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Sargent Station Kansas.
Sunday Evening Nov. 28th 74

Friend Ed.

Your kind and welcome note came safe to hand last evening, and I hasten to reply. Yours found me in very good health and enjoying myself finely, and right glad to hear from you and the people in general. To day being the Sabbath, and as I was taught to remember and keep it Holy, I thought to improve the time in like manner. as there is no chance for me to attend church as I am customed to do. therefor our subject will be of a mild form and and if I should fail to interest you. why then (say so). To day finds me seated at a rude but substantial desk. not more than a Thousand miles from the above named station, and am surrounded with all the comforts of life (that is a military life) that man can wish for and take delight in serving my good and glorious old country. that is seeing I am compell'd to do so but as you say I ought not to complain for I cannot remember when I enjoyed better health than I am enjoying at the present time. at the cold black wind

Seems to have no money nor shows or makes any distinction
in regards to race or color. I have no doubt you would say
proving it did I would stand a show however I will try and
as the old saying is (Stand the Storm it wont be long I anchor
High and Dry) I suppose that being in the South so long it
appears more disagreeable than it would otherwise I have been
when they said it was (power full warm) and now it is the
reverse here. Well, times are dull in that section are they. here
they are quite brisk for this Country, and in fact people think
if they see a herd of Buffaloes that times are going to be good.
for that is there mode of obtaining a living. and I am of the
opinion that the flesh is not to be sneezed at for I have a
fair chance to know, as for the outw world I do not have
much intercourse and cant say, but from what I can learn
times are dull abo. here there is nothing raised unless its
your hair gets raised by one of them, reds, and that is not
a paying business I saw some that invested in like manner
and I do not want any in mine. but I think there is no
danger of them now as they have all gone back to their
Reservations and I expect to leave the R.R. in about two
weeks more and go to "Fort Laramie" or some other
Bear port. as for my part would rather stay where I
am have good quarters and no one to disturb our

Scout upon no inspections or drills not but one roll call
a day and some times not that so you can judge for
yourself. during the summer and fall we had a Train
guard and that was nothing. Still I used to get En-
ough of that for. I had to go so often some time for a
week I would go every day. take 3 mon and return at
night go one hundred fifty miles. I soon got tired of that
(you bet you) as the old saying is to much of a good thing wont
do. and I began to think so well. Ed. I would like to give you
description of this famous country. but I could not do justice and
will omit that untill some future time but to make a long story
short I could not live in this part of Kansas for a fortune
and I need one bad as any one does in great bunch and
hopper grass. I was away on Furlough last July and
Aug in the Eastern part of the State and there I found very
fine farming country. and saw some fine farms. but
you want to go East from here and south from there to
find a place fit to live in I have not seen any to beat old Okla.
raising wheat yet in all my travel. "Mo." has some very fine
farming lands. I am going to the Indian Territory and
see how I fancy that. there that has been there tell me that
is the finest country yet. is plenty of timber and water
and that is why I do not fancy this state

I can buy land very cheap in some parts of this State at a
place called Ottawa Franklin Co. I was offered 40 acres for
\$200. and some was improved and very little timber but was good
land. and another (40) for \$3.00 a house on it but no
timber ten acres plow land the grass hoppers and drought
had discouraged them and they wanted to sell and would.
my sister's husband bought a forty, twenty acres improved
and fenced with a log house on it and a small orchard
for a span of Horses and waggon so you see that land
is no object in this Country. I would like this Country
only I want timber and that they have not got. well. I
guess I have occupied now more time and space than
I ought and will soon close hoping these few lines may find
you in as good health as it leaves me Oh by the way you said
you wrote me at B.R. Louisiana I never received any you would had
from me if I did (you better say) I now leave this to you for
correction hoping to hear from you soon as convenient my kind
regards and well wishes to you I Remain, your old friend
L. C. Dick

N.B. address Fort Larned I will get if I am here
the same time
Lush.