

Fort Dodge Kansas
Dec. 19th 1875

Friend Ed.

This fine day finds me seated trying in my feeble way to drop you a few lines in answer to yours which came to hand in due time. but being absent I could not reply sooner. however here comes such as it is since I last wrote you I have been on a trip to the new Post that is situated on the Sweet-water Texas. left here the 20th of last month with four men one S^t Mule Team and eight Pack Mules. my course from here was to Camp Supply Indian Territory distance 96 miles there I remained one day in order to give the Team rest and then from there I went south west through the country formerly occupied by the Indians such as Cheyennes Arapahoes and Kiawas. did not see but a few of them for they are all out on a hunt weather was rather cold on the start, but as I went south the weather became milder. made the trip in 19 days distance 450 miles and had very good times and lived off the fat of the land such as Buffalo, Turkey, and such like. I wish you could have been with me to see the country if nothing more. I was well provided and Equipped for any accident that might happen but had no trouble and came back in good order, and no serious result only I burned my hand and am on the sick report. can't hardly hold a pen

well there is nothing transpiring to cause any
excitement. only the troops was paraded and a
salute was fired in honor of Vice Pres. Wilson
Deceased yesterday was Sunday and the Cavalry
had a horse race officers and all was interested
no little amount of stumps changed hands
other wise times are the same as usual and
I think that all are enjoying good health
and are feeling well. Goodly number of the
boys are leaving this week Samuel this winter
I would not leave him in such cold weather
I will wait until warmer nights are plenty
and then we can lay around and not freeze
Well I can't promise you much more this time
as my hand is nearly played out. I thought
when I commenced this I would fill this sheet
but I guess that I will have to give in and try
some future time my kind regards and well wishes
to you hoping to hear from you again soon
Yours Truly
L. B. Deet

E. M. Deet

Brother Louis
W. C.

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