Dear Mother,

I have not written you for quite a long time but I have thought of you often. It makes the house seem lonely now that you stay away so long. We are all bored with steady occupations now except me. Meanwhile it goes to trouble me to paint the fence. Last Sunday evening, our two missionary societies gave a concert, by which we raised $37. A week ago last Friday, The Church Building-fund Society had a literary entertainment. They had some singing by our choir and Mr. Laidlerwood gave a concert, by which we raised $20. We have been visiting (John any of?) a good many times.

Your Loving Son,

Harry A. Brown
with the two Nick Dales. Miss Miriam Chase sings, and plays the piano. She and I have two duets, one "Beautiful Moonlight" and "Robinson Raining." She also sings for me.

She is reading "The Last Days of Pompeii." Do you expect to go to Pompeii, Cheaney? August are driving the "Wash" long now between here and the Farm. Today is very rainy. Just now it is pouring out side, but Thomas's two daughters have come back from school. Did you know that the 21st regiment of Ohio was ordered to Fort Russel & Sidney. We have been having very warm weather. William had the "thermometer out door" he said it was 85° in the shade, of course they don't see heat as Egypt was when you were there. Any way Janice are happy in their cottage, and look as if they had live there for more than a month. Winnie Allens, Mother and Woody have gone to Idaho to visit their (Mrs. Wood's) sister. Will you please send me a postcard of every country through which you will pass or those that you have not seen. Ask Janice if she can get a postcard that is not the ordinary one. I will enclose a print of my picture in this letter. I have half a life picture, and every body says that they are very good. Is that only that is in your Stylographic pen, if a red ink, because I notice that you both write with a red ink. I have now in my collection of stamped postcards, postcards from Canada, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, France & Russia.

Janice came over the other day and said that you would at know this place, because we have all the rice or Chicago that seeded, with greenish, and the fence long. This morning Mr. Merrill preached a sermon to the graduates of the High School she graduate this week. Do you know French...
War Department, Washington City

June 23, 1864.

General.

I beg your acceptance of the bronze copy of the medal "Army Skirmish Prize" awarded under the provisions of General Orders No. 53, Headquarters of the Army, May 15, 1862, the same having this day been forwarded to you by registered mail.

I have the honor to be

Very yours,
Very respectfully yours,

W. Smith

Secretary of War.

General O.O. Howard,

U.S. Army,

Headquarters Dept. of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Brigadier General C. O. Howard, U.S. Army,

28-8 Rue de Druet, Hanjes & Co.,
Paris, France.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that, under an invitation extended by the Government of France, you have been designated by the Secretary of War as one of the officers of the U.S. Army to witness the maneuvers of the 19th Corps of the French Army which will take place about the beginning of September next.

A copy of the translation of a letter from the French Minister to the
Secretary of State, dated May 22, 1886, communicating the invitation of the French Government, above referred to, is enclosed for your information.

The Lieutenant General directs me to give the following instructions for your guidance:

You will report to the Minister of the United States in Paris, Hon. E. P. Morton, showing him your orders and instructions. The object in designating officers to witness these maneuvers is to recognize and international compliment, and to gather information that will be useful to our own army. You will direct your attention to the smallest details, not usually given in the text-books, relating to the organization, arms, equipments, clothing, food, etc., of the troops, and to the manner of carrying food and clothing on the field and on the march. After having witnessed all that is permitted to foreign officers you will prepare and transmit to the Adjutant General of the Army a report of your observations. Such journeys as you may be required to make under the foregoing instructions, from the place of their receipt to the place where the maneuvers are to take place, and return, are necessary for the public service; but as commutation nor allowances, beyond the mileage for the necessary journeys, are authorized.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Acting Adjutant General
Legation of the French Republic in the U.S.
Washington, May 22, 1884.
Mr. Secretary of State,
The Minister of War has just informed the Minister of Foreign Affairs that certain maneuvers will take place on a large scale, about the beginning of September next, in the 17th Corps of the French Army, and that he will be happy to authorize two American officers, in addition to the military attaché of the Legation, to witness them.
I should be glad to know whether the Federal Government proposes to designate two officers to witness these exercises, and if so, I would thank you to enable me to communicate their names to you. Caminero before the 1st of July next.
Deplased to accept, Mr. Secretary of State the assurances of my high consideration.

Th. Ruxton,

Mon. Pres't J. Delaingruey,
Secretary of State of the United States.
708 South St.
Kalamazoo, Mich.
June 28th 1884.

My dear Sir:

Wishing to make a collection of autographs of the officers of the late war, if not too much trouble, I ask you to send me yours.

My father was an officer in the Army of the Cumberland, and I have uncles who were officers in the Armies of the Potomac and Tennessee. I should probably have gone myself if I had been born thirty years earlier.

Yours very respectfully,

Fitz-Hugh Burns.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

U. S. A.
Burns, F. H.

Kalamazoo, Mich.
June 23, 1884.

[Signature]
June 25-84

My dear General,

I expect to sail for Europe on July 10, and spend three weeks in Switzerland tramping with the friends. Wish we could strike you from here, London about 18th or 25th, then in Paris for a few days, then to Genoa, Genoa to Berlin. Address me care the Continent, London, England, or to my wife.

Yours in haste,

[Signature]
Hall, G. D.

New York
June 26, 1884.
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Received at: Omaha 9/17/m

Dated: Kansas City, Mo.

To: Gen. C. S. Howard

The old veterans invite you to address them at Fair Grounds, Kansas City, July Fourth, 1884.

Will you accept the same.

Capt. C. F. Scott
Gottingen, N.Y., June 25, 1884.

We left Paris but at 9 P.M. and arrived in Cologne at 2 P.M. The next day left our baggage at the station and went to the Cathedral. Afterward took a walk on the banks of the Kleine River. We spent the evening resting and sleeping in the waiting room, which was permitted perfectly. Not at Bellinghagen. We left Cologne. Immi night at 11 P.M. I arrived at Hannover about 9 A.M. Having had a car all to our selves. Having slept well. We went both a good bath and put on clean clothes. Then I walked already allowed Hannover to Eble. We took the 1 P.M. train to 30, clock we were in Gottingen. Eble is pleased, yours truly, at least bus arranged for his departure, he will understand the selection the 2nd of August. I am well, my cold better. Having seen the Quadrature of "President" above.
Gottingen, June 27, 1884.

Friday.

My dear father,

I have now visited all the professors under whose instruction I shall study the rest of the present term. Except one or two, I shall see this afternoon or in the afternoon. I will see him tomorrow morning. Your letter of the 25th came this morning with the enclosed from Broadman's address. They contain several items of interesting news. You speak of the month being too short a time to learn to understand spoken French. My term closes the 15th of August, if possible, and convenient to you I would like to remain in attendance here at the university until that date. I could leave the 16th of August, either to go with you to
whenever you caught wish or as the
vacation which follows is of 8 weeks
duration or can be lengthened to 12½
weeks, by leaving just before the end of
the term — say the 12th Aug. of retiring before
the end of the first four weeks of the follow-
ing term — that is if necessary I can
have from the 12th Aug to the 10th November
1½ weeks — but it is not wise to take more
than 1½ weeks when necessary.
Please write me when you get definite
information in regard to the French
fall manoeuvres.
I send you your steamers ticket
and also your receipt for the Trunk
left at Antwerp. It is best that
you leave them in your purse
with you. I think
Emsisle has commenced well
I met with too great a
"spurt" but goes at it steadily
I think could not have come
under better, quieter, or steadier
influences than those about
him here. He has a lesson
in German 2 times per week
or 3 weeks before his school term
begins of them he will go every day
from 7 A.M. to 12 M. Y from 2 P.M.
till 4:30. At first he will not
understand much, but after a
month in the school all will go
well. I send you a "Harper's
Weekly" with a pair birds eye
view of the Cordova and also
an article on Cordova which
is good as is the Geography but in
other respects is not to be relied upon.
I use this paper because, being
not yet unpacked, I use what I
have at hand. It is the paper.
I see in the university for problems notes etc. sent the characters for me. I mailed the Bettysburg pamphlet (Atlantic) to Mrs. Halloway as asked also your little dictionary to you in Eureqo. I heard that after about 2 or 3 weeks at Eureqo you will be surprised at suddenly understanding what is said in French to you.

At first had you not better, let them speak slowly, loud as well as distinctly?
I hope you are hearing the excellent weather that I am enjoying here.

With love from your own who is striving to do well right and who constantly needs your prayers.
all I said about you in my letter, I mean you would not mention my letter at all, you can see what I wrote or not be contradicted me. But write him as if it was a matter of course that you would congratulate him. I don't want you to throw away your silences. You don't see the papers but I notice a conservative element and a new boyish element and a new boyish element against him. You don't want to be crossed, I suppose. They can agree of course. Yes, I wrote to mother right Off. I hope you have not told of your imaginary trouble. It will be forgotten, certainly. You can come in from the well-room. William has finished painting the fence for strong. He looks very pale.

Anoka June 28, 1884

My dear Alice. Your last letter was from Paris just after you had seen Mrs. Leach and party. I hope you are not having a hot weather as we are. Gene, Mrs. Eller and Mrs. Fanning broke here this afternoon after dinner as it was getting colder. I had dinner on them at the Poinsett. Yesterday was Poinsett day for the young ladies. Lindsie club, and it proved a very pleasant hotly-grown meal. No clunk-heating on the board or called Poincet's cake. Berna and I were left alone at dinner. We walked down to the Masons after dinner to see Mrs. Curtis and the girls.
...and I am now from School. I saw Col. and Mrs. Taylor was a short time ago, on their way to Col. Martinez. I guess their oldest son is here for his vacation. I was at home all the while still one walk yesterday evening. I am writing Saturday evening as it is quiet and I find time for to tell you all this order to give out my book to do. Henry on Bennie went to a meeting this afternoon. Chapoy was a charming little boy and has been to see about his horse that is lame. He drew time at the Village call. Bennie says she will take you all about when you are here. I told him if you would ride in the cart she might think she had accomplished a great deal although you will be educated as to that before you return. I have thought of writing to Mrs. Blaine many times but I did so this week. I hope now you have returned to Mexico. I understand that you will write a congratulatory note to him. Never mind if he does not answer you last letter. It would be very foolish to lay it up against him. I don't see how he could answer it. He could not enter into a correspondence about what letter you wished to publish and he was engaged with his books &c. Don't tell him I told you to write either. I will enclose...
Mon cher fils,

Je vous écris cette lettre pour vous dire que nous avons du mal à retrouver des lettres de l'année dernière. Ce n'est pas la première fois que nous avons des problèmes avec la poste. Elle a perdu un de nos lettres de Hong Kong. Il semble que le poste ne se souvienne plus de notre adresse.

J'espère que vous avez bien démarré votre année à l'université. Il est important de rester en contact avec vos amis et familiaux.

Robert et Jeanne sont venus hier soir pour le dîner. Ils nous ont apporté des cadeaux de Hong Kong. Je veux que vous les invitions à notre repas les prochains jours. Je pense que vous les aimerez.

Désolé pour la lettre précédente. Je sais que vous avez attendu longtemps pour la lire. C'est la première fois que je vous écris en français. J'espère qu'elle vous plaira.

Dans chaque lettre, j'essaie de vous donner les nouvelles de la vie en France. Je sais que vous voulez savoir comment va Maman et Papa. Ils sont en bonne santé et heureux.

J'espère que vous avez reçu des lettres de vos amis et famille. J'aimerais que vous les invitiez à venir chez nous.


Votre père,

[Signature]
Mrs. Deane’s nephews went in to stay with them during the terrible wind, rain, and thunder storm that has now passed.

The area is quite cool since I was just the left more than an hour before it seems to me. I had a letter from Mother today and she voiced your address on estate Division. She is expecting Debbie and Elsie next week. Harry is to start for Ellicott on Wednesday next with Horrie Clark. She took some children on their way back to Beavon, and out only at home but just the ones Harry would like to see.

Charles is at home, I am not able to write any yesterday another head ache and ear ache quite well to stay. Harry and Johnnie have come in and we all feel like taking some sleep. So I guess I will leave my letter or let it go shorter until blank sheet. I don’t like to send clean paper so far but I am too tired to write any more. I hope I can write to之家 Beavon.

Morton, some of the 20th Infantry have arrived at Fort Sidney. Harry will meet them.

With love to you and Pammie.
Your loving wife

Harry will take all let letters to Grandma.
Saturday
June 28, 1884

Dear Father,

I send you by this mail a Bolloten Paris somewhat old but still correct as to what building or one of the
history.

I also send Mr. Boulton's card that you may have his address. I also a telegram of the story of three letters.

I do not know...
that you sent this letter to Admiral Baldwin which you had prepared mentioning and the Queenie-bag. But if you should make out a report—perhaps you will need their copies of letters.

With love,

[Signature]
Omaha, Neb., 30 June 1864

Dear Father,

I received Jamin's note today including the notice of the Mutual Aid dues & have sent a draft to pay them.

Your answer or letter is instructions to view the men on or of the French 17th Corps has been sent here.

Headquarters Department of the Platte,

[Signature]
and I wish I could be with you. I would be willing even to pay premiums on your present, back if I could go on a steamer of my own. I fancy it will take you until October to Augusta. Much love has been to Augusta and love Grandmama that he is a strong supporter. Mrs. Blaine. I hope you have written him. And is Mrs. Blaine so
Washington, D. C., June 30th, 1884

Lt. Guy Howard, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of last at hand. The property you refer to was sold as you stated, two months or more since. The papers forwarded for his signature, to an address in Paris, given us by you. We have just received from the General at Constantinople, under paper, property executed, with request to collect and remit to Mrs. Howard. The matter will be completed immediately. We will remit, probably, in the course of a week or possibly ten days, with a statement of the transaction. The amount of check, after paying all expenses, will be $800.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]