City of Mexico November 23, 1857

Dear Friend,

I take this opportunity to inform you that I am enjoying good health and hope you also are well. I received your last letter dated August 1st and was glad to learn that you were well and your folks. I should like to see you but shall not be able to at present. Our troops began their march into the country under command of Gen. Pierce. The day before reaching National Bridge we were attacked by guerrillas and when we opened our cannon upon them they cleared out. At the National Bridge they attacked us but soon cleared out. On reaching Plan De Los 52 miles from Vera Cruz we found the bridge blown up by the enemy and halted 1 day to build a road over cistern below it. It was a fine noble bridge about 30 or 40 ft. high. The next morning we started when they fired upon us from a hill on the left upon firing a few discharges of bombs, they vacated (cleared out) without hurting a man. We passed thru Cerro Gordo when Gen. Scott had a severe battle with 20,000 Mexican troops he defeated them with less than 6000 men. It was a hard place to take being on high hill 5 or 600 ft. high. After passing this we reached City of Jalapa without further trouble. It was a pleasant City in a mild climate and contained abundance of fruit of all kinds. After stopping one day we took up the line of march and moved on over a beautiful grassy plain the first day, and finally reached the town of Pote where we halted for two days.
And then moved on mostly thru a level plain or valley with mountains on each side till we joined our force of 5000 men to Gen Scott at Puebla a beautiful city of 80,000 inhabitants on the 6th of Aug the next day Gen Irwin's division left Puebla for the City of Mexico next day after him Gen Worth and next day Gen Pillow's division Gen Pierce having moved Gen Pillow at this place, after us was the 4th or Volunteer Division Nothing note occurred till we reached San Antonio at noon Aug 18th. The next day the fight of Contreras began our division advanced to the field at 10 o'clock to cover our cannon that had engaged with the enemy. The enemy's cannon caused much destruction in our ranks and killed many a gallant soldier. The cannon and grape shot flew about us at a terrible rate and also the bullets as we crossed over a high ledge of rock into a ravine then crossing a nated cold river and going on the opposite bank for several hours till after dark. When the firing on both sides ceased and we were ordered back in the room and darkness we lost our way several times many fell over the rocks and were severely bruised but finally reaching the hill of Red regal and loud down without shelter passing a horrible night as the rain poured heavily upon us.

At 4 next morning moved back to our former position and after defending our guns charged upon the fort when the Mexicans immediately fled we taking the fort with 22 pieces of cannon, a lot of small arms large teams of Arthur about 100 loaded muskets and 100 prisoners out of 8000 troops under Gen Balacuea.

We then formed our Regt to Observances, where we drove them from the town, finally from two forts, one on each side fight of about two hours on both sides many prisoners them over 30 americans killed and hung at Matamoros. With the Regiment and stopped Antonio where we found a few several kegs of whiskey captured Troops. The next day we of Mier and the men to Octobers to face my enemy. After this battle of Molino del Rey we threw the enemy and advance towards 6 cannon. After this march attack at Pescado, then near the castle while the guns be on the 15th our fleet led us to take it with 500 prisoners on the other side and fought... Our Regt reformed in the town we stood guards while we protect our cannon but all the enemy's guns and bombs.

The next day expected to be had left with remains of my and went to Gen Scott. They have battle, I should like to write your letter. Respectfully, Gen George File.
We then formed our Regt and moved rapidly forward to Obregones, where our Division and Gen. Worths' crossed them from the current down the road and finally from two forts (one enclosure of the road) after a short fight of about two hours and a severe loss on both sides, many prisoners were taken here among them over 30 American Deserters who were tried and hung at Mazate. We then marched back with the Regiment and stopped that night at San Antonio where we found a lot of Mexican bread and several kegs of whiskey captured from the Mexican troops. The next day we quartered in the village of Mazate where we spent the night and made our camp near the river. After this on the 8th Sept was the battle of Molino del Rey where our troops charged upon the enemy and drove them from the place capturing 12 cannon. After this marched 2 miles and made a second attack at Mazate, then made a night march to near the castle where the guns bombarded it Sept 12th and on the 15th our Regt led the charge upon it and took it with 800 prisoners while Gen. Stuwe was passed it on the other side and fought his way into the city. Our Regt re-formed in the Castle and the 15th Regt coming up stood guard while we passed up the road also to protect our cannon but all suffered severely from the enemy's guns and bombs till the next day expected to begin again. Our Santa Fe left with remains of our army and the city was surrendered to Gen. Scott. I have been enabled to be in every battle so I should like to write more but space will not admit. Please write me and direct as before.

Young Respectfully, Gty. Curleton.

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