

West Point, N. Y., May 10, 1884.

To the Graduates of the Military Academy:

The next annual meeting of the Association of Graduates will take place in the Chapel at 3 P. M., Friday, June 13, 1884. The time selected will enable members to be present at the closing exercises of the next graduating class, which will probably take place in the morning of the same day.

The Graduating Hop will be held Thursday Evening, June 12.

The following letter explains itself:

Philadelphia, Penn., April 30, 1884, No. 532, Walnut Street.

To the Secretary Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y.
Sir:

I am instructed by the Reynolds Monument Association to invite the members of your Association and all other graduates of the Military Academy, to attend the unveiling of the Equestrian Statue of General John F. Reynolds at the Public Buildings in this City, on Tuesday, July 1st next, at 4 P. M. Be kind enough to ask those who intend being present, to notify me by postal card, that places may be reserved for them.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. G. ROSENGARTEN, *Secretary.*

There are on hand a number of copies of General Cullum's Supplement to his Biographical Register of the Graduates of the Military Academy. A copy will be presented and sent, if desired, to those becoming new members of the Association, provided one dollar extra is sent to cover the expenses of binding and postage. This Supplement contains the history from 1867, to 1879, of all Graduates.

The Annual Report of the Association of 1881 contains the paper read by the late Professor Church, giving his early recollections of West Point. It also contains an interesting account of marches made by the Cadets in 1820 and 1821; and a list of all graduates of the Academy from 1802, to 1881, inclusive.

The Annual Report of the Association of 1883 contains General Cullum's address upon the unveiling of the Thayer Statue. The subject is: "Sketch of the life, character, and services of General Thayer, particularly in his relations to the Military Academy."

A copy of both of these reports will be sent to any one wishing them for \$1.50.

All Graduates are requested to become members of the Association. The only requisite for membership is the payment of the initiation fee of ten dollars by any graduate. No formal application or balloting for membership is required. There are no annual dues. The money derived from the Initiation Fees is used to pay the printing and postage expenses of the Association. The dinner is paid for by those who partake of it.

The annual dinner will be served immediately after evening parade in the Cadet Mess Hall. The Executive Committee earnestly desires members to state as early as possible in response to this circular, whether they propose to be present at the business meeting and at the dinner. The tickets for the dinner have been limited to \$3.50; it is essential that the Committee should be informed as early as possible what members intend to be at the dinner in order that no extra expense shall accrue.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

CHARLES BRADEN,

Lieutenant, U. S. A.

Secretary.

In answering please give the date of your Class.

Bradew, D. C.

Sch. Astv. Graduates
U. S. M. A.

West Point, N.Y.

May 10. 1884

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to come very soon. You would
have to finish the journey to Alexandria and the letter come back by
the steamer making ten days at
least later than the last, I think
"H.C. Posts" must be very quiet. Col. Gillow
is away and only routine business done.
I still read the "Times" quite regularly.
I have come to the conclusion that
the "English" are slow or the Govern-
ment. William tells me that Sarah and
Pat. are to sail for Ireland the last of
this month. Her sister and husband go also
to get the property left to them. It is
ready for them when the heirs all appear at once.
I wonder where you and Jamie are to day.
I trust you have had an enjoyable Sunday.
Do get Jamie's son all well. Guy paid the
interest on the Mortgage. The Knox County
warants will be paid next Nov.. Gen. Dandy
is building a house half way to the Fort. ^{from} Don't send
a great deal of love to you and Jamie. wife

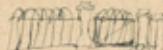
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Omaha, May, 11. 1884

My dear Otis. It is here the home
of three in the afternoon. Guy
and Jamie have just left and
Johnnie with them. Harry was writing
but has gone after the rest as far as
the cottage. Berrie is at her Minion
Meeting and Charley at the Mr. Hall's
Minion S. School. I am left alone
with a little fire on the hearth to
keep me company. We have had
no warm days as yet, but just cool
enough to be comfortable. I think
when you return here you will
be likely to ask where Mrs. Howard
lives, for the new fence changes the
look of the place very much. But
alas it cost over ^{one} hundred dollars
I set apart to pay for it. so I have

not saved one hundred dollars this month towards paying for the house. Johnnie says don't buy anything from this month. Charney says he has all he needs. Bernie says she will do without. Harry says he don't want anything. All are much interested in "Charney's farm." He has rented the place for fifty dollars this year and hopes to keep it longer. August has moved out. Charney has been called back to the store, as they cannot do without him, so he does not get all things in order as he expected. He will do the best he can now to get the chickens to put on the farm. Tomorrow the potatoes are to be planted. Then he returns to the store, most likely will get increase of pay. Prince and Nell the other members of the family still thine and are in the way as much as ever. Bernie regrets we can have no flowers. The trees set out

are all growing. Guy's also at the cottage. Harry brings a letter to enclose in this one. No letter addressed to Jamie this time but he has the reading of all. I hope you both are very well. Cannot imagine where you are about this time. You have the advantage over us in this respect. Robie writes that mother is pretty well but has had some sick days this spring. No letter from Grace. I must write to her this evening. All the children have come in one after another and we are going to have dinner. Deanne brought me some flowers, tulips and we have them on the din table. You write that Naples from the steamer looked like Seattle. I should think it might. The scenery cannot be as grand but it may be more picturesque. I hope you will go to the Italian lakes and Jamie has not done it. From next letter ought

It is an iron fence thus;
 And Chaneey's fence which
is on the terrace is like this 
Our front fence is 3 ft. 4 in. high.
Chaneey's about 1 ft. & in. Jeannie sends
her love to you. Their house is
nearly finished. They are going to
paper it tomorrow. I will draw a
sketch of the fence.

A hand-drawn map of a farm layout. The map includes several labeled areas: a house with a chimney, a barn, a stable, a well, a garden, a field, a creek, and a pond. A large rectangular area is labeled "Fruit orchard". A small plot of land is labeled "Chubuck Ranch". A path or road is indicated by a dashed line. A red checkmark is present near the bottom right corner of the map area.

plan of our farm

Hope you
are well. Your
letters come
pretty slowly
Give you &
Family my
love. Your
son Harry.

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~~Mr. Marill has gone to his brother's as his brother's children have died~~



Omaha, Neb.
May 1st 1884

Dear Papa.

Last Sunday we had our
missionary meeting and not
having much time I did not
write, but I will try and put all
the news in this letter. I left off in
my last letter saying that Joseph Cuff
was going to lecture that evening.
His lecture was very good and was
very strong against Infidelity. He
called Robert Angus and polished

academic Circle. Monday Chancy heard about a farm ^{for rent} about $\frac{3}{2}$ miles from Omaha, and on Tuesday he and I rode out there and found it on the Orlington road about ^{in a} north westerly direction. On Wednesday Johnnie & I went there and cleaned the rubbish out of the house. Thursday, Chancy got permission to have a vacation. So he, John, & myself went out on Thursday, and Chancy & I went to work pruning the trees and cutting out the underbrush in the orchard, while Johnnie white-washed the outside of the house. Saturday & Sunday we worked on the house. Sunday we went to church. In the evening Mr. Merrill preached in answer to the question Should the Prohibition bill be enforced in this

On ^{Tuesday} Chancy bought a cow which is from a ^{young} ^{one} of his ^{new} ^{old} a calf for \$60. By Wednesday ^{he} & I slept there all night. On Thursday I did not go out. I slept with Chancy out there on Tuesday. Wednesday he had the rooms papered and Johnnie & he painted inside on Friday, Chancy & I finished painting inside and outside except one corner & one gable. Yesterday Chancy went out alone to feed the cow & pigs (I forgot to tell you that Chancy bit two pigs) August Brown's family are going to live out there. August and Chancy have gone half with it. Chancy expects to raise chickens. He expects to put some chickens out there tomorrow. August ^{is} ^{living} out there now. We have our fence around our house (here in town) done

spiritual growth of the kind
and degree I want. — I live
as nearly like a little child
as it is in my power and if
I abstain from eating; remain
in solitude & prepare by much
meditation and prayer. I can
even on this earth and in
this great city, make the body
the servant of the soul to
the extent that I can know-
ingly separate them. Were I
to abuse this power the last
estate I would reach would
be worse than the first. So
I try to be absolutely selfish
in the doing of service for others
and to resort to this power
only when it is the only way
in which I can help a soul.
I say this much to strengthen the
words I said this morning. Also
to repeat that I read the feelings
you have put into thoughts regarding
me, and that you now & in another
word I am faithfully yours S. L.

May 15, 1842

General: ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Tuesday} Afternoon.
~~The regret~~ I feel after
my visit this morning
was that I remained too
long; it was a mistake
and I made another
in telling you the inci-
dent I did. You are willing
to believe that you can be
like Christ in mercy; in
love; in humility and
freedom from malice ~~but~~
you do not think that
you can exercise the pow-
er ~~which~~ ^{that} he positively says
is the portion of those who
know him. If we had
faith we could move
mountains. do you be-

live that? Fear is the
weakening sin and courage
the redeeming trait
of Christ-like people. You
have a heart full of
trust but pardon me
if I say it, you have not
entered into the enjoy-
ment of the larger liberty
that will come to you.

Let me comfort you by saying
that your visit to Egypt
will enlarge your vision
as you do not now dream
and when I see you there
you will tell me that this
is true prophecy. Chinese
Gordon has the trust and the
uplifting power of love in his
make up; he has also the
evidence of greater might

that his Master has knowledge
of him, in the "miracles" that
he can produce. Only a
perverted mind calls it a
miracle to heal the sick,
restore the blind and many
other things done when He
was on earth. Nothing was
lost to us by His going.
The very same powers that
He showed to his Disciples
are yours & mine and un-
der right conditions we
can live them and do them.
"Except ye become as little
children ye cannot enter
the Kingdom of Heaven." I in-
terpret this to mean that
unless I live as absolutely
innocently as little children
do I cannot attain

Please send me stamps
of every country through
which you go.

Give my love to Jamie &
send yourself

I remain your
loving son:

H. S. Howard



~~H. S. Howard~~
~~Libr~~

Omaha, Neb. May 18th 1887

My dear Father:

I hope you reach Wise
safely. You must mention them
in some of the letters you write
home so I could know that
you receive them. Last ^{sunday} night as
Mr Sherrill was away we had no
service. So I went to the S.S. ^{meeting}
at the 2nd Cong. Church, with
Mr & Mr Hainsworth. Monday, Tuesday
& Wednesday I went out to the
farm and worked, dividing the
pig-pon into two parts, helped
Mrs Conlonies plant potatoes etc.

Thursday I did not go out because I had my music lesson that afternoon. I did not go Friday because I went to the Circus which was ^{here} that afternoon. I did not go Saturday because it was rainy & I didn't feel like it. We have new neighbors which are very nice people their names are Chase. There is a family of 8. Two young ladies, 1 little girl, 1 little boy & a baby boy. Mrs Chase is a sister of Mrs Dr. Mercer. She runs Capt & Mrs Pierce very well. They own the house next to ours (the one in which they live) Mrs Miriam Chase has been abroad 1 1/2 years. She & myself are learning a duet together. Then we sing together too.

Bessie & I go over there and play ball with the young ladies. We had a very fine sermon this morning upon "Abstaining for others sake." Last Tuesday Bessie & Fred Slader & Miss Kate Chase ~~went~~ & we went riding out to the post. Next Tuesday Miss Miriam & myself expect to riding. I have an invitation to go to Willard Neb. with Mr Davidson of our church, & spend ^a few days there. We rec'd a letter from Grandpa say that all were well. Can you & did you go into the Sphinx in Egypt.

company enough. She is a very
good little girl considerate and
sensible. She is liked and respected by
the girls at school. doesn't "get mad"
as they call it which they think very
strange. She was talking to me about
it the other evening. at last she said
I do get a little provoked sometimes,
they are so foolish, but they don't know
it. Chaney is much engaged in his
farm and other interests. He was called
back to work a while, but will be
out next week. He is to paint my
new fence. Johnnie paints the first
coat at odd hours. I want the
last well done. William is still
working at the grounds and trees.
Guy and Jamie will remain with Mr.
Worlentz a few weeks longer. Mr. W.
and Jessie are in Chicago. The college
nearly completed. I cannot imagine
when this letter will find you. Emie
much loves Jamie. He doesn't get
many letters lately. You long wife

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Omaha, May 18 1884
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My dear Otto

I have quite a big
mail from you and Jamie. All
the letters from the sixteenth of April
up to the time you went on board
the Naval vessel came nearly at the
same time. The telegrams from the
Admiral to the Navy Dept on the eighth
of May let me know where you were
if your name did not appear. So we
have quite late news of you. Glad
to hear you both are so well. Hope
Jamie is free from boils. I had a letter
from Grandmother all well there
Charles was in Indiana. Saw Mrs.
Strickland and Lizzie. The latter not
quite well. Grandmother has one
hundred dollars for Jamie, and
will send to me to forward soon, I
will send ^{it} to you name to Dexel,

Hayes & Co Paris. I will write when
I have sent it. I presume it will
come to me in time to send it
before your next "T.S." which will
be the first of next month. We all
think your cruising on the民主黨
will be very much enjoyed by both
of you. Jamie writes that you have
finished the thirty-third article the
last one cut out for the newspaper
in Marion twenty three - last week's.
Bernie was not out today on account
of sore throat. Dr. Sumner came to see
her yesterday. I think she is some
better tonight. She is very anxious
to be well by Tuesday to take a horse-
back ride and to the young people's
entertainment in the evening at the church.
I fear she will not. She has not seemed
as vigorous since the measles as Dr. Lewis
is to give her a tonic in a few days.
The Shirricks do not own the house next

to ours but Mr. Chase, they have been living
at Milwaukee Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Chase
has had new sidewalk and her old
piano taken away. very nice family.
Capt. Glader was here Saturday, was glad
to hear all the news from you.
Mrs. Stockhouse writes Mrs. Strong
that "Graces health is good with
the exception of her eyes," I suppose
they are just the same. Her letters are
cheerful, not very frequent. Harry
will be away for a few days the
last of this week as he has written.
Chancy and Johnnie have not come in
yet. Harry and Bernie have gone to
sleep I presume. I sat up stairs
with Bernie after dinner then
Harry came in for the young people's
meeting and joined us in my room
I left as they went to their beds and
Bernie did not care to have me stay
up stairs any longer as Harry would be

Mrs M. F. Berridge

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May 20th 1884

Dear Sir

the law, that seems to rule our world,
that the strong is ever preying upon
the weak. I had hoped that there
would be among the officers even, some
good christian women, who would try
to brighten the life of the soldier, and
lead him to better ways. No doubt they
are bad enough, but think of the life
they lead, away from the restraining
influence of those who know, and care
for them. And are they worse than many
of the officers, who might set if they would minister,
such a good example. Will you not speak
a kind word to Leeds, and show him
you are interested in him, he has a soul
to save, and is a human being, though in
a low position. He knows nothing of this,
I hope it will do no harm. My only excuse
for thus troubling you, is that I am his
sister.

Respectfully, M. F. Berridge

officers, and will enclose a piece cut from a paper, that made my heart ache. I have wondered how Leeds could stand it, knowing his independent spirit, to be ordered about by servants, to do menial work, must be galling to one of his disposition. We have thought him to blame in that respect, he was considered a good druggist when quite young, and was much thought of by his employer, but took offence at some real or fancied imposition, and left. What was that in comparison, with his condition now? The Chaplain at Dakota, wrote me there were many bright young men in the army, and that if the evils of the life were avoided, the discipline would be beneficial, so that we have hoped for

the best. When Leeds was ordered to Fort Laramie, and was placed under your Command, hearing that you were a Christian and like a father to the men, we rested in the hope that all would be well. Leeds is not in the habit of complaining, fearing I think to worry us, but there is a spirit of desperation, running through his last letter, that we do not like, and knowing his disposition, we are fearful something dreadful might happen. Why is it so many of the men go crazy? Can it be owing to the treatment they receive? Can it be the aim of the Army of the W.S., simply to find and maintain slaves for the officers. Do not the laws reach the officer, as well as the soldier? I can only recollect such a mention of slaves by

~~Do not~~
Dear General,

Henry, Ill., May 21, 1884.

I am well and hope you are. I
doubt know whether you are at home now or
away. I have not heard from you personally
since I wrote you and sent you the pencil
manuscript of remarks by me on the death
of Col. Forb. I sent them to you so that you
might see what my views were on
life here and beyond expressed at a time when
I was not in controversy. I wish you would
return the manuscript to me when you
look it up again, if you do not do so when you
get it. I see your son is married. Love to your wife & family
P. S. Party

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

HENRY
MAIL
MAILED BY
MAY 11



General O. O. Howard,
Omaha,
Nebraska.

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**HARTFORD LIFE
and ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY**

230 ASYLUM ST.
Hartford, Conn May 21, 1884.

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Lieut Guy Howard,

Headquarters Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear sir:

Your favor of the 17th inst. has been received.

We have two separate divisions of the Safety Fund System and Gen. Howard holds \$5000. in each division. Both are conducted upon precisely the same plan but are entirely distinct and separate so far as the ^{Membership and} Deposit funds are concerned.

Certificates in one division are assessed only for the losses occurring in that division. Gen. Howard pays \$10. on each \$1000. of the \$5000. held in the Safety Fund Division and that \$5000. shares in dividends from the Safety Fund. He also pays \$50. to the Security Fund upon his certificate in that division which certificate shares in the dividends from the Security Fund.

We think this matter will now be clear to you, but allow us to repeat our remark above that the only difference is that each division together with its fund covers only the certificates issued to its membership.

Yours truly,

Stephen Ball

Fall,

Halford, Conn
May 31, 1884.

Answer May 31, 1884.

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The American Sunday-School Union,

No. 1122 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, May 22nd 1884

Dear Sir:

*At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the
American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's
House, on the 15th day of May
you were elected one of the*

VICE-PRESIDENTS

*of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice, at
your convenience, will much oblige,*

Yours, very respectfully,

Edmund O. Baker

Secretary -

*To
G. W. O. Howard,*

American Sunday
School Union

The American Sunday School Union

No. 1122 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia

May 22. 1884,

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out driving & shopping
and having the utmost
confidence in her horse
is having the most com-
plete enjoyment out of
him possible. There has
been an episcopal con-
vention here which has
named Mr. Worthington
of Detroit Bishop to
succeed Bishop Clarkeon.
Mrs. Gibbon is still away,
at Laramie. Much love
to Jamie. We know of your
arrival at Constantinople

Affectionately yours son

Geo. Howard
Gen. G. C. Howard

Headquarters Department of the Platte.

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Omaha, Neb., 24 May 1884

Dear Father

I enclose as a draft to
you \$10 pounds which
Grandmother sent me (\$100)
to send to Jamie. The draft
is to your order because
mother has written
you that it would be
so sent. All are quite well
at home. Charley is
taking the rest of his
month's holiday & is
working on his three acre
farm & breaking a little
more land has caught.

He also got a small colt
with its mother. Johnnie
has been waiting expecting
a place in the Pacific
Express Company's to
have a final answer on
Monday. If he does not
obtain the place he will
study writing etc. with
Mr. Wren who lives in
the Brownian Cottage. Harry
has gone for a visit to
Wilford where you lectured
very sincerely with a Rev.
Dickinson, your church
to spend a few days.
Bessie has now the privilege
of riding a roan horse

with the young misses who
have moved into the house
lucky over, Alice by
name. She enjoys it very
much but is not very
strong. Mother contemplates
a trip to Chicago with
her & Johnnie. Jeanie
& I are still keeping house
for Mr. Woodworth though
our cottage is sufficiently
well done to make in
any day. As her doctor
was a good deal opposed
to her riding horseback
I have given her a riding
cart in which to ride
Starlight. She is now

New Haven
May 27/14

My dear Madame

I must again trouble you for the
news of your mother's family - give
exact dates of birth marriage & death
(when lacking) of your father & in other
of your own children - also grand-
children - also birth of the Genl Drama
of his father & maiden name of his mother -
yesterday ascertained that Dr.
Marcus Whitman the pioneer of Oregon
belongs to the family - viz the Bridgewater
branch - Please remember me
kindly to your son - so he still
studies at Omaha -

I am hoping to publish this summer so
hope you will favor me with an
early & full reply - In what book,
will I find the best materials for a
brief sketch of your husband -

Very truly yours

C. W. Farnam

Farnam Sr. in Omaha was named
after my father -

To all persons bearing the name of
WHITMAN.

The great majority of those bearing the name of Whitman in the United States are descended from John Whitman, who settled in Weymouth, Mass., about 1640, and from his sons Thomas, John, Abiah and Zechariah.

The record of the family to the fourth generation was prepared by Hon. Judge Whitman, late of Portland, and for many years Chief Justice of Maine. It is the endeavor of the writer of this circular to trace out from that time the various branches, and thus continue the record to date.

If the work is to be well done, it is important that copies of old Bible records, Tombstone inscriptions, family traditions and other matters of interest should be collected and placed in proper hands for preservation and comparison. I therefore particularly request all sons and daughters of all the Whitmans to transmit to me such particulars of their own families, and of their ancestors' families, for two, three or four generations back, as they can find or obtain, stating, if possible, places of residence, occupation, etc., and especially copies of records of births, marriages and deaths.

It will be thus possible to refer any correspondents to their ancient stock, and name their ancestors.

I trust that all will have sufficient interest in the work to spare at least the time to prepare their own record, and will give the matter their immediate attention.

Address,

CHARLES H. FARNAM,

Assistant in Archaeology, Yale College,

P. O. DRAWER 91.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Heretia Strickland Whitman b. June 6 1800
 d. June 30 1857
 m. Dec. 6 1831

Alexander Blackwell b. April 24 1810-
 d. Dec. 7 1848

Elizabeth Ann b. Nov. 4 1832 m. Feb. 14 1854 - b. Nov. 8 1830
 Genl. G. B. Howard

O. O. Howard b. Nov. 8 1830
 m. Feb. 14 1855

... (father Rowland Bailey Howard
 mother Eliza Otis)

Had.

1 Guy Howard b. Dec. 16 1855-
 m. Feby. 14 1884

Jeanie Woolworth b. Apr. 21 1859
 father James Mills Woolworth. mother Helen Biggs.

Grace Ellen b. June 22 1857

m.

James T. Gray

James Traite b. had.

Elizabeth Howard Biggs b. July 27 1880

Mary Augustus b. Jan'y 1882

Grace b. Feby 1st to Jan'y 30

3 James Traite b. Dec. 1st 1860 1884

4 Cheney Otis b. May 3rd 1863

5 John b. June 15th 1866

6 Harry Steiner b. July 25 1869

7 Bessie b. Sept. 19 1871

C. H. Farnam

Dear Larson

May 24. 1884.

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little more knowledge is best for him.
I feel this is opening a way for his
future. Mr. Myron is often asked
for a young mate to fill some
position. I am quite pleased.
Clancy is on "his farm" this week.
Harry is interested in his music. He
is going to have a fine voice in a
few years. We have had our warm
weather - warm a few hours in the
day when the sun shines and not
too warm. Thick clothing is comfortable
fortunately as we have my little
I have been out driving after boys borrowed
a number of times. They drive each horse
some days in single harness. Both go well.
Jeanie is very fond of Starlight and drives him
herself. Grace and all pretty well. Mr. Stackhouse
says. I have had two letters from mother. One
was to send the one hundred dollars a few days
ago. Your 128 will start in three days.
Dellie writes that Ellie will not come to

Omaha May 28/1884

My dear Otis, I have just finished a
~~letter~~ to mother to tell her I am
going to take Jessie to Elkhorn
very soon. She keeps about the
same with the two tired for anything
feeling. I have put her under Dr.
Gumm's care and he is giving her
iron and cod liver oil, she is out
of school this week and last. She
is riding horseback with Harry
once a week. Have a horse for
the stable. One that my man
rode in the Park last summer.
Guy and Jessie just called and
have taken mother's letter to the
P. O. and brought me some flowers
from her home. Mr. Woburn is
alone and invited them to remain
with him this month. Their house
is all ready and they will be there

soon. I am having the ground
north of the house leveled and
turf put on. The sod come from
across the street from Mr Lewis Reed's.
Houses are to be built there and Mrs
Detwiler has given me permission to
take it before it is destroyed by building.
One man and William are putting it
down. William is working like a
trooper and takes interest in having
every thing done that he can do. Very willing
so far always. I try to let him know how
much I appreciate his willingness and
his work. I wonder if among the curiosities
you have an Egyptian bug Scarabaei or Scarabee
as we call them here. They are brought home
and set for rings and pins. I want one from
a tomb or five hundred years old. Jamie
may have learned about them. I keep Grace
and Mother pretty well posted with regard
to news from you and Jamie. I have

as yet only a postal for you at
Constantinople. It seems so long
for you to get letters. I hope
you remained longer with the Navy
than you said. They were continuing
I think and someone to talk to if
you can take other late news. I
don't hear anything from the Office only
they don't have much to do. Johnnie
said he would try to take a course
of three months at "Wymeni Business College"
if he got no place before a certain time.
The College has commended itself to him in
some way. I know you will be glad
to know he is hard at work there.
Twenty-five dollars for the three months.
Mr Bassett has a man come back to him
who is acquainted with that business and
bookkeeping also. Johnnie could not do
the work. Mr Boggs would have taken
him if he had written a good hand. A

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Sibley, Iowa, May 31st, 1884.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Commanding Department of the Platte,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

In behalf of the Committee of Arrangement, I beg to extend to you a cordial and true soldierly invitation to attend the third annual reunion of the Northwest Iowa Soldiers' Association at Sibley, Iowa, June 18th and 19th.

A reunion at this time whereat so many members of your gallant former command, the Army of the Tennessee, are expected to be present, would indeed be lacking in interest without your familiar form to again inspire the boy. Nearly one thousand men of the once dashing Army of the Tennessee, residents of Northwestern Iowa, belong to our association. In their behalf I would make a special appeal to you at this time. With them your name is still revered, and their admiration for their old Commander, ~~extended~~

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beyond the measure of mere words.

These men are rapidly passing away. Those who still remain fondly cherish a desire to see you once more. Ample arrangements will be made for your convenience and pleasure, while you consent to meet again on the old camp ground, on the anniversary occasion, will carry forth a world of joy to those in this part of the state, who once marched under your victorious command.

Awaiting a favorable reply
I remain

Respectfully, your obedient servant
Chas. A. Robertson

Sec. of Committee

Dickens, shown

June 1, 1884.

Answered by P. H.
June 4, 1884.