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Letter from Wilbur F. Armstrong to George W. Porter

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At Home, Friday morning.

Friend George. I addressed you a little last week and have not yet received your answer but I am thanked now. I was sold in joining old Gebhart's company. The old devil spoke to me in these words: 'I told him that I had some notion of going with Cherry and told him that Cherry promised me the best position in his company.'

An order was given to me to go and I (H.S.) said that the orderly said he would go with me. You come along and I will give you the great experience. Now George, don't say anything about this to anybody but bump and when I come to camp I will make the old coon come to time as I will report him.

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At home, Friday morning

Friend George

I addressed you a letter last week and have rec’d no answer but I am posted now. I was sold in joining old Gebhart's Company. The old devil spoke to me in these words (I told him that I had some notion of going with Cherry and told him that Cherry promised me the best position in his power to give and he (Geb) said that the Orderly and the 2nd were promised but says he) "you come along and I will give you the 3rd Sergeancy." Now George what do you think of that? Is it not scaly in the extreme?

Don't say anything about this to anybody but Sump and when I come to camp I will make the old coon come to time or I will report him. This is strictly confidential.

Write immediately. Yours truly,

W.F. Armstrong