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My own dear Mother and sister

I was surprised to hear by your letters last night that you had not heard from me in such a long time for I have written 3 letters since then to you, one of them while away down in Dixie I got home night before last and found my family all well but the baby she was suffering some with the summer complaint and nothing which annoys her very much I have not been on duty with my company for the last 20 days and cannot tell when I shall be again I return to fort Scott tomorrow and what I shall then have to do I cannot tell my health is good though my duty has been so hard and so much siding

in the night that I am almost  
worn out-but still am able for  
any thing that comes up in the  
line of duty My Wife's Brother  
who is in the same company with  
me had a sad accident happen  
to him the other evening while  
on skermish drill his horse was  
going at full speed when he stum-  
bled and fell breaking his leg twice  
between the knee and ankle he is  
in the Hospital at Fort Scott and  
doing well I have no important  
news to write so will have to confine  
myself to our own private affairs  
first I will tell you about Charley  
he is a great fat boy rough and  
mischievous as any you ever saw  
but a good boy to mind and very  
easy to learn I imagine he  
is something as I was at his age  
Addie is more like her brother the  
same still quiet disposition and

I suppose you would love her best  
if you could see them though I  
cannot tell that I love one any better  
than the other. When I was at home  
last week I intended to go and have  
our Daquerrooty jacket taken for you  
but the first night I was at home  
my horse was taken or rather took  
himself off and I did not find him  
until I came home this time one of  
our neighbors had found him and  
brought him up for me and this  
time I have not the time being  
ordered on duty which has taken  
all my time and attention perhaps  
you would like to know what I  
am doing I am acting Detective for  
the southern department of Kansas  
and have a good prospect of  
getting the appointment in a  
short time so to draw the pay as  
well as do the duty of the Officer  
Roxanna says tell you the first time

her Father goes to Paola so she can  
go with him she will go and have the  
Childrens likenesses taken and send them  
to you when I get back to the Co  
and get on my uniform I will send  
my own, and now for the close write soon  
to me Direct to Fort-Scott Kansas Co 15<sup>th</sup>  
N. D. C. care of Capt. Quise give my  
respects to Father and all the family  
and to Mr. Merrills folks and all the  
rest - till then if they have any sympathy  
with this rebellion to come to Kansas and  
they will find an infallible remedy  
It never has nor never will a blue  
pill or hump rightly administered will  
cure the most aggravated case in 5  
minutes Coranna says tell you the  
reason she did not write any is her  
Mother and sister are not very well  
and she had me to write for her she also  
sends her love to all dont forget to  
write soon, tell me all I want to know  
write to Rozz to and you will hear from both  
from Dyce

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