

U.S. Military Academy
West Point April 20th 1880

Dear Brother

I wrote to you sometime since and have not yet received an answer, and as I have a little leisure time this evening I thought I would write to you again.

I stated in my last letter that I had only twenty demerit, and that is the amount registered against me on the demerit roll, I forgot, however, that third class demerit counts one sixth more ^{than} fourth class, which would make my demerit a little over twenty three. I shall probably get three or four more this month. You no doubt think that I am getting careless, and do not take sufficient pains to get along without getting more demerit. In that, however, you are mistaken, for I have been a great deal more careful this year than I was last, but I have had a different set of company officers over me, and should my demerit number as high as forty at the end of this Academic year. I think that I can show you, when I come home, that it was not from carelessness or a want of attention on my part.

I am getting along finely in my

studies, since I wrote to you last I have finished Linear
Perspective, and nearly all of Surveying, I shall commence
the general review about the first of May

In my last letter I requested you to
ask Father to send me some money, and I believe
I said that I could get along with five dollars, I find, however
that I shall want eight or ten dollars at least. Tell
Father that it is really necessary that I should
have the money or I would not ask him for it
I want it as soon as I can get it for I cannot order
my things until I have the money to pay for them
and I have sent a great deal of time to get them in
for I shall be at home in a little over nine weeks

To

Mr/Mrs Woods

Newark Ohio.

Give my love to all our family

Truly your Brother

Chas R Woods

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