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San Francisco, Cal.

Aug. 23/86.

George T. Little Esq.

Bowdoin College

Brunswick, Me.

Dear Sir:

In answer to  
your letter of Aug 7. I  
enclose you a printed  
history of Gen. Howards  
life.

Very truly Yours

E. O. Greble

1st Lt 2d Regt

a. D. C.



## MILITARY RECORD

—OF—

### BRIGADIER GENERAL OLIVER O. HOWARD,

Brevet Major General, U. S. Army.

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#### MILITARY HISTORY.

Cadet, United States Military Academy, September 1, 1850, to July 1, 1854, when he was graduated No. 4, in a class of 46, and was promoted in the Army to

BREVET SECOND LIEUTENANT OF ORDNANCE, JULY 1, 1854.

Served: as Assistant at Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., 1854—1855.

SECOND LIEUTENANT OF ORDNANCE, FEBRUARY 15, 1855.

In command of Kennebec Arsenal, Maine, 1855—1856.

Assistant at Watervliet Arsenal, New York, 1856.

Chief of Ordnance on the Staff of General Harney during the Seminole Indian hostilities in Florida, 1857.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OF ORDNANCE, JULY 1, 1857.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics, United States Military Academy, September 21, 1857, to June 3, 1861.

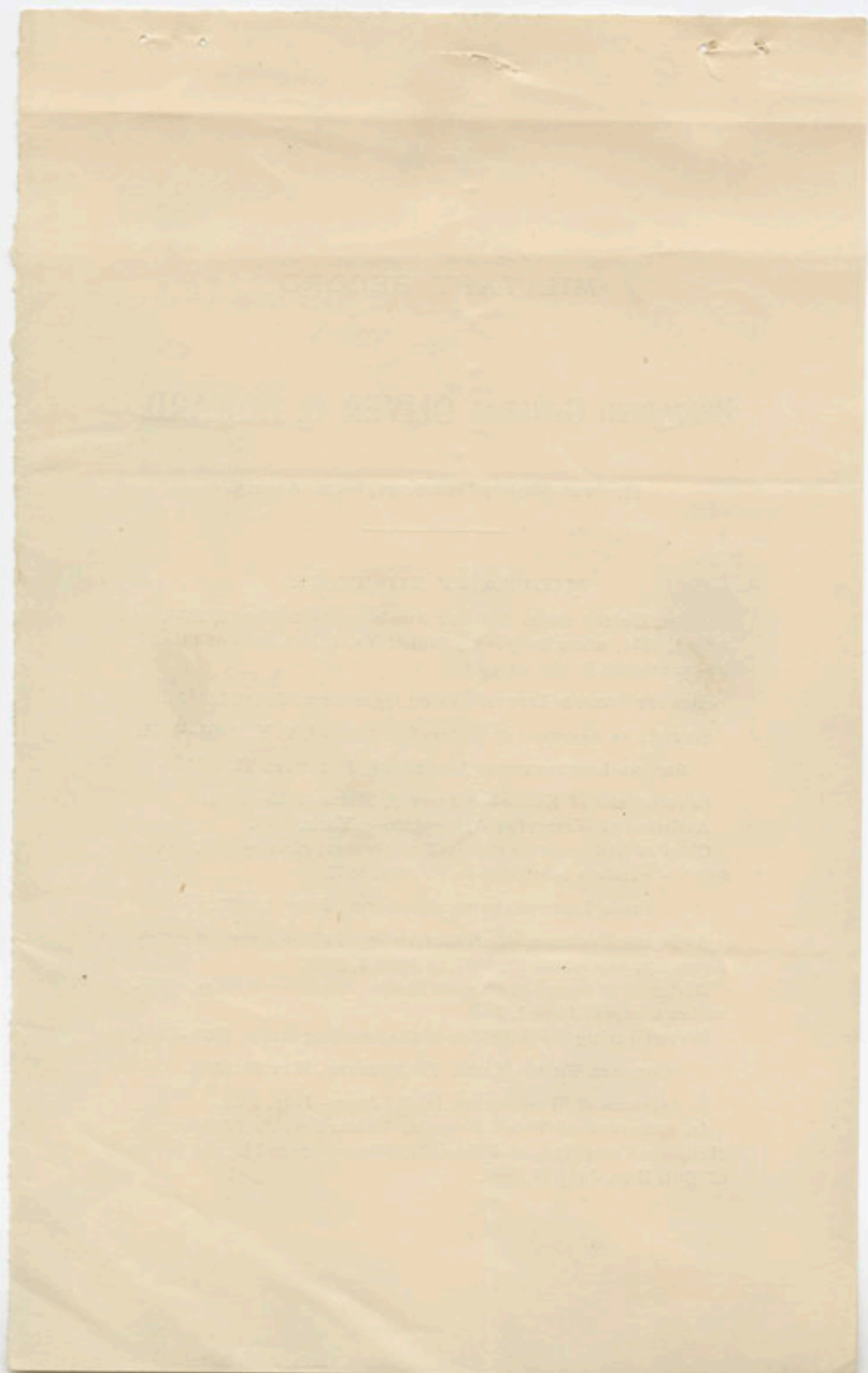
Resigned to accept promotion in the volunteer service, resignation accepted June 7, 1861.

Served during the Rebellion of the Seceding States, 1861—1866.

COLONEL THIRD MAINE VOLUNTEERS, MAY 28, 1861.

In defences of Washington, D. C., June—July, 1861.

In command of Third Brigade, Heintzleman's Division, in Manassas Campaign of July, 1861, being engaged in the battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861.





## BRIGADIER GENERAL U. S. VOLUNTEERS, SEPTEMBER 3, 1861.

In the defences of Washington, D. C., commanding a Brigade in Casey's Division, July 23, to September, 1861.

Commanding 1st Brigade, Sumner's Division, September 1861, to April 4, 1862, being engaged in reconnaissances to Fairfax Station, Virginia, March 3d, 1862, and to Rappahannock River, Virginia, March 16, 1862.

Commanding same Brigade, Army of Potomac, in McClellan's Virginia campaign, April—June, 1862, being engaged in building roads, wharves, and unloading stores at Yorktown, Virginia, during the siege of that place, April 8—May 4, 1862.

Engaged in the various operations on the Peninsula, May, 1862.

In command of Brigade at battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia, June 1, 1862, where he was twice severely wounded, losing his right arm.

On sick leave, disabled by wounds, June 2—August 27, 1862, being engaged, while convalescing, in raising volunteers in Maine.

In command of California Brigade, Sedgwick's Division, in Army of Potomac, in the Northern Virginia campaign, August—September, 1862, being engaged in skirmish near Centreville, Virginia, September 1, 1862, and covering the retreat of the Army to Washington, D. C., September 1—2, 1862.

Commanded same Brigade, Second Division, Second Corps, during the Maryland campaign, September, 1862.

Succeeded General Sedgwick, after his wounds, to the command of the Second Division, Second Corps, at the battle of Antietam, Maryland, September 14, 1862. On the march to Falmouth, Virginia, October—November, 1862.

## MAJOR GENERAL U. S. VOLUNTEERS, NOVEMBER 29, 1862.

In the Rappahannock campaign, winter of 1862—63, being engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862.

Assigned to the command of the Eleventh Corps, Army of Potomac, April 1, 1863, and in command of same in the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 2—4, 1863.

In command of Eleventh Corps, Army of Potomac, during the Pennsylvania campaign, June—September, 1863, being en-

gaged in the battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1—3, 1863, and in the pursuit of the enemy to Warrenton, Virginia, July 1863.

Guarding with his Corps the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, near Catlett's Station, Virginia, July—September, 1863.

In command of Eleventh Corps, transferred from Army of the Potomac to Army of the Cumberland, September 1863, being en route to Bridgeport, Tennessee, September 24—October 4, 1863.

Engaged in operations about Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 27, to November 26, 1863, being engaged in the battle of Lookout Valley, Tennessee, October 29, 1863, and the battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, November 23—25, 1863.

With same command on Expedition for the Relief of Knoxville, Tennessee, November 26 to December 17, 1863.

In occupation of Chattanooga—Lookout Valley—Tennessee, December, 1863, to April, 1864.

Assigned to the command of the Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, April 10, 1864.

Engaged with his Corps in the Invasion of Georgia, and the campaign against Atlanta, participating in the actions at Tunnel Hill, Rocky Face Ridge, Buzzard's Roost and the operations about Dalton, Georgia, May 7—12, 1864; the battle of Resaca, Georgia, May 14—15, 1864; action of Adairsville, Georgia, May 17, 1864; action of Cassville, Georgia, May 19, 1864; battle of Dallas, Georgia, May 25—26, 1864; action of Pickett's Mill, Georgia, May 27, 1864, where he was wounded; the battles and actions about Pine and Kenesaw Mountains, Georgia, June 20—July 2, 1864; action of Smyrna Camp Ground, Georgia, July 4, 1864; battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 20, 1864, and the siege of Atlanta, Georgia.

Assigned to the command of the Army and Department of the Tennessee, July 27, 1864. Commanded the troops engaged in the battle of Ezra Church, Georgia, July 28, 1864.

Participated, with his command, in the battle of Jonesboro, Georgia, August 31—September 1, 1864, which resulted in the surrender of Atlanta Georgia, September 2, 1864, and its occupation until October 4, 1864.

Engaged in pursuit of Hood's Army into Northern Georgia and Alabama, with frequent engagements, October 4—November 1, 1864.

Commanding the Right Wing of General Sherman's Army, in the march to the Sea, from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia, November 16—December 13, 1864, being engaged in numerous actions and skirmishes, including the action of Griswoldville, Georgia, November 22, 1864, and the surrender of Savannah, Georgia, December 21, 1864.

BRIGADIER GENERAL, U. S. ARMY, DECEMBER 21, 1864.

Engaged with his Army in the Invasion of the Carolinas, under General Sherman January 4—April 26, 1865, being engaged in the actions of Pocotaligo, South Carolina, January 14, 1865; River's Bridge, South Carolina, February 3, 1865; Orangeburg, South Carolina, February 12, 1865; Congaree Creek, South Carolina, February 15, 1865; Cheraw, South Carolina, March 3, 1865, and Fayetteville, North Carolina, March 11, 1865.

BREVET MAJOR GENERAL, U. S. ARMY,  
FOR GALLANT AND MERITORIOUS SERVICES AT THE BATTLE OF  
EZRA CHURCH, AND DURING THE CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
MARCH 13, 1865.

Participated in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, March 20—21, 1865; occupation of Goldsboro, North Carolina, March 24, 1865; and numerous skirmishes during the campaign terminating with the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston's Army, at Durham Station, North Carolina, April 26, 1865.

Appointed Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, May 12, 1865, and remained in that capacity until June 30, 1872.

Special Indian Commissioner to the hostile Apaches of New Mexico and Arizona, February—November, 1872.

Assigned to the Department of the Columbia—assumed command September 1, 1874.

Conducting campaign against the hostile Nez Perces, May—November, 1877, being engaged in numerous skirmishes and actions, pursuing the hostile Indians for more than 1300 miles, through Oregon, Washington Ty., Idaho and Montana, until their final capture at Bear Paw Mts., Montana, October 5, 1877.

Engaged in campaign against hostile Bannocks and Piutes,



June--September, 1878, being engaged in continual fighting and skirmishing until their final defeat and capture.

Assigned to the command of the Department of West Point and Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy, and assumed the duties January 21, 1881.

Assigned to the command of the Department of the Platte, July 14, 1882, and assumed command September 5, 1882.

#### CIVIL HISTORY.

Graduated from Bowdoin College, Maine, with Degree of A. B., 1850.

Degree of A. M., conferred by Bowdoin College, Maine, 1853.

Degree of LL. D., conferred by Waterville College, Maine, 1865.

Degree of LL. D., conferred by Shurtleiff College, Illinois, 1865.

Degree of LL. D., conferred by Gettysburg, Theo. Seminary, Pennsylvania, 1866.

Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, conferred by French Government, 1884.

Author of *Donald's School Days*.

*Chief Joseph*; or the Nez Perces in Peace and War.

Author and translator of *Life of the Count De Gasparin*—from the French; and of numerous Articles and Monographs published in Magazines and Reviews.

Born in Leeds, Me.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1830.



Correctives

Class of 1850 - ✓

Oliver Otis Howard

Present rank Major General  
U. S. A.

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Class of 1859 -

Charles Henry Howard  
was Col. of 128<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T.  
(not 124<sup>th</sup> as printed) 1867  
Promoted Lt. Col. after Chevallier-  
ville & before Commissioned in full as  
Lt. Col and Asst. Inspector General.  
This brevet is not mentioned

C. H. Howard  
1879



(with birth day)

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Extracts from Address by Dr. Simeon Gilbart  
at Memorial Service.  
Refers to C. H. Howard

"He had the courage of his sense of duty and from the hour of his first enlistment in the Army as in all the following years of his ~~life~~ public service, whether in connection with the Freedmen's Bureau, the American Missionary Association, or the Inspectorship of Indian Schools, wherever the path of duty shone clear before him, courage was for him as natural as breathing."

"He was a singularly delightful man to work with. His rare ingenuousness, his almost genius for geniality of temper was apt to put another <sup>on</sup> at his feet. That was indeed a beautiful knack he had! Would it were more common! The memory of it all, I cannot forbear saying, 'still doth breed in me perpetual benediction.'"

"Of General Howard's life here in his own suburban town with all its considerateness for others, its civic thoughtfulness, its activities, its idealization of the true neighborliness during this thirty years and more, there is no need for words. How well it is known, how long it will be gratefully remembered by all! And is how many weep that he <sup>it may have been</sup> unwittingly ~~perhaps~~ 'to put of the best and choicest spirit of his own life into the enduring life of the community.'"



Extracts from address of Dr. James  
at the University of  
Chicago

It has the privilege of being  
from the list of the first  
in the history of the  
university of Chicago  
the University of Chicago  
ship of the University of Chicago  
show that we have a  
"good as nothing"

It was a beautiful day  
and the weather was  
just what we needed  
to go out for a walk  
in the park. The  
children were very  
happy and the day  
was a very successful  
one.

If I have the opportunity  
to go to the University  
of Chicago, I will be  
very happy to go. I  
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