Opinion of Court of Inquiry and Letter of Division Comdr" written in what appears to be Perry's handwriting on the front, "Nez Perce Papers" written on the back | 2/5/1879 |
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Series Five: Military Retirement

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Correspondence

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| 800410074 | Letter to Adjutant General, U.S.A., from David Perry: replying to telegram with instructions to surrender sick leave and report for duty or if unfit for duty apply for retirement - he is unfit for duty in any kind rendered by a disease contracted in the service and requests that he be ordered before the Army retiring board with the view of being placed on the retired list of the Army | 6/1/1898 |
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| 800410075 | Letter to Colonel David Perry, from War Department, Adjutant General's Office, [illegible] Corbin (?): transmit a copy of an order directing Perry to appear in person to Brig. Gen. (?) Royal T. Frank Yoolunteers (?), President of the Retiring Board convened at Governor's Island, New York City | 6/4/1898 |
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| 800410076 | Letter to Col. D. Perry, from Henry C. Corbin (?): sorry to hear that his continued ill health prevents him from returning to duty, place of examination hasn't been determined but he believes it will be Governor's Island, Department is reluctant to ask for retirement but understands | 6/4/1898 |
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800410077 Letter to Colonel David Perry, from War Department, Assistant Adjutant General, Co. (?) H. (?) Corbin (?): replying to his request and enclosing a copy of the findings of the Army retiring board from June 14, 1898 examination. Enclosed letter to Colonel David Perry: Finding of the Army retiring board from June 14, 1898 examination is Colonel David Perry is incapacitated for active service by reason of chronic pyelitis 7/5/1898

800410078 Letter from: [illegible signature] Major and Surgeon U.S.A.: letter certifying that Major David Perry was treated from November 1888 to July 1889 at Jefferson Barracks, MO. For renal calculi, chronic malarial poisoning, and suffered from repeated attacks of renal colic and from malarial fever, it is his opinion that as of July 2, 1898 Perry would not be able to perform military duty in a less period than 9 months without danger of permanent disability 11/15/1898

1 14 General and Special Orders 1898

800410079 Special Orders No. 131 from Headquarters of the Army: Colonel David Perry ordered to report to Brigadier General Royal T. Frank for examination by the Army retiring board 6/4/1898

800410080 Special Orders No. 156 from Headquarters of the Army: Colonel David Perry found by Army retiring board incapacitated for active service, due to disability incident 7/5/1898

1 15 Telegrams 1898

800410081 Telegram to Colonel David Perry from H.C. Corbin, Adjutant General: telegram about the lack of field officers in Perry's regiment and that the Secretary of War directs Perry to either surrender his leave of absence and join the regiment or if not able for duty, retire 5/31/1898

800410082 Telegram to Adjutant General from Colonel David Perry: telegram in reply from May 31, 1898, stating that he is unfit for duty and will have to retire 6/1/1898

800410083 Telegram to Colonel David Perry from Wm. H. Carter, Assistant Adjutant General: telegram about Perry's retirement due to disability and to proceed to his home 7/5/1898

1 16 **Series Six: Photocopies Relating to David P. Perrine's Research on David Perry** 1882-1976, u.d.

800410084 Letter to Parker Perry from David P. Perrine: conducting research on the life of General David Perry with the intent to publish an article, attempting to get in touch with descendants or close relatives to secure background information and photograph, brief outline of Perry's relatives, asking if he is related to Perry and if he has any materials regarding Perry and his military service 12/2/1975

800410085 Letter to Richard Perry from David P. Perrine: sending some items he has gathered during his research of David Perry, reasons for his research interest, includes some "raw data" regarding Perry, explains the photos enclosed, appreciates his offer to send xerox copies of the letters he has in his possession, asking for copies of any photos he might have as well as any additional related materials 12/16/1975

800410086 Photocopy of letter to Mr. Perry from David Perrine: advising that the David Perry packet arrived in good shape and with no damages, will look over it and return it by mail in the next week or two, has a copy of Brady's "Northwestern Fights and Fighters" which contains Perry's account of White Bird Canyon, mentions Perry appearing in the TV show "I Will Fight No More Forever", asking for any other photos of David Perry, thanking him for volunteering the materials 2/6/1976

800410087 Letter to David Perry from Uncle Richard: enclosing some "photostats" to keep him abreast with his correspondence with Mr. Perrine about cousin Dave 2/17/1976

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| 800410088 | Photocopy of letter from Jacob Ressique with copy of "Ancient Letter": note explaining that the typed copy of the letter is one of several letters and documents in the possession of Miss Ressique, the "Ancient Letter" is letter from February 27, 1793 written by Rev. David Perry (grandfather of Dr. Nehemiah Perry) who preached at St. Stephen's Church, typed verbatim of the original about the cost of his preaching, includes undated notes from David Perry (Great Grandson) at the bottom | 2/27/1793, u.d. |
| 800410089 | Photocopy of Army and Navy Journal: Perry mentioned in "Division and Department News" under the Department of Arizona which describes the hanging of three mutinous scouts at Fort Grant on March 3 | 3/11/1882 |
| 800410090 | Photocopy of letter to Col. David Perry from Winthrop H. Perry: brief [illegible] of the names and dates of his branch of the Perry family in his direct line | 3/18/1882 |
| 800410091 | Photocopy of Army and Navy Journal: obituary under "Recent Deaths" | 5/23/1908 |
| 800410092 | Photocopy of news clipping: "The undersigned expresses his appreciation of the prompt and judicious action, and the cordial co-operation and support of the Commanders of Posts and Camps" including Major Perry; "Also of the activity, energy, good conduct, and bravery in action of the Commanders of Scouts, etc., in the field" including Major Perry | u.d. |
| 800410093 | Photocopy of extracts from letters of Winthrop H. Perry sent with genealogy to Gen. David Perry: possible that Richard P the first of Fairfield was identical with Richard P. Secretary of the New Haven Colony, details about Joseph an ancestor from 3rd generation who obtained from the town (?) in 1705 a grant of the mill privilege on Mill River, some sections illegible | u.d. |

800410094 Photocopy of "The Red Men V (?) [illegible]: Major Boutelle (?) gave the story to [illegible] Winters (?) of fights, "Cousin Dave" was Captain, "Cousin Dave" told Boutelle (?) after the book came out that they were they only ones who would have given Winter (?) that story - it is properly (?) covered except as to chief Eghaut (?) and Sarah H (?) did not sneak off but were ordered by Gen. Crook himself to get back [illegible] information to persuade the others to come in. Letter is mostly illegible and photocopy very light in some areas. u.d.

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Series Seven: Stamps

**1893-1949,
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| 800410095 | Envelope addressed to David L. Perry which all the stamps were enclosed in | 9/10/1945 |
| 800410096 | Olive brown Series 1922-1925 Nathan Hale 1/2 cent stamp | c. 1922-1925 |
| 800410097 | Bright blue green 1940 Stephen Collins Foster 1 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410098 | Green 1938 Presidential Series George Washington 1 cent stamp | c. 1938 |
| 800410099 | Bright blue green 1940 Famous Americans Series - Scientists John James Audubon 1 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410100 | Bright blue green 1940 Famous Americans Series - Educators Horace Mann 1 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410101 | Green 1924 Huguenot-Walloon Commemorative 1 cent stamp | c. 1924 |
| 800410102 | Yellow green 1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition 1 cent stamp | c. 1898 |
| 800410103 | Blue 1893 Columbian Commemorative Columbus in Sight of Land 1 cent stamp | c. 1893 |
| 800410104 | Bright blue green 1943 Four Freedoms 1 cent stamp | c. 1943 |

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| 800410105 | Brown 1930 Harding stamp 1 1/2 cent stamp | c. 1930 |
| 800410106 | Round red George Washington 2 cent stamp | u.d. |
| 800410107 | Carmine rose 1930 General von Steuben 2 cent stamp | c. 1930 |
| 800410108 | Red 1931 General Casimir Pulaski 2 cent stamp | c. 1931 |
| 800410109 | Brown violet 1893 Columbia Commemorative Landing of Columbus 2 cent stamp | c. 1893 |
| 800410110 | Red 1926 Hamilton's Battery Battle of White Plains 2 cent stamp | c. 1926 |
| 800410111 | Rose carmine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Composers John Philip Sousa 2 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410112 | Carmine and black 1901 Pan-American Exposition Commemorative Empire State Express 2 cent stamp | c. 1901 |
| 800410113 | Rose carmine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Educators Mark Hopkins 2 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410114 | Rose carmine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Poets John Greenleaf Whittier 2 cent stamp | |
| 800410115 | Rose carmine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Scientists Crawford Williamson Long 2 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410116 | Rose carmine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Inventors Samuel Morse 2 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410117 | Red 1930 Seal of Massachusetts Bay Colony 2 cent stamp | c. 1930 |
| 800410118 | Carmine rose 1932 Washington Bicentennial 2 cent stamp | c. 1932 |
| 800410119 | Carmine Series 1926-1928 George Washington Type II 2 cent stamp | c. 1926-1928 |
| 800410120 | Red 1930 Carolina - Charleston Issue 2 cent stamp | c. 1930 |

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| 800410121 | Red 1928 International Civil Aeronautics Conference Wright Brothers Airplane 2 cent stamp | c. 1928 |
| 800410122 | Red 1929 George Rogers Clark 2 cent stamp | c. 1929 |
| 800410123 | Henna brown 1940 Pony Express Rider 3 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410124 | Violet 1942 Win the War 3 cent stamp | c. 1942 |
| 800410125 | Bright red violet 1940 Famous Americans Series - Scientists Luther Burbank 3 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410126 | Violet 1940 Coronado Expedition 3 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410127 | Violet 1934 National Parks Issue Mt. Rainier, Washington 3 cent stamp | c. 1934 |
| 800410128 | Bright violet 1937 Puerto Rico Territory 3 cent stamp | c. 1937 |
| 800410129 | Violet 1937 Constitution Sesquicentennial 3 cent stamp | c. 1937 |
| 800410130 | Violet 1919 Victory Issue Commemorative 3 cent stamp | c. 1919 |
| 800410131 | Violet 1936 Susan B. Anthony 3 cent stamp | c. 1936 |
| 800410132 | Bright red violet 1940 Famous Americans Series - Educators Charles William Eliot 3 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410133 | Bright red violet 1940 Famous Americans Series - Poets James Russell Lowell 3 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410134 | Light violet 1940 Pan-American Union 3 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410135 | Deep red violet 1939 Panama Canal 3 cent stamp | c. 1939 |
| 800410136 | Deep blue 1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary Issue Signing of the Compact 5 cent stamp | c. 1920 |
| 800410137 | Bright blue 1938 Presidential Series James Monroe 5 cent stamp | c. 1938 |

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| 800410138 | Ultramarine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Educators Frances Elizabeth Willard 5 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410139 | Ultramarine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Inventors Elias Howe 5 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410140 | Ultramarine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Composers Edward Alexander MacDowell 5 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410141 | Ultramarine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Scientists Walter Reed 5 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410142 | Ultramarine 1940 Famous Americans Series - Poets Walt Whitman 5 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410143 | Carmine 1949 DC-4 Skymaster 6 cent stamp | c. 1949 |
| 800410144 | Red orange 1938 Presidential Series John Q. Adams 6 cent stamp | c. 1938 |
| 800410145 | Sepia 1938 Presidential Series Andrew Jackson 7 cent stamp | c. 1938 |
| 800410146 | Olive green 1938 Presidential Series Martin Van Buren 8 cent stamp | c. 1938 |
| 800410147 | Rose 1922-1928 series Thomas Jefferson 9 cent stamp | c. 1922-1928 |
| 800410148 | Rose pink 1938 Presidential Series William Henry Harrison 9 cent stamp | c. 1938 |
| 800410149 | Brown red 1938 Presidential Series John Tyler 10 cent stamp | c. 1938 |
| 800410150 | Orange 1913 Panama-Pacific Exposition Commemorative 10 cent stamp | c. 1913 |
| 800410151 | Orange Series 1922-1925 Monroe 10 cent stamp | c. 1922-1925 |
| 800410152 | Dark brown 1940 Famous Americans Series - Inventors Alexander Graham Bell 10 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410153 | Dark brown 1940 Famous Americans Series - Poets James Whitcomb Riley 10 cent stamp | c. 1940 |
| 800410154 | Ultramarine 1938 Presidential Series James Polk 11 cent stamp | c. 1938 |

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| 800410155 | Brown violet Series 1922-1931 Grover Cleveland 12 cent stamp | c. 1922-1931 |
| 800410156 | Carmine rose 1922-1931 Golden Gate 20 cent stamp | c. 1922-1931 |
| 800410157 | Olive brown Series 1922-1931 Buffalo 30 cent stamp | c. 1922-1925 |
| 800410158 | Deep ultramarine 1938 Presidential Series Theodore Roosevelt 30 cent stamp | c. 1938 |

Series Eight: Oversized Materials - Correspondence

1877-1882, u.d.

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| 2 | 1 | 800410159 | Letter to Col. David Perry from Brigadier General Commander O.O. Howard: Captain Pollock has been ordered to report to Perry with two companies of infantry, a detachment of cavalry, and a mountain howitz, use force to keep the Indians from leaving but do not engage there at a disadvantage, commenting on the sad message he had to carry to Mrs. Theller (?) and asking him to secure the body if practicable | 6/18/1877 |
| 2 | 2 | 800410160 | Letter to A. A. General, Department of the Columbia from David Perry, Fort Lapwai J. I. (?): detailed report of operations of the Cavalry under Perry's command from the outreach of the hostilities with Nez Perce Indians, reporting events beginning on June 14, 1877 | 7/29/1877 |
| 2 | 3 | 800410161 | Letter to Col. Ja (?) W. Forsyth, Comdy. 1st Cav. From David Perry, Fort Walla Walla W. J., October 22, 1878: replying to the allegations and criticisms made against him by Captains Whipple, Trimble, and Winters including a discussion of a submitted detailed account of the White Bird Affair and how it differs from Captain Trimble's report and a discussion of the fight on the Clearwater from July 11th to 19th where he was criticized for not asking and obtaining an order to pursue the Indians | 10/22/1878 |

To A. A. General, Department of Arizona from D. Madden, Capt. 6th Cav., February 3, 1882, received by Department of Arizona February 7, 1882: lettering stating he enclosed a copy of statement submitted to him for the information of the Department Commander, gives reasons why the person who gave the statement is reliable but needs to stay anonymous unless absolutely necessary; written copy of statement on the back of the letter; statement from A. A.

General J. N. Benjamin (?) February 8, 1882: official copies were referred to the Commanding Officer who is directed by the Department Commander to investigate and report upon the alleged theft of horses and mules; enclosed: Copy of statement to A. A.

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General, Department of Arizona for information for Dept. Commdr., Camp Thomas (?), Feb. (?) 3, 1882, signed "a [illegible] copy, D. Madden (?), Capt. 10th (?) Cav.": a statement about Chief Boza or Bonito travelling to the reservation and being wounded, he stole some horses and mules, sent 10 Indians to San Carlos (?) to have a talk with his people at the Branch Agency where he has a brother Narice Mocho (?), the hostiles gave a pistol to a boy and told him to go tell Narice Mocho (?) that they were sent by his brother to have a talk with him, mother of the boy told him not to go to the camp of the hostiles, a couple of Indians were dispatched to Naran Spring (?) - Loco's Camp - to get those people's assistant whether voluntarily or by force

2/3/1882;
2/7/1882;
2/8/1882

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Letter from: R. F. Bernard (?): submitting from his own experience to the Cavalry Association Journal for their accounts of remarkable horseback riders showing unusual endurance of horse, he traveled 258 miles in 43 hours with about 39 of those hours on the road from a new camp they were setting up near old Fort Bascom (?) to

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Fort Union since they were running out of rations and did not want to abandon camp or move without orders, respectively referred to Major David Perry for corroboration