

CW/VFM-25: *Albanus Fisher*

Correspondence—2 letters from Albanus S. Fisher, orderly sergeant of the 54th Massachusetts (a black regiment). One addressed to Capt. George Pope from Morris Island and dated 31 July 1863. The other addressed to a lady of Brookline, Massachusetts who sent a pair of socks and a note, thanking her for her gift, dated 14 March 1864 from Jacksonville, FL.

A letter from John W. Sullivan describing the above letters and forwarding them to Charles Sumner. 31 May 1864.

Included are several typewritten transcriptions of each as well as Xeroxed copies

A photocopy of a project on historic transcription by Justin A. Shaw (a Gettysburg College student) and dated 3/4/93 for Professor Birkner's Historical Methods class. He uses the letters as examples in the project.

First Fisher letter (note, the originals included in the file are copies made by John W. Sullivan)—addresses Capt. Pope and hopes for his speedy recovery. Also mourns the death of “our galant Curnel,” who was Robert Gould Shaw.

Second Fisher letter—sincerely thanks the lady who sent him the note and pair of socks. Also includes some comment on the government not paying or acknowledging the black regiments.

Sullivan letter—sends the Fisher letters (or copies thereof) to Charles Sumner as representative of the noble “colored soldiery” and requesting current reports from the Patent Office and Agricultural reports. Also pleads, “Pray don't allow your effort to secure the repeal of the “Fugitive Slave bill” & the extermination, and world wide death of Slavery, & beyond all resurrection to be defeated.”

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