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GENERAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
 } ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
 } Washington, November 8, 1894.

No. 57.

The following order has been received from the War Department :

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, November 8, 1894.

By direction of the President, the retirement from active service this day, by operation of law, of Major General *Oliver O. Howard*, under the provisions of the act of June 30, 1882, is announced.

General *Howard* entered the Military Academy in 1850, and was graduated therefrom among the honor men of his class in 1854. He was thereupon appointed in the Ordnance Department, and, after attaining the grade of first lieutenant, resigned his position in the Army in June, 1861, upon the outbreak of the late war, to accept a commission as colonel of the 3d Maine Volunteers. He was promoted to be brigadier general of volunteers in September, 1861, and major general of volunteers in 1862. He served in the field continuously during the war, and was engaged in thirty-five combats and actions, and many skirmishes. At Fair Oaks, Virginia, he lost his right arm. For distinguished bravery in this action he has received a medal of honor. The thanks of Congress were tendered to him for skill and heroic valor at Gettysburg. He became a corps commander in 1863 and was assigned to the command of the Army of the Tennessee in 1864. In the campaign of 1864 he was again wounded. He was appointed from the volunteers a brigadier general in the permanent establishment in 1864, and was promoted to be major general in 1886. He received the brevet of major general "for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Ezra Church, and during the campaign against Atlanta, Georgia." While commander of the Department of the Columbia, he led the troops in person, in 1877, in a campaign against the Nez Perces Indians, and, in 1878, against the Bannocks and Piutes. He was, later, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and afterwards, in turn, commander of the Department of the Platte, of the Division of the Pacific, and of the Division of the Atlantic. He retires from active service as commander of the Department of the East.

Major General *Howard's* long, varied, and distinguished career has been characterized by marked ability in the command of troops and great gallantry in action; by unselfish patriotism and broad philanthropy. He has deserved the gratitude of his countrymen, and the rest provided by law after the close of a long and faithful military service.

DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.

General *Howard* will repair to his home. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SCHOFIELD :

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