

[cc- Feb. 6, 1884]

The Commandery of the State of Ohio  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of  
the United States, requests the pleasure  
of your company at the First Annual  
Dinner of the Commandery, to be given  
at the Burnet House, Cincinnati.  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 1884, at eight  
o'clock P.M.

An answer addressed to A. H. Mattox, Recorder,  
is respectfully requested.

J. L. Foley.

L. M. Dayton.

J. V. H. Lewis.

J. Milton Blair.

C. C. Walcutt.

Committee.

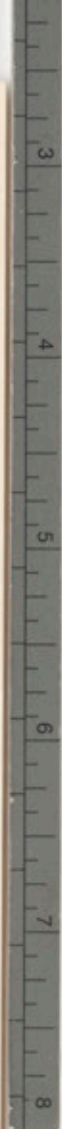
To Major General O. H. Horner Supt

24<sup>th</sup>

Major General O. H. Horner  
Cincinnati  
Feb. 6, 1884  
Military Order of the Loyal  
Legion of the United States



My dear Mr. Peterson  
 I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
 glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this  
 letter finds you the same. I have not much news  
 to write at present. I am still in the city and  
 am engaged in some business. I will write again  
 soon. I am, dear Mr. Peterson, very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 J. H. Smith





Carpenter, Col D.H.

Fort Robinson  
Feb 6. 1884

Answered by Geo Leach  
Feb 11. 1884

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Fort Robinson Neb.  
Feb. 6. /84

Dear General.

I hope that you will  
excuse this personal note upon matters  
that may be deemed official, but  
under the circumstances I thought that  
I could better explain in this way.

The \$4300. allotted to Fort Robinson  
has been made to go a long way. With  
it I have or will complete the Barracks  
of F. Troop 5th Regt, and its Stable, and  
a set of Commanding Officer's quarters of  
concrete, very much on the plan of the  
set at Fort Niobrara. In addition  
I have supplied all of the material for  
the general repairs of the Post; in-  
cluding repairs to all of the Officer's quarters  
and a number of sinks and other small



building which have been necessary to  
Construct, out of this some sum of  
\$4300.

In completing the Commanding Officer's  
Quarters which I expect to do by the end of  
the fiscal year, we will need a little as-  
sistance, and if the following material  
can be furnished in addition to the allotment,  
I do not think that I will need further  
help.

50,000 Shingles

4000 feet Flooring, Sixteen Price

As I have tried to do without asking for  
anything that is not absolutely necessary,  
I hope very much that you will do what  
you can for us in this case.

Very Respectfully

L. H. Carpenter

Post Colonel  
usa



W. Russell, Maj

Fort Omaha  
Feb 6. 1884,  
File

Head-Quarters Fourth U. S. Infantry,

Adjutant's Office,

Fort Omaha, Neb. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1884

Lt. Guy Howland,  
Aide de Camp.  
Sir.

In reply to your  
letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I would state there  
is one set of Officers  
Quarters unoccupied  
at the present time.  
The new double set  
under construction  
will not be ready  
for occupancy before  
the 1<sup>st</sup> May.



The only absent officer  
who might be expected  
to return to the Post  
in the next three  
months, is Lt. Officer  
now on duty at  
Cheyenne Depot.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.

Wm. Dussy  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Comd'g



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Harvard, Neb. Feb. 7, 1884.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Commander Dept. of the Platte,  
Military Head Quarters, Omaha.

My Dear Sir; Can  
you in the near future,  
give our Reading Room  
Association your Lecture  
on Gettysburg? If so what  
are your terms! Almost  
any evening will suit us  
except Feb. 19, 20, 21, 22, during  
which Prof. Perkins holds a  
Music Convention here.

An early reply solicited, but  
at your convenience

Very Truly

Southworth

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Harvard Neb.



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Harvard, Neb  
Feb 7. 1884.



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GEO. W. BALLOCH,  
PATENTS, CLAIMS, INSURANCE,

BOX 557,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1884

Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

My Dear Gen.

It is a long time since I have written you, officially or otherwise, and I do so now to tell you how much I am enjoying the reading of your articles in the Tribune of this city. Everything connected with those events is brought back so vividly that I can hardly realize that twenty one years have passed away since, and that you and I are not quite so venerable as then. Although I try to grow old gracefully, I am glad to see also that your long cherished desire to visit Europe is about to be gratified. Now I wish I could go with you. Please go down to Stirling in Auld Scotia and visit the battlefields of Bannock Burn. It was the playground of my grand father, and I trust you may take in enough Scotch (not hot Scotch) for you & me both. Matters here are moving quietly along.



1874

The University is doing well, and steadily  
gaining in influence, as well as in finances.  
The Mac Water supply takes all that low ground  
East of the Campus, where the sand pits are,  
and we shall have a lake of some 65. acres  
in place of it. Our Church also is doing well.  
Dr Rankin is not quite as vigorous in body  
as in former years, but his sermons are  
still unsurpassed & the Church is packed  
every Sabbath. Chas. has been with us a  
few weeks & from him we heard of you and  
yours. Guy seems to be about to take a wife.  
My Children don't seem to be inclined to mar-  
riage. George is on the C. R. I. & P. Rail Road  
at Allerton Iowa. Wayne Co as Station Agent. —  
He came home at Thanksgiving for a month.  
Ada is in the Medical Board in the Pension  
office, and bids fair to become eminent in his  
chosen profession. May is at home, and for  
the novelty of it, has just had the measles  
the second time. My wife is as well as usual  
so are the Whittneys, Hoopes & others. Remem-  
ber me kindly to Mrs Howard & the Children. —  
also to Sladon.

Yours Always  
S. W. Balloch



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Headquarters  
1<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Cavalry, I. & C.  
Lake Front, Chicago.

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Feb'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1884

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard - U.S.A.,  
Fort Omaha - Neb.

Dear Sir;

May I not renew our invitation for the Military Ball on the night of Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1884. We hope and confidently expect to be favored with the company of Genl. W. T. Sherman, Maj. Genl. John M. Schofield as well as many other distinguished officers of the U.S. army, and officials in public life. As this is the first attempt at anything like a Military Ball under the auspices of our West Society people, we are anxious to give it all the eclat possible. If you or any of the officers under you can be with us on that evening it will give us great pleasure to entertain you. If this induces you to reconsider your regret please notify me at your earliest convenience that proper arrangements can be made for your reception.

Very Respectfully -

Your obedient servant.

W. T. Jacobs Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Cav



Jacobs, R. H. 1877

placed no  
my desk by  
mistake. on 7.

Chicago, Ill  
Feb 8/84.

Answered by the  
Genl Feb 11/84.



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OFFICE OF  
ROBT. WEIDENSALL,  
WESTERN SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH PROVINCES,  
159 MADISON STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Kansas City Mo  
Feb. 9 1884

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Mr. B. Howard

Mr. Thompson McCosh  
of Burlington Iowa wrote me  
that their association (of which he  
is the Noble President) wanted you  
to deliver the address at their  
anniversary - He also said he  
had written you and told you  
the notes that they could hear  
the Opera House. I trust you  
can go - I think you would enjoy  
it very much as Burlington is a  
good city. I had Mr. Fawcett of  
Chicago go with me to that city  
once to a porter conference: his  
visit did much good & I believe  
yours would -  
I suggested to them that they arrange



for you a lecture so that our visit  
would take in both, but Mr M. C. said  
that it would be impossible to visit such  
an arrangement at that time.

The Association is now doing well  
has done a good work and has a  
good prospect before it.

I don't want to make too large  
drafts upon your time. But I wish  
you could go - I had no idea that  
they wanted you until Mr M. C. wrote me. ~~But~~ Therefore you must  
not regard this as a job that I  
have set up for you. But I do hope  
it will suit you to go on one of the  
two dates mentioned. I shall always  
think to you before I suggest any  
opportunity that would be too a con-  
siderable draft upon your time.

Yours as ever

R.

R. W. Widdows

I am now rising early for the Kansas  
City Conference. Will soon go to San Francisco  
work.



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gen Mr Howard dear Sir  
I received your letter and  
found my son and  
new I ask one more  
favor he enlisted under  
age and ~~as~~ against my  
will I was gone about 6  
months before I knew what  
had become of him I want  
him releast from further  
service as he enlisted  
contrarie to law will you  
pleas attend to this and inf  
orm me what I must  
do to get him out  
your friend

R M Bogg



Rogg, P.M.

Plainville, N.H.  
Feb 9. 1884.



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GEO. W. BALLOCH,  
PATENTS, CLAIMS, INSURANCE,

BOX 557,

Washington, D. C., Feb 9. 1884

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Gen. Please excuse me for writing again so soon, but I wish to correct an error in your No 16. when you say in speaking of our gallant friend Capt Hazzard Battery A. 4<sup>th</sup> Art'y. "that he was slain during this retreat" &c. Hazzard was not killed outright, but while sitting on his horse directing his battery at the time you state he was struck in the thigh by a case shot (it was a round shot about an inch in diameter) which had struck the ground and ricocheted. This shot broke his leg. He fell into the hands of a surgeon of some Rhode Island Regt. who thought his leg could be saved. and he bound it up in splints. although Hazzard wanted him to "take it off at once." He was taken down to Starvack's landing. from whence he dispatched his faithful orderly down to Hanson's Landing to find me, and if possible get some stimulant. I



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went back with the only totling a little  
Brandy. that had been sent me from home.  
I found him on a stretcher under the trees  
near the mansion house. I shall never  
forget how glad he was to see me. He  
was as cheerful as ever but suffering from  
pain. The next day I went down to Har-  
pers Landing to put Genl. Richardson's  
Wife & infant son on a steamer for Bal-  
timore and on the boat, I found Stazzard.  
I bade the gallant officer good bye, and  
never saw him again. He was taken to  
Baltimore, where his wife was. The bone  
in his leg did not set well & he became  
bed sore & worn out. One day several months  
after he was wounded, he called his ser-  
vant for something and he not coming  
at once, Stazzard tried to move himself,  
and in doing it, broke his partially healed  
leg, and bled to death in a short time.  
As he was such a good friend to both of us,  
I thought you might like to know all  
about him after you left us at "Fair Oaks".

Yours truly  
G. W. Ballou



Howard, Geo. A. B.

Rockport, Mass.  
Feb 9. 1884

Rockport Feb. 9/84

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Dear Brother

It makes me  
sea-sick to think of your  
getting into a foreign land  
as the N.Y. wharf and  
"detaching" it over the sea!

Please let me know when  
you will be in N.Y. - perhaps  
at Mr. Buchs: My address  
if I am there will be  
Care of Robert Keenan

Naval Office

Custom House

An old East Orange friend  
If I <sup>to N.Y.</sup> go it will be  
to preach in East Orange  
the following Sabbath. as  
their pastor is away. Mr.  
Keenan will know where  
I am. I have a "rag"



thick dark blanket - which  
has crossed 4 times & is  
quite a comfort. You  
will not want my Guide  
Books? - If I can get hold  
of my Summer chair I will  
bring that along. If I  
don't go, I could send  
anything by express to  
the Steamer. Perhaps  
Gus has a Summer chair -  
at least <sup>he</sup> will advise  
you as to that and  
anything pleasant for  
the voyage. It seems  
as if it would pay to  
put a small mortgage  
on your house & take  
Lizzie. I will write  
when East Orange matter  
is settled. Helen & children  
away. A.B. Ronlund.

A. S. Longwell's letter as to the next generation:  
Butter. Give the needs our sympathy &  
prayer. Show him that they are men -  
has this week.



THE MO. PACIFIC RY.  
M. & T. RY.  
C. & O. P. R. R.  
ST. L. J. M. & S. RY.  
T. & P. RY.  
I. & G. N. R. R.  
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TOTAL MILEAGE 6029 MILES.

*H. M. Hoar,*  
*Third Vice President.*

*The Missouri Pacific Railway Co.*

*Office of Third Vice President.*

*St. Louis Mo.*

*Feb. 9*

*1884*

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*With Compliments of*

*H. M. Hoar*



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Lowe, L. M.  
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St Louis  
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Real Estate  
Brokers.

OFFICE OF  
F. H. SMITH & SON,  
515 7th Street, N. W.

Life and Fire  
Insurance.

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Removed to  
1222 F STREET, N. W.

Washington, D. C., February 9 1884.

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear General

Bishop Brown says he sold you some property at Jefferson or North Jefferson Ohio. That some Agent writes him that he had been attending to the property & had paid taxes amounting to \$18 or \$19 supposing that the property belonged to Bishop Brown, which he asked him to refund, & which he- Bishop Brown asks us to call your attention to. If you own such property, we shall be glad to convey such message to Bishop Brown as you may desire.

Respy  
F. H. Smith & Son



Smith, F. H.

Washington  
Feb 9. 1884.

Ansioh



236 N. Capitol St.  
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 10, 1884.

Paul Eaton

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Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir —

Though it is  
some years since our University  
Hall neighborhood was broken  
up, I hope you still remem-  
ber me sufficiently to be willing  
to help me in something, especial-  
ly as it will cost you no  
money, and, I hope, little trouble.

I wrote you  
on this subject once before, and  
I suppose the letter mis-carried,  
else I should not renew it.

I have always  
been very desirous of getting  
into the army, because I believe  
it to be the most fitting pro-  
fession for a gentleman, because



it suits my taste, and because I hope it would enable me to assist my mother a little more than my present rather precarious Government position does.

I would rather make small pay in the army than to get double as much elsewhere. I am a little too old for West Point, and will have to be appointed, if at all, from civil life. This requires influence, senatorial influence being the best I believe. Unlucky, while I think I could elicit considerable interest in my favor in the House, I don't know a single senator well enough to make me willing to ask him to go to the President in my behalf.

If you would only use your influence for me, both directly, and through others, I



it suits my taste, and because I  
hope it would make me to

feel sure that I should get the  
appointment. I hope I am not  
asking too much - if so it is  
through ignorance.

Will you please  
tell me, also, what sort of an  
examination, mental and physi-  
cal, I should have to stand. I am  
very familiar with army records,  
through my work in the Adjutant  
General's Office - much more so,  
I have been told by an army  
officer, than most officers.

Physically, when I  
was in college I was one of the  
very best in most athletics, and  
could still prove myself very nearly



as much so, and stronger than most, though I am somewhat run down just now. I never had any serious sickness, and am sound & well, and yet there are one or two things I'm a little afraid of - if they don't want to pass me, as is sometimes the case.

The associations of my present place are too low to suit me, though I am far from particular on such points, perhaps much less so than I should be; The army may not be much better, but it can be no worse, and it will lack the extremely low way in which such things go on here, which, after all, is what I most object to in it.

Hoping to hear from you on this subject, in which you can do me this greatest possible favor, I am, with kindest regards to your family - Yours Very Truly  
 J. E. Eaton.



*John L. McCaughey*

*Omaha, Neb., Feb 10 1884*

*Dear General,*

*When reading the  
enclosed article, I was thinking  
how well it fit your life.*

*I was much interested in reading  
it and send it to you.*

*Respectfully  
Alex G. Charlton.*

*To General O. O. Howard*

*Omaha*



Charlton, A. G.

Omaha, Neb.  
Feb 10. 1884,

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after accepting the offer from DeVaux, -  
I rec'd a telegram from the chief of a  
very large and flourishing school in  
Minnesota, - asking me to meet him in  
N.Y. I had been in correspondence with  
him last summer, - & know that in case of  
certain changes in the Mil. Dept. of the school,  
(where an Army Offr is now in charge),  
I sh'd be offered the position of Commandant  
and Instr of Drawing & French. This telegram  
meant that he was now ready to offer me  
the place. I c'd have command of a regular  
battalion organization, - of about 150,  
and I think my pay w'd have been  
about \$1400. Having already given my word  
to the DeV. people, - and also in view of  
other strong reasons, - I declined to  
come down to see him. I hope I have done  
well in taking the smaller income plus the  
many advantages of being at DeV. I do  
not wish to go such an immense  
distance away from home, - but had  
nothing else offered, - I sh'd have accepted

L. B. Loker.

Stanford, Conn.,  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, '84.

Dear Gen'l.:-

I write to thank you <sup>again</sup> most  
heartily, for the letter that you so kindly  
gave me about a year + a half ago.  
Although, as you may remember, it  
was addressed to Mr. Betts, and primar-  
-ily was to be used as a testimonial  
of fitness as a teacher, to show to Mr.  
B's patrons, - I have always regard-  
ed your letter, as well as several  
others that were given me at the same  
time, - my own property, - So highly  
do I value those letters (from Adm'l  
Ammon and Fairfax, and Prof. Andrews)  
that when I became satisfied in regard  
to the true character of the present man-  
-agement of this school, - that I had



been pretty badly fooled in being induced to come here, and that you wd dislike even the indirect use of your name in its support <sup>of such a school,</sup> - I immediately demand the return of all of the letters, from Mr. B. - Assuming from your answers to the questions of the Teachers Agency, and also from the letter itself that you wd be perfectly willing for me to make use of it as one of my testimonials in applying for other positions, I took the liberty of sending it to DeVeaux College, Niagara Falls. I am now happy to report that I have had quite a handsome offer from the above institution, and have accepted the same. I go there in Sept. of this year, as Instructor of Mil. Tactics and Math., on a salary about equal to \$1100, and will have a chance to run it pretty nearly up to a Lt Lieut. pay by additional work. I am sure that no letter had so strong an influence in securing this result as yrs.

I am given the position over the heads of six other civilian applicants, all of them College graduates, - and two Army offrs. have been making very earnest efforts to obtain the detail. The quota of N.Y. is full, + Secy Lincoln was firm in his refusal to aid them. Lts. Kirby + Stiles, of 10<sup>th</sup> Infy, have been in command of the Cadet Company, the former for two years + the latter for the present year, - and so I'll be able to go right in on a good basis, without the labor of building up a mil. organization. This School will never in the world regain its former position under the present management, which is way behind the age in every respect. I would not myself now take the school and run it myself, - for from what I have seen, the care and worry of mind incident to such control is in no sense offset by the amount of income one c'd make from it. - Just a few days



pleased to learn of my present success.  
Of course I don't expect you to answer  
this epistle, - with all the work on  
your hands now, - but if you should  
do so at any time, I sh'd be much  
gratified.

Very truly yours,  
Henry B. Looker

P.S. I have had, in the last year,  
a number of other offers from  
schools & colleges, - but held off,  
in hopes of securing D.V.

Genl O.O. Howard,  
Omaha, Neb.

it as my duty. Even should I not  
find it best to remain permanently at  
DeVaux, - it w'd doubtless be of immense  
advantage to me in helping me into what  
shall be my life-work. I am eager  
and earnest to make such disposition  
of my life and such educational ability  
as I possess, - as to put ~~it~~<sup>them</sup> to the best  
possible uses, - to do my part, as  
a unit among the great forces working  
in the world for good, - for enlightenment,  
for truth, - and above all, for religion.  
I was unwilling to accept as final, - the  
verdict of the Academic Board that pro-  
-nounced me a failure, & flung me out  
into the world, labeled "rejected". To have  
been so "found deficient" is a mortification &  
a humiliation that cut me to the very soul,  
and as long as I live will be a bitterness  
to me, - but when I left that Examination  
Room, knowing that it was all up for me, -  
I made a determination that if health  
& strength were spared to me, I w'd prove,



+ that in no long time either, that I was not a failure, - and later on when the opportunity offered, I determined to achieve success as a teacher of the very same branches that they found me deficient in as a pupil. Only recently have I learned to what a great extent you carried, at the Board meeting, your efforts to have me passed, - in spite of my failure on a portion of the Exam. + my admitted difficulty with Calculus. That action has made me all the more desirous of proving to you + to others who are aware of your action that your confidence in me was not a mistaken one. I am aware of the fact that I am an interested party, and that it is difficult for me to refer without bitterness to that episode in my life, - but I long to see some man, of power and authority, - and with the courage of his convictions, get up in his place and denounce the narrow, - hide-bound

policy that prevails at the U.S.M.A. I can say, ~~th~~ without a trace of egotism, that I feel myself the peer of certainly half my class, in general knowledge, intelligence, - ability for command, - and general fitness for the position of an officer of the Army, and I venture to say, that had I been passed at that Exam, and graduated, - and been ordered on duty in yr Dept., you wd have found me fully up to the average of my classmates, in anything that is required of a Cavalry or Inf'y Offr. - But this all belongs to the past, and it is needless to recall it. My work lies before me, - and at it I go, - with all the energy I am capable of. I wd not write this long letter to you, and use up so much of your time in having you peruse it, but for the fact that you showed me such marked kindness, on so many occasions, that I venture to think you wd be