

my regards to you and all
hoping these few lines may find
you in as good health as it
leaves me write as often as
you can and give me all
the news I have to close
for the mail soon leaves

I remain as ever yours
L. C. Deary

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Friend, C. M.

This fine and pleasant
afternoon finds me seated trying to
reply to yours of the 31st of last month
which came to hand yesterday and found
me as usual in good health and pleased
to hear from you and many others
again. and also to learn that you
still enjoyed your self

As for news
I have nothing special to tell you.
there is nothing transpiring here in
this locality worthy of notice, so
now and then the Cavalry have a
horse race and this morning one
took place and made things quite

brisk for a few moments only" will I see that you have not much of a fine winter yet. that is such as you are used to but then I imagine that you have not been much behind the times. I suppose the Band have done some towards killing the monotony of Brother ~~and~~ this winter has it not. let me ask who the members are of said Band and what instrument to you jam. and how many violin gammies have you in all. I do not know but I could blow thy symols. or some one else what's your opinion. well I continue to enjoy myself the best I can in such an Singing as the old saying is "had a good time the other Eve here with about 6 good female voices and a guitar and violin reminded me of old times, when O.D. Dick was singing tenor at

the old M. & E Church, I guess, he can recall many of them times as well as I can. Well there is a number of boys speeling for cigars here and I will turn one for you as I furnish them for them at a small profit. that is I get them for 20^{cts} & 30^{cts} per 1,000 and I find sale for them quick at \$10. per 1,000 so you see that I do not loose much and a Post Trader here, if he knowed that he could turn around and eat himself, and maybe me too, he sells the same cigar for 25 cents that is when he does sell any at all well I see that S. P. Fowler has gone to Washington to look after the Kansas claim. Have you herd anything from him since. I have to drop J. W. Dick a fine line to and will soon close for this time