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To Genl O O Howard
U. S. A

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Will our visit
be convenient in view
of presidents death

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Hall, G. A.

New York
Sept 20/81.

Answered

Danno J. M. J.
Capt & Lt Supt

New York, N.Y.
Sept 31st 1881.

Answered Sept 28/81
by the Genl.

Recd Sept 23, 1881.

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THE MILITARY SERVICE INSTITUTION,

Governor's Island, Sep 21 1881

Genl O. O. Howard
USA

West Point, NY

General: Inclosed herewith is the circular of this Institution in regard to the next Bize Day, 1882, and I am instructed to say that the Executive Council would be very much gratified if you would prepare a paper on the subject selected and submit the same at your convenience.

I am

Very, respectfully yours
J. M. Danno.

Capt & Lt Supt
West Point

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THE MILITARY SERVICE INSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ANNUAL PRIZE ESSAY.

I. The following is published for the information of all concerned :

" *Resolved*, That a prize of a Gold Medal of suitable value, together with a Certificate of Life Membership, be offered annually by 'The Military Service Institution of the United States' for the best essay on a military topic of current interest; the subject to be selected by the Executive Council and the prize awarded under the following conditions :

1. Competition to be open to all persons eligible to membership.*

2. Each competitor will send three copies of his essay in a sealed envelope to the Secretary on or before March 1st, 1882. The essay must be strictly anonymous but the author shall adopt some *nom de plume* and sign the same to the essay followed by a figure corresponding with the number of pages of MS. and accompany the essay by a sealed envelope bearing the *nom de plume* on the outside and enclosing his name and address. This envelope to be opened in the presence of the Council after the decision of the Board of Award has been received.

3. The prize shall be awarded upon the report of a board consisting of three suitable persons chosen by the Executive Council.

4. The successful essay to be published in the Journal of the Institution, and the essay deemed next in order of merit shall receive honorable mention, be read before the Institution, and, at the discretion of the Council, be published.

5. Essays not to exceed twenty thousand words or sixty pages of the size and style of the Journal (exclusive of the tables.)

II. The Council on the 18th of June, 1881, resolved that on account of a lack of time the prize essay for the current year (1881) be omitted and that the subject for the prize essay of 1882 be

"THE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ART OF WAR DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS AND THEIR PROBABLE EFFECT ON FUTURE MILITARY OPERATIONS."

III. The gentlemen chosen by the Council to constitute the Board of Award for 1882 are as follows :

Bvt. Major-General GEORGE W. GETTY, U. S. Army.

Bvt. Major-General ZEALOUS B. TOWER, U. S. Army.

X Colonel JAMES G. BENTON, ~~Ord. Department, U. S. Army.~~

THEO. F. RODENBOUGH,

Secretary.

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y. HARBOR, June 15, 1881.

* All officers of the Army and Professors at the Military Academy shall be entitled to membership, without ballot, upon payment of the entrance fee. (Extract from By-Laws.)

X May Gen Louis de Bonze as Army

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"THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ART OF WAR DURING THE LAST TWENTY YEARS AND THEIR PROBABLE EFFECT ON FUTURE MILITARY OPERATIONS."

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Br. Major-General GEORGE W. GERRY, U. S. Army.
 Br. Major-General NATHAN B. TOWER, U. S. Army.
 X. Colonel JAMES D. BENSON, Ord. Department, U. S. Army.

THOMAS F. ROBERTSON

Secretary

GOVERNOR'S BUILDING, N. Y. HARBOUR, June 15, 1881.

All officers of the Army and Navy engaged in the Military Academy shall be entitled to receive a copy of this notice free of charge.

Had the same been given

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West Point Hotel.

ALBERT H. CRANEY, Proprietor

West Point, N. Y., 21 Sept 1881.

Dear Sir:

Being at West Point for the first time, with a College classmate, and desirous of making the most of our short stay to see the Military Academy, I venture hesitatingly to intrude myself upon you as the son of Emerson Opdycke, late Brig. Maj. Gen. of Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Any aid that you may be able, without inconvenience, to give us, will be most gratefully appreciated.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

L. E. Opdycke

Major General O. O. Howard U. S. A.

Adycke, L. E.

West Point Hotel
Sept 31, 1881.

Sweden.
Dinner
entertainment
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dinner
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Langdon, L. S.

Answered Sep 22

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Rooms of the Warren Court of Inquiry,

Army Building, cor. Greene & Houston Streets,

New York City, September 21st 1881.

Dear General.

The day after my return from our very pleasant visit at the Point, I wrote a brief review of your "Count Gasparin" and sent it to the Army & Navy Journal. It was there in ample time for last week's issue, and when it failed to appear I was much disappointed. This morning I received the enclosed note which explains itself. You can keep it. I hope you will be pleased when you read what I have written, and which was the result of a careful reading of the work.

I have begun a campaign among my friends in a quiet way; thus: - "Oh! have you read so-and-so? You have n't - Well you are behind the age." And yesterday I got a note from far away Connecticut saying the book had been ordered on my recommendation. It is in this connection that I so unwholly expressed myself the other day. I meant

I put the
address on
the card to
have you
all the
writing
I can -
to me that
nothing will
you left
hand just
be so long
and end
men after
years of
practice -
of course,
you must
be used
to it but
I am not
used to
doing it
or thinking
of it without
examination.

that you would be pleased to have
the fellows buy the books, and I in-
tended to earn mine - But I got it
all mixed up and finally dropped
the matter as the least embarrassing way.

Please don't take your time to
write me a note in reply - but have the
kindness to put on the enclosed card
the name of the Key Piece book and
its Publisher - and the name of the book
you made the most from and its pub-
lisher.

I have something very pleasant
to tell you about the results of your policy
at West Point. but I cannot do so this
morning. I learned it by the purest accident
and will by and write to you on the
subject to-morrow, as it will encourage you.

Present my kind regards to Mrs Howard,
which Mrs Hayden joins -

Very Sincerely -

Samuel L. Hayden.

But I believe
in it. A -

New York Sept: 20 1881

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Colonel L. L. Langdon

My dear

Colonel:-

Col: Church received your
note of the 14th just as he
was leaving in a hurry
Special business &
I do me say to you he
will take great pleasure
noticing General Howard's
work in the Journal
& publishing your

series of it. He desired
me also to thank you
for your kindness.

Respectfully Yours,

John D. Power

Power J. D.
Livingston & Albany
New York

so think - God, indeed,
directs us by ways
that are not our
ways & are inimitable.
Mr James joins me
in thanks & many
kind messages to
Mrs Howard whom
he regrets so much
not seeing as well
as yourself - Hoping
soon to see you both
& discuss the book
between me as ever
very faithfully yours
Sept 2 / 02

I have sent
you your
last other
book by 1st
James, Mr J.B.
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Gile
My dear General
I have this
moment received
the book, your trans-
lation of Borel, Grant-
Agins de Gasparini
& shall read it with
double interest -
first for your part
in the book & for
the pleasure of



Gile

SEP 21 1882

following a career
so full of intelligence
& power, so fine
a type of man
I add biography
& think we gather
much wisdom from
following step by step
the lives of distinguished
men & women. Some
one says we never
profit by the ex-
perience of others

but I think the manning &
fable one & only approach to
the minor life of life - even this
approaching tragedy that has
known our cheer bounding in
mourning, with death &
moral lesson & will not be
without its other side - let us

West Point, N. Y., Sept 21. 1881

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Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

I was not, until to-day, aware of anyone having written you in regard to darling Mother's funeral.

Mr. Wilson G. Hunt told me that he had received from some person, name unmentioned, a letter enclosing one from Major Howard as he, Mr. Hunt, expressed it,

Respectfully,
Yours ever
Wilson Strong

Strong, W.

CRANSTON
WEST POINT HOTEL

Dear Howard

I am glad

I was not, and I

had a great deal of trouble in getting
the letter for you in regard to getting

West Point

Sept 21/81

told me that he had received

from some person, and I

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found a letter enclosing one

from Major Howard on the

the same, expressed it.

Respectfully

Yours ever

William Strong

Hotel St. Stephen, N. Y. City

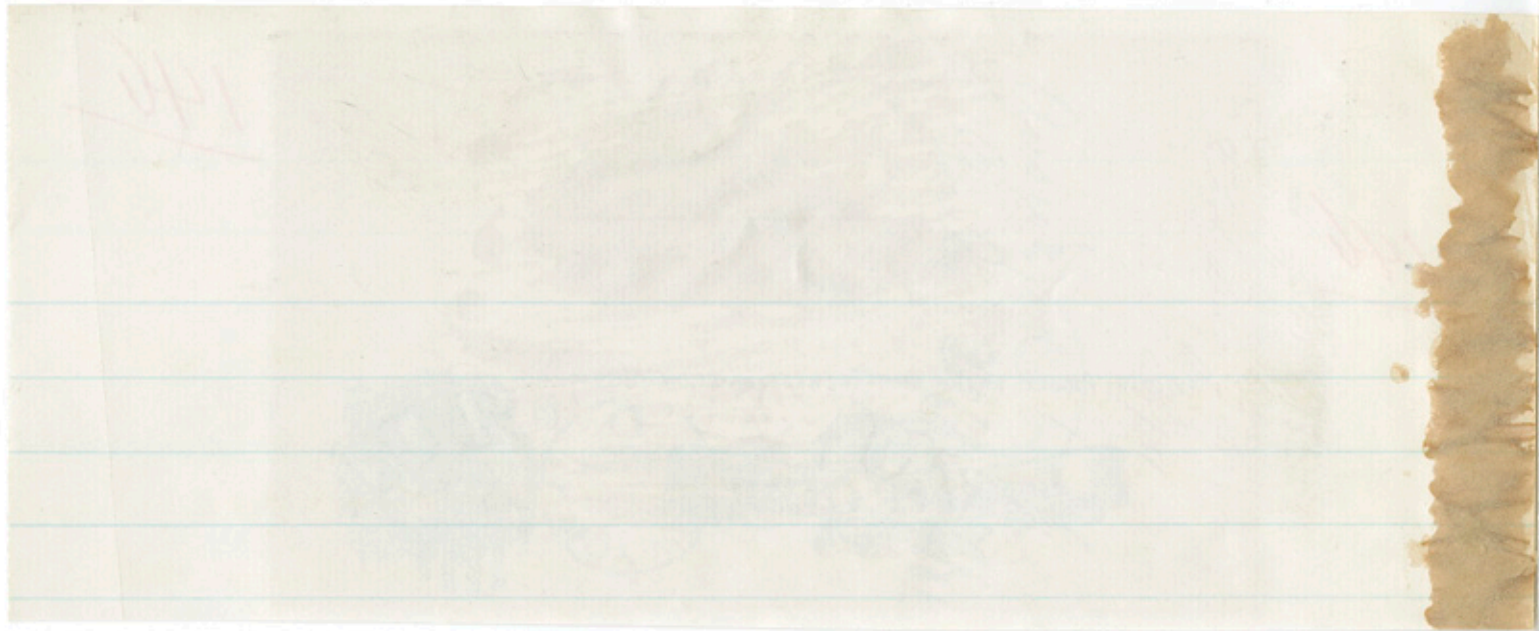
Sept. 22nd 1881

Gen A. C. Howard,

Dear Sir; you kindly told me
if I did not hear from you concerning the
Leaflets to send you a postal - I shall be here
for a few days - South Framingham & Chertsey
missed you after you left - I think you would have
enjoyed hearing the many complimentary remarks that
always accompanied the regrets expressed that you
could not remain longer - Very respectfully,
Josephine E. Hodgdon.

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MEMORANDUM.

From

BLAKSLEE & CALDWELL,

FREIGHT BROKERS,

62 BEAVER STREET.

To

Genl O.O. Howard

West Point, N.Y.

My dear friend - If perfectly convenient for you and
yours, Mrs Mulliken & myself will take the Boat from
here next Tuesday morning and spend a few hours
with you returning to New York same afternoon by
Boat or Cars hoping Mrs Howard & yourself are well

New York

Sept 23^d - 1881

Friday afternoon

I am very truly Yours

C.H. Mulliken

We are at Elizabethtown N.J. with Mrs Mulliken's sister, Mrs Caldwell

Blackwell's City

Blackwell's City.
Sept 23, 1881.

Answered by the bank
Sept 24

Recd. Sept 24/81.

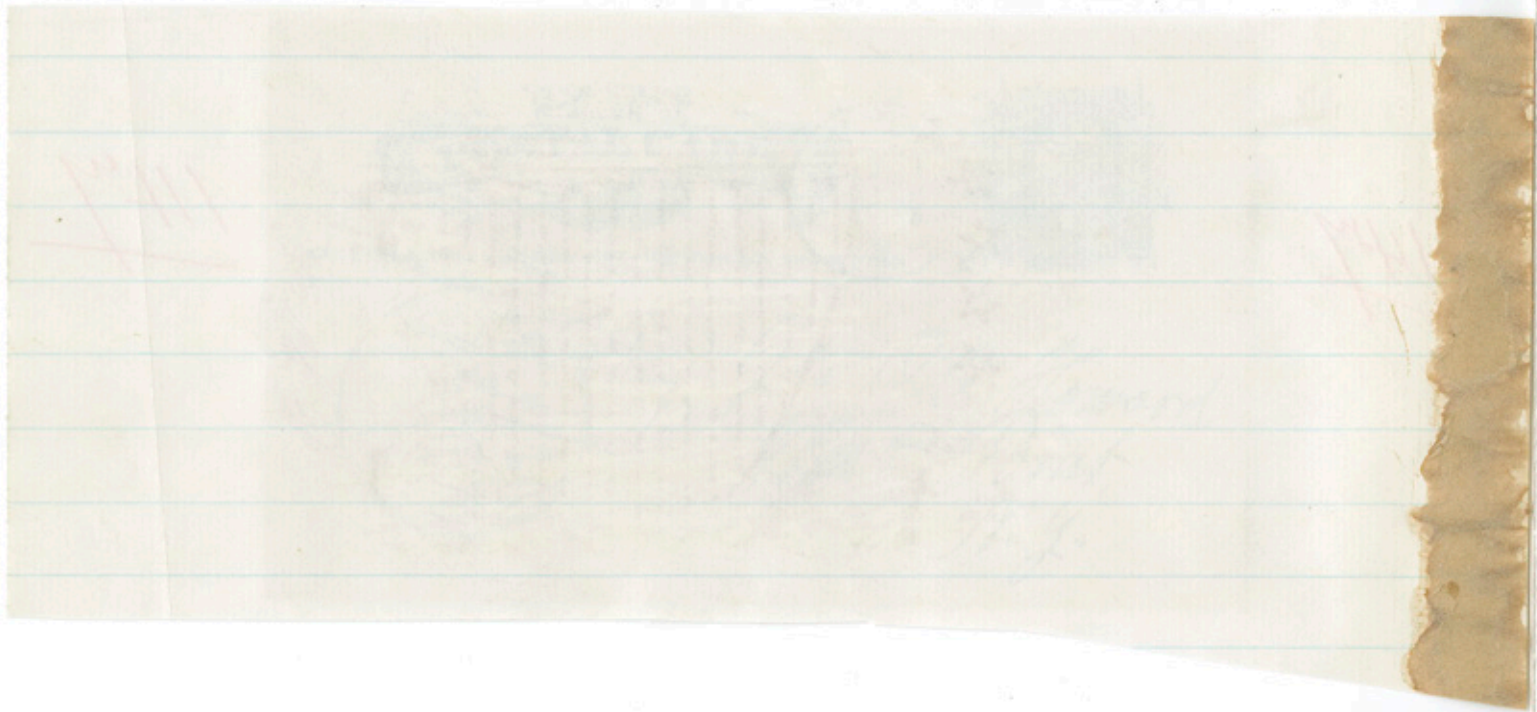
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72 E. 131st St. N. York Sept. 23^d

[1887]

I learn you have issued a life
of De Gasparin*. We became correspondents
in Egypt Jan. 1848 & have exchanged
publications since. I send to
you the first tokens of our associa-
tion in a little volume on "Spiritual-
ism". Note please Introd. p. xvi &
Letters pp. 172, 178 &c. Who has put you in
your true place? Who rules?
P.S. Where can I find it? L. W. J.

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Sept 24th 1881
 another letter from Dr. Johnson
 stating: I am about to
 fence up a part of the lot adjoining
 my house, - thirty five feet long
 & I hereby request you to unite
 with me in building a good
 substantial partition fence as
 required in such cases by the
 Building Regulations of the Dis-
 trict: Then he threatens
 the law. My fence is now
 a slab fence, he can build a fence in
 side the Dr. Leichman did out of
 his own funds - further on he
 says Please understand that
 this has nothing no connection
 with Howard University
 business, and it is some-
 thing that President Patton
 not Gen Howard have
 anything to do with: I am
 in possession of the com-
 munication you wrote
 to both of these Gentlemen
 about the fence. Hoping
 you will respond and
 and if one half of the effe-
 ence and save any further
 trouble I am yours truly
 J B Johnson Trustee
 Rev. W. I. Stoddard

See Dr. Blin's advertisement, at expense of any one else

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And thus my friend Mr S. went on
over and over again - telling the same
story - but much more than I have told
you - and in what I have written I have
given you his exact words as nearly as one man
can repeat another's. He took me into the cars with
him and kept going on in this strain till we reached
our homes.

He spoke of one tactical officer in the highest
terms of admiration and spoke of the way the Cadets
loved him and how they tried to please him by
obeying his instructions. I won't mention names -
but the Cadets (I think it was that way my friend
heard it) said that this officer, on being remon-
strated with for not handing in more reports
replied (it was at the officers mess) "Well - I
didn't come here to be a spy - I came here
to teach tactics."

I have written just this much because, were
in the difficult and delicate position you are
it would please me to have my views so quickly
and so emphatically verified as to their justice and
propriety. It did seem such a strange co-
incidence as to almost seem providential -

Now please don't think you are to

Langdon, L. L.

11/2 p.m. Monday Sept 27/81

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Rooms of the Warren Court of Inquiry,

Army Building, cor. Greene & Houston Streets,

New York City, Sept' 24th 1881.

Dear General.

In my letter to you, a few days ago, I mentioned
that I had accidentally learned something which dem-
onstrated the good effects of the old fashioned regime
which has been recently revived at West Point. I have
had no opportunity to write till this morning. And what
I have to say may seem only a trifle, indeed it may be
no news to you - But such as it is, were I in your
place I would care to hear it.

The other night, since I saw you, I was crossing
Hamilton ferry when I met a young gentleman friend
of mine, the son of a very prominent Brooklyn citizen.
He has a cousin a cadet at West Point; who has been
there two or three years. He will call my friend
Mr S. - A few weeks ago Mr S. went to
visit his cousin at West Point. Having understood
that he might have some difficulty in getting
his cousin excused from drill if he went to
the second in command, he "took the bull
by the horns" and went directly to you.

And he speaks in the highest terms of your condescension and politeness. Having gotten his cousin's Pass he passed some hours with him and after drill the two became the centre of a group of cadets by whom the Academy and officers were quite freely discussed. Of course, I should not repeat to you the derogatory remarks made with reference to certain officers well known to be intensely disliked. That would not be fair nor is it my purpose in writing this letter. But it was not long before they began counting the praises of the new Superintendent and his "system," and all this to the delight of my friend who could not talk enough about it. One cadet officer said; "We never think of deceiving General Howard. He trusts us. Why! We would put our necks down and let him walk over us." (That is so like a cadet.) A cadet sergeant said: "We don't have to go now to ask permission of another officer, to see the Superintendent, and the consequence is we would be ashamed to go to him unnecessarily or about a trifle. Whereas with the late Superintendent it was our delight to bother him and stir him up. But we want to save

General Howard all the annoyance possible." Said another, a little fellow without the faintest profession of piety himself. "Now just you fellows look at those fifteen or sixteen chaps who go on Pass every Sunday to Miss -'s prayer meeting at Cold Spring. There isn't one of those fellows, who even if he were so disposed, would deceive General Howard." Said another; "Just remember how we used to be hounded day and night until we felt that a struggle had been inaugurated between the army officers and the Superintendent on one side and the more numerous and active cadets on the other and being provoked to it we felt it a point of honor to win." Said another, sympathizingly - "Don't you remember poor B. and poor C. & dear little D. - as bright brave fellows as ever lived sent off in disgrace and ruined for life - not for failure in studies, not for grave offences but for little petty things that no gentlemen would think worth while to notice much less to report a fellow for."