

Howard, Oliver O.

(Born in Maine, Appointed from Maine) Bvt. 2nd Lieut. Ord., 1 July, 1854. 2nd Lieut., 15 Feb., 1855. 1st Lieut., 1 July, 1857. Resigned 7 June, 1861. Col. 3rd Maine Vols., 4 June, 1861. Brig. Gen. Vols., 3 Sept., 1861. Maj. Gen. Vols., 29 Nov., 1862. The gratitude of the American people, and the thanks of their Representatives in Congress tendered to....Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard, and the officers and soldiers of the Army of the Potomac, by joint resolution approved 28 Jan., 1864, for the skill and heroic valor which, at Gettysburg, repulsed, defeated and drove back, broken and dispirited, beyond the Rappahannock, the veteran army of the rebellion. Brig. Gen. U. S. A. 21 Dec., 1864. Bvt. Maj. Gen., 13 March, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service in the Battle of Ezra Church and during the campaign against Atlanta, Ga. Mustered out of Vol. Service, 1 Jan., 1869. Maj. Gen., 19 March, 1886. Medal of honor for distinguished bravery in the Battle of Fair Oaks, Va., June 1, 1862, leading the 61st N. Y. Vol. Inf. in the charge across the enemy's line, where he was twice severely wounded in the right arm, necessitating its amputation, while serving as Brig. Gen. of Vols., commanding brigade. Retired by operation law 8 Nov., 1894.