

Fort Kearney Oregon Post March 30th 1874
Mrs John Kimberley sir

I suppose from my long silence in not letting
you know where I am that you think that
I have forgotten my old fellow soldiers in
arms but I embrace this opportunity of banish-
ing that thought from your mind if you have
formed one of that kind.

Since I last saw you I have enlisted
in the Corps of Mounted Riflemen and
am at this time about 300 miles in the
Indian Territory from any white
settlement but there is any quantity
of Indians and Squaws at this post
at this time for there is a tribe of
about 3000 they are of the tribe of Pawnee
their dress is Buffalo Hides and ^{they} are
very ignorant and degraded we were
some of us at their camp last night
and looked around to see their manners
and customs there is any quantity
of Buffaloes in this Country we have
plenty of Buffalo meat to eat this
winter we frequently see herds of from
200 to 500 in a flock I do not expect
that that we will remain here more
than about one month more

we have marching orders for Oregon to
start on the 15th day of May which I think
will be effected I cannot write as much
as I would like for the Mail is expected to
start in a short time at present I cannot
give you a description of the Country
you must give my respects to Charles
Gettler and tell him that he may look
for a letter by the next mail from this
Post which will be in about 2 weeks I
want you my old friend to send me some
News Papers for it is as hard to get news
here as it is in Mexico I must come
to a close as I cannot get my letter in
the mail write soon and let me know
how you and all of my old friends
are and believe me your sincere
friend and well wisher

Chas Morris

N. B. Direct your letters to Fort Kearney
Hearney Oregon Post Indian Territory
C. O. Mounted Riflemen

Chas Morris Kimberly

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