

June 11, 1925.

General Robert Alexander,
Camp Lewis, Wisconsin.

My dear Alexander:-

You gave me a real pleasure and surprise with the group taken in 1899 when both you and I were twenty-six years younger. I want to say that I cherish the souvenir and more so on account of your lines on the back of it.

Twenty-six years is a long span in life. I know many young patriots of that age today who are voicing their knowledge of life and trying to live the community. And yet there is ~~no~~ regret on my part of the years spent and I would do exactly the same as I have done if I had to go over them again.

I showed the picture to our old friend Odlin before he left for Florida and it was very amusing to recount certain features of the Court of the good old military days. If you were to see Marshal Bothwell who is still Marshal of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico, you would scarcely know him, as he has grown very old and has very little spirit left. It is true that he has a large family, I believe eleven children, and has had no increase in his salary at all.

Here I am struggling again in this office and hoping to some day be able to see the light after straightening out the many difficulties left over by an unscrupulous administration. They did not steal the building, because they could not take it away with them and that was the only thing left when I took charge the second Monday in January.

I will write you again very soon with more news and hoping that you are doing well, and will soon get your promotion, believe me to remain, with sincerest regards to Mrs. Alexander.

Yours very truly,