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I received your letter today with pictures enclosed and a statement that there would be a letter from Sol but the letter wasn't there.

This is the first day that I am officially on duty with my first real command and I think that I am going to be very well pleased in addition to learning company administration, the one thing that is definately lacking in my military education.

My company is a colored Vet. Co. the only other white men are my officers and looks like I will have a fine bunch of soldiers. There are lots of mules and horses here so you know that I will get along with them O.K.

I had a very fine commendation from General Silvester, my former Div. Commander. Perhaps Becky will show it to you. I, sent her a copy. If not I will send it to you as soon as she gets out here. I am quite proud of it because I know that the general means every word of it.

This is beautiful country and I know that I am going to like the mountains in which we have to operate a great deal once we get going.

The pictures that low sent are not up to his usual standard of perfection. In one of them I look like an old grey haired man. I wish that you would send me Lous address. He has my little camera and I wonder if he has been able to do anything with it.

How did Bob Bryson make out in the election?

I saw the Nicholsons and they told me to be sure to send you their Megards.

I had a chance to be a division Vet again, out here with a mule outfit but I feel that I will profit more by taking a company and learning the things that I dont know. I am not particularly fond of staff work anyway so I said that I would rather stay with this outfit.

I know that I will be happy when my two pals get here. They will leave monday.

I will write soon again and let you know how things go. Give my best wishes to all of my friends and loads of love to you all.

As Ever

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