Dear Sister Mariak.

As I have very little to do I thought that I could not spend an hour or two with more pleasure than by giving you an account of some things here. As the saying is Pueblo is still in the same place it always was and things goes on pretty much as usual, that is when there is no parades or firing this place at this time it well garrisoned and will be kept in readiness the remainder of the war as there are plenty of troops for the present emergency.

The garrison consists of twelve Ohio Volunteer Companies in Regiments of Indiana, 14th and two Artillery and one Dragon Company in all about 180 or 190 hundred men. The old Governor still commands here and that is Gen. Childs he is a strict disciplinarian and keeps things in order.

This place is becoming every day more like a civilized city, the longer the Americans stay here the better it will be for the country. There was at one time a large majority of the people of this city thought the Americans were a perfect set of outlaws robbers and cut throats, and if they came to see an American coming past their houses the door of the home which is usually open would be closed immediately, but that fear has all subsided and an American can go along the street and call his hat to a Mexican lady as well as any body. There are some very handsome women here, their dress is similar to the Ladies of the North any more
than instead of wearing a Bonnet they wear a beautiful
shawl and what is called a Panyzie just to cover the back
part of the head. I admire this fashion very much but
it would not do in the North as it would be too cold in
winter unless in Summer and I have seen girls in taking
a walk in the evening of a warm day with their shawls
in this way, I don't recollect of ever seeing a Mexican
lady with a Bonnet on, there are as great many French
people in this country and I have been occasionally a
Bonnet worn by them, but they usually wore the shawl.

As to the religion of this country I don't suppose
there is a greater Catholic country in the world. the
whole population except what few English and americans
there are here are Roman Catholics, and the most
belittled ones there is, for the simple reason that the ma-
jority of the inhabitants are so ignorant that they don't
know but what it all right to worship idols. the intelli-
gent part of the Catholics say the same here that they
Do in the states, that they don't worship idols. this
religion is not carried half so far in our country as
it is here. last night there was what I would call a
large torch-light procession, but that is not what they
turn it. There was I suppose about 100 or more with
a splendid brass band and in the centre in a Splendid
coach rode the bishop or one or two Fathers in the one
called here to administer the Sacrament to the sick
that are not expected to live after they had went round
to a good many places they went to the Catholic
to get the matter off. I did not go there as it was late. The people of this country are not allowed the privilege of reading the Testament, and some the priests are not the word come from a Priest himself, but those. I have no doubt a day coming when this will be different. God bless it soon for the time is done the better for the people. This place is healthy since, the weather is quite pleasant.

I must close my letter as I wish to write this a few lines to Milton. I am in good health which I am thankful for. I will lend you the last of hair you have asked for so often, I have not cut it if yet but will in the morning please write as soon as you get this.

To dear Brother Milton at Greenville,

I am in rather bad humor to write any one letter, but this is a matter that I wish to write to you, and I will not have time to write you a separate letter. I thought it best to write in conjunction. I have just heard to day that our Senate has rejected the treaty of peace signed by the Commissioners, and also that the American Congress has. Now if this is the case which I am rather inclined to believe, I have no hope of getting home for another year, and I am tired serving my Country as a private Soldier, and as there is no chance for promotion in the Volunteer Service, I would fain have my friends use their influence in getting me an appointment in this new Ten Regiments, if it should become a law, which in my opinions will as the Senate has rejected the Treaty, if they would apply in time. I am almost certain that it could be got for me, in the East Ten Regiments there was a great many
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Cockstown,
Fayette County,
Illinois

From the U.S. Army, Mexico

I am dedicating to you and your family at this time. I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Please let me know if you need any assistance or support. I am always here to help.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]