Headquarters, Monterey, May 5th

My Dear Parents,

You no doubt have long looked for some time without a letter from me, and I should have written to you some time since, had it not been for my anxiety about our military concern. As to our present situation, I have had nothing to tell you, however, I will try to give you a history of affairs as they are heard now, this is all I doubt you can hear every day. As much concerning us, as I can write upon, only thing we have gone on here smoothly, and have been in Monterey for the last two weeks. Nothing has taken place worthy of notice since we arrived here. More than the occasion, death of a few men, which is very common on all such occasions, rumors is exceeding by some here. Now the Mexican are fast returning to their homes which had deserted this place after our taking possession of it. They appear to be perfectly content and I have no doubt they are under much better restrictions than they were before this. However, I place but little confidence in their any way, and believe they would find you with sugar,
to and hand. And Murder you with
the other. As far as I have seen of them
I have but a poor opinion of them
and a few of the (Castellanes)
I hope you will explain me for this
hasty note. There is nothing worthy of your
attention, and I am in great haste.
I cannot say when we were leave
here or when we will be out next to de-
teny this I write to Tantius Polisi.
And if so you need not be surprised
at hand of the thundering the mural
of that flood. And yet well and
how enjoyed good health ever since
I have lived here, also all the Regmant
pretty much. Yours truly

[Signature]

I shall write again soon do not fail
to write to me often. (My love to
all) do not forget him

[Signature]