



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Edgar
LINCOLN, NEB.,

May 5

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May Gen O O Howard
Omaha Neb
Dear Sir

Your letter recd and
noted very sorry you could not
be with us on memorial day
and we would like to get you to
come out here at some convenient
time and deliver your lecture
on the "Battle of Gettysburg"

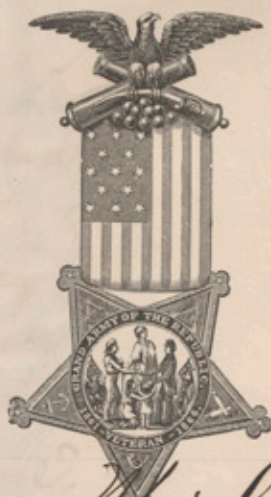
Will you please let us know your
terms and time when you
could come

Respectfully
Egm E Howard
for Committee

Howard, C. C.

Edgar, Neb.
May 5. 1883

Answer by the
Genl. May 12/83



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Geo. C. Oliver Post No. 43, *14*

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

Fairfield, Neb., May 5 1883

Maj Gen Howard
Omaha

Dr Gen!

your two Telegrams
received on my arrival Home having
been absent since May 1st

The comrades of our Post concluded
we could not pay the Price you gave us
at this time having another Lecture so
near the same time, by "Laura & Dainty"
and at this time of the year many would
not patronize a Lecture that would in the
Winter time. we trust we may be able
to secure you for this Lecture the coming
Fall

yours in F. G. & S.

B. F. Rawalt
Post adjt.

Hawaii, P. O. F.

Fairfield, Neb
May 5. 1883

P. O.

Capt. J. S. Payne
Fort Sidney, Neb.

May 5. 1883.

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

General, I have heard that
two troops of the 5th Cav.
are to be sent to the new
post, Fort Thornburgh.
I take the liberty of ad-
dressing you, to ask, that
in the event, that one
or both, may be taken from
this station, that my troop
may be left here.

Yours very truly,
J. S. Payne

My troop, with "B & D" were
sent to Niobrara, where we
were engaged in building
that post. We were under
canon from April until
Nov. 24, & during the winter
lived in uncompleted & lim-
ited quarters. B & D troops
are still there. In Aug.
last, 2 was sent to Fort
Russell, & in Nov. transferred
to this station, thus making
two changes within eight
months. Of the other two
troops here, "A" has been
continuously at regimental
Headquarters, as follows:
Fort Hays Kans. July 1875-
to '76 - same month &

after the regiment returned
from campaign of that year, at
Fort D.A. Russell, Nov. '76 to Apr.
1880 & at Fort Saramie until
April of this year, being
away during this period of nearly
Eight years, from regimental
Headquarters, from Sept. '82
to Apr. '83. "K" ~~trick~~ has
been at Saramie since Apr. '80
& has made but one change
of station (to this post) since
that time.

I then beg General, that
you will pardon me for
requesting, that you will consid-
er these facts, in case you
should designate the com-
panies from your Headquarters
for assignment to Thornburgh.

A third change of station
following so rapidly the other
two would subject me to many
troubles & necessitate my sending
my family to the East. But
beyond all other considerations,
is the hardship of going to work
with my troop to assist in build-
ing a new post, so soon after
the long and laborious detail on
such duty at Niobrara.

Again asking your indul-
gence in this matter, I
remain General,

Very Respectfully,

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

H. Payne

Capt. & Co.

Rock Creek N.Y. May 6th/83 15

Mr. Guy Howard
Sir

Yours of the 3rd to hand.
I will reserve two seats for you
on Wednesday's coach May 16th/83.

Yours &c
S. P. Smith

Agent

Smith, S. P.

Rock Creek
May 6. 1883

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Chicago Ill.

May 7th 1883.

Genl. O. A. Howard

Dear Genl.

I met
Mrs. Pundling at the train
& brought her to my house
for a rest & dinner, &
then drove her to the
depot at 5:15 P.m. She
was very comfortably
fixed with good berth
for Washington.

Very truly

W. H. Forwood

Chicago Ill.
May 7th 1880.

Dear Mr. Brewster

Dear Sir

I am

Mr. Brewster at the time
I was at the house
for a short time.

Then there was to be

about 2500 people

even very comfortable

place with good

for the purpose

of the

P. J. Montgomery, M.D.,

HOMEOPATHIC

Physician and Surgeon,

Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 7 1883.

O. C. Howard

Dear Brother

We have concluded
all arrangements for Lecture Thursday
night.

If you will inform me what
train you will come over on, I
will have a carriage at the Straup
to meet you, and take you to my
residence before the Lecture. We would be
glad to have you to Tea if it would
suit you to do so.

Yours In the Work
P. J. Montgomery

Grand

Montgomery, N.J.

Council Bluffs
May 7. 1883.

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Headquarters Mil. Div. of the Missouri,

Chicago, Ill., May 7th 1883

General O O Howard.

Commanding Dept of the Platte.

Dear General.

Your note of the 4th is just
received. General Sherman to
whom I have submitted it desires
me to say he has no objection to your
contemplated trip but that he can
not give you orders to return to
Omaha by way of the Northern
Pacific Railroad and Fort Union
he has no objection to your doing
so if you wish but prefers not
to give any orders to that effect.

Very Truly Yours

William

asst adjt Genl

Williams, Gen. R.

Chicago, Ill.
May 7. 1883.

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Received at Omaha 1115A May 7 1888

Dated Glenwood Ia May 7
 To Gen W. W. Howard

On what subject will you
Lecture Do you furnish tickets
Geo L. Goodell

James, N. D.

Stemwood
May 4, 1883

Dear Mr. Stemwood
I have the pleasure to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 2nd inst.

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Genl. O. O. Howard
U. S. Army.

309 Walnut St.

Philad. Pa.

May 8th 1883

My dear General.

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 1st inst, & also for the kind advice contained in it. I was very indignant at this letter of Gen. Doubleday's when I first saw it, it also seemed to me to be the first tangible thing that had come from him, that could be taken hold of & the animus & maliciousness of his whole course shown up, so that I felt now probably was as good a time as any to say anything that I had to say. To have at all properly noticed his work would have required a book of itself.

Knowing the very good reasons that you had for not having any very friendly feeling towards Gen. Doubleday, I had neither a hesitation in addressing you, or what were another's affairs, especially as you had not deemed worthy of notice what he had written about yourself. Still I felt that I would like to communicate with you for the following reasons.

At the time the Comm. in Chief of War were examining into this matter, the newspapers were

filled with all kinds of reports as to what was
testified before them, amongst them was this very
subject as to what took place at the consultation of
Corps. Commands on the night of July 2^d. Gen. Meade
at that time addressed a circular letter to the various
Officers who were present on that occasion, calling on
them for their recollections as to what occurred &
especially whether he insisted on the withdrawal
of the army. I have the answers to that circular from
Sedgwick, Newton, Sykes, Gibbon & A. S. Williams,
all of which fully bear out the General's own state-
ment before the Committee. Birney declined to answer
a communication from Gen. Meade on the same subject.
This left of those present yourself, Hancock & Slocum.
There is no answer from Gen. Slocum, though the
circular has his name attached to it as one of the
officers to whom it was to be sent. It may not,
however, have been sent to him, as both yourself
& Gen. Slocum were then in the West. I take it,
however, from Gen. Slocum's letter that he agrees
with Gen. Doubleday, though even he does not
say Gen. Meade wanted to retreat, but that
he considered Gettysburg no place to fight a
battle. Though the inference left is that he

encloses Genl Doubledays views. Gen. Russell
was called before the Committee & his testimony covered
he used. So that, of all those present that night,
this left yourself as the only Officer whose views
I could not state. In anything I should write
I intended bringing in these letters. Now whilst
I desired very much to have some brief state-
ment from you, I also did not wish it to appear
or to be stated, that from personal motives or
for any other reason, I had neglected to com-
municate with you. I have written this long ex-
planation to show why I troubled you on such a
disagreeable subject & I trust you will appreciate
my motives.

I have a great dislike myself to enter into
anything like a newspaper controversy. I have not
fully made up my mind to notice this letter,
& I will admit that your kind letter has rather
increased the doubt. I also do not want to ask
anything that you think will involve you in any
controversy. Yet it would be very agreeable to me
to have something from you, brief as you choose to
make it, that I can add to what I already
have.

I did not suppose that you knew anything at the time as to any directions or orders that Genl. Meade may have given to Genl. Pleasanton on which Genl. Doubleday lays such great stress, or that I did not expect you to write on that. All that I would like to have, would be a few lines giving your recollections of what occurred at the Council, & whether or no, Genl. Meade "dissent[ed] from the conclusion & expressed his strong dissatisfaction" at the result arrived at. In general terms whether the impression left on your mind, from what Genl. Meade said, was that he did not think Gettysburg a fit place to fight at & that he wanted to retreat, or that is what Genl. Doubleday alleges.

There is one other point as to the time the Council was held. The fighting on your front did not cease until after 9 O'clk, & you were present there all the time, you being afterwards at the Council, it must have been nearly 10 P.M. before you met. There is a despatch "Meade to Halleck July 2^d. 11. P.M." it will be found in Vol 1: Page 490. Common on End of War. My impression is that this was written before you had finished your deliberations, as it was nearly midnight before you broke up. If I am correct in this, this despatch will show Genl. Meade's views before you came to a vote. Though it may have been written based on the conclusion arrived at.

I cannot tell you how mortified & distressed we feel when we see these unfair & illiberal reflections on my father. Being the oldest of the family & having served with my father, I have naturally felt an increased responsibility & sometimes have feared that by remaining silent it might create a false impression.

I am afraid I have written you a very long letter & am putting you to a great deal of trouble by asking for this statement. If, however, you think it worth while to print my request, I shall consider myself under great obligations to you.

Very truly yours
Geo. Preade

Philadelphia
May 8/1883

Accused by the
Genl. before 9/83

E. S. Turner—Insurance & Real Estate.

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Newburgh, N. Y., May 8th 1883

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear General:

I enclose herewith N.Y. draft for \$1355. Being the proceeds of the Quassaick Stock at say $135\frac{1}{2}$ which is the best that I could get for it. This is an advance of $5\frac{1}{2}$ over cost to you. The Highland Stock is just now a little depressed on account of the connection of the late Judge Taylor with that bank, and I would not sell it at present. There is no good reason for this feeling, as the bank will lose nothing by Taylor's relation to it, and the stock ought to bring as much as Quassaick. It is only worth about \$125. to \$128 now.

Yours very sincerely
E. S. Turner

1883

Newbury

May 8/1883

Received by the
Cash May 14/83

City Officers.

E. A. HARRIS, Mayor.
R. H. HALLER, Treasurer.
F. E. LOOMIS, Clerk.
J. S. COOK, Marshal.
J. M. JUNKIN, City Solicitor.
J. A. SHUEY, Street Commissioner.

Chairmen Committees.

Claims—W. H. HUNTER.
Judiciary—R. O. NEWELL.
Water Works—JOS. HILBOURN.
Fire Department—C. L. MARENHOLZ.
Streets—G. W. JOHNSTON.
Grounds and Parks—B. B. CLARK.

Mayor's Office

City of Red Oak Junction.

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Red Oak, Iowa, May 8th

1882.

Gen O. C. Howard.

Omaha Neb.

My Dear Genl

Would you consent to
come to this place sometime soon
and deliver your Lecture The
Campaign & Battle of Gettysburg.
for benefit Co K 5th Regt I. A. G.

If so what would you charge
us. I know we can give you
a full House. We are but
50 miles from C. Bluffs and the
C. B. & O.

Respy E. A. Harris

Kama S. B.

Red Oak, Iowa.
May 8. 1883

Answered by the
Genl. May 12/83

Washington D.C.

May 9th 1883

Gen Howard

Kind Sir I recd Your letter in answer to the one I sent You relative to Using Your influence in securing me a situation in the War Dept. and was thankful to You for Your Kind Advice Now Dear General I was so anxious on the acct. of my Poor aged Mother whom You have at times help most Generously we are in a bad Condition living from hand to mouth My Mother is feeble and not able to work and I can get nothing Steady to do

Now General if You
can help me to some
money and we have not
paid our House rent
and in fact have not
the money to pay besides
needing other necessities
as You have been Kind
in times gone by I feel
that You will certainly
help me any thing You
have will be very
thankfully recd. by
Your Humble Servt

Thomas H Ingram
near 22^d st bet 1st & Pa
Washington D.C.

Suey Ingram

Gible, Lt Col.

St. Leavenworth
May 9th 1883

Answered by Theo
Leul. May 10/83

~~Ho~~

St. Leavenworth, Ka.
May 9th 1883.

My dear General,
Gible Luck
wrote me a letter the
other day which put
me in a dilemma &
I write to you for advice.
He wants to leave the
University where he now
is & shift for himself;
giving as a reason, that
the expense is rather
great & he is not
fond of the studies. He
wants to come West

and go to work. Erble
is fond of machinery &
I think pretty steady. If
he must leave the Univer-
sity, on general principles,
I would say come West.
unless he can get a
place in Altoona at the
Engine works there. If
you have time won't you
write to the boy & give
him some advice. I am
afraid to offer him any
other than to stick to
his studies & take a
diploma. Clara is now
at home & will probably
stay there until Fall

when I hope to have
quarters & then she will
make me a visit. Grand-
father has promised to
come West - if he has
time - and then we hope
to see you & Mrs Howard.

Col. Ohio is keeping us
rather busy, but the beauty
of this Post repays us
& I am enjoying the
West immensely. Give
my love to all your
family & with much to
yourself Sincerely Yours

E. St. J. Erble
To Col. Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Com'd'g. Dep't. Platte



COMMANDER,

Gen Geo M. Moore
M. MOORE, Omaha.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER,

S Bloom
D. HURLEY, Omaha.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER,

H H McKoon
H. EARDMAN, Omaha.

QUARTER MASTER,

Geo Rathbun
H. H. McKOON, Omaha.

ADJUTANT,

J. M. RICHARDS, Omaha.

Head-Quarters,

GEO. A. CUSTER, POST 7,

Grand Army of the Republic.

Omaha, Neb., May 9 1883

Gen O O Howard;

Sir yourself & Staff. are hereby most cordially invited to join, as participants, with the G.A.R. in the services of memorial day, to be held in this City under the auspices of Geo. A. Custer Post No 7 G.A.R. on the 30th day of this month.

Should you desire to accept this invitation, an early reply is solicited in order to enable the Committee to assign you a proper place in the procession.

Yours Respectfully

Chas Hitch

Adj't. of Geo A Custer
Post G.A.R. and
Chairman of
Memorial Committee.

1507 Jackson street
Omaha

Rich. C. K.



MAJOR GENERAL
QUARTER MASTER
JUNIOR AIDE COMMANDER
SENIOR AIDE COMMANDER
COMMISSARY GENERAL
CHIEF OF BATTALION
CHIEF OF COMPANY

Omaha
May 9. 1883,

Answered by the
Genl. May 11/83

MAJOR GENERAL
QUARTER MASTER
JUNIOR AIDE COMMANDER
SENIOR AIDE COMMANDER
COMMISSARY GENERAL
CHIEF OF BATTALION
CHIEF OF COMPANY

1005 Jackson St.
Omaha

General

Provisional
1005 Jackson St.
Omaha

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May 9th 1883

Gen. O. Stoward
Omaha Neb

My Dear Sir,

Will you be
kind enough to
give me the address
of Gen. L. P. Bradley
now ^{I think} met in regular
Army. By so doing
you will oblige an
old soldier, who fought
in your department during
the late War. Resply
Thos. Eads Corning Iowa

May 11/1871
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the late Mrs. [Name] and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, [Name]

