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M. W. Sir & dear brother:

This is to inquire after the health of you and yours, & trust that you are enjoying the very best.

If you have put out any bulletins or Circular letters I would be very happy to read them. Things here in the army are about as well as could be expected, but I wouldn't mind seeing this war over within a hurry.

Has the health of M. W. W. W. Gross, P. G. M. improved any of late, & certainly hope so, as I heard he was quite ill sometime ago. Should you ever have occasion to convene the Grand Lodge as long as I am this close to home, if you send me my telegram I will try to attend, which I think can very readily be arranged, that is provided I have the ready transportation costs in my money bag at the time as it is usually



empty for some reason.

I understand the Shrine & Consistory did a little work in Cedar Rapids a few weeks ago, that is fine, & I sure hope the Craftsmen keep up the good work.

I was in Little Rock again last week, but it was too late to try to contact Grand Master Reed then too I didn't learn that he had moved from Hot Springs to Little Rock until that evening, now if he would only keep moving until he got out of Arkansas, your Arkansas, your dear old Arkansas how I love it, I have been here at this field for four months today and have been to town four times and after each one of those trips I kicked myself for going.

Well Bro. Brown, there doesn't seem to be much to say at the moment, so I guess I had better go about the business of winning this war, but if there is ever anytime I can be of any help to you just let me know,

Wishing you & yours every success & the very best of health & happiness, I am with a fond hello to everyone

Yours most fraternally & sincerely

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