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Company "C", 350th Machine Gun Battalion,

Camp Grant, Illinois, Jan. 28, 1918.

My dear Gregory:

The enclosed is self-explanatory. I fear that both of us have been somewhat slow on the job. How is every thing moving on at the camp? I am captain of Company "C", 350th Machine Gun Battalion - a separate Battalion. Am enjoying my work very much. What are you doing for yourself? Let me know all about the camp.

By-the-way, conditions are somewhat perplexing at this end. Since we are going to have colored Battalions and Regiments, I feel that we should have colored staff and field officers. We have one Adjutant (1st Lieut) in our Battalion. I don't know conditions in other camps so I am sending a copy of the enclosed letter to each of the cantonments to find out conditions there. At the same time I am asking them to send data concerning the personnel of their organization, work they are doing and notes of general interest to be compiled in pamphlet form so that we can send one to every member of the organization.

It is my opinion that these matters are most essential and should be attended to immediately. I have written a personal letter to Capt. Holland at Camp Dodge in which I asked him to organize at once the officers stationed there so that we may collect dues, etc., and get to work. I fear unless we get busy at once we shall be fired.

The enclosed letter ~~containing two enclosures~~ should be signed by you immediately, if it meets your approval, and forwarded to Mr. Scott without waiting for a reply from other camps because we have no time to lose in putting this matter thru. To be frank, until now, I have been too busy to even give part of my time to the organization.

Have two gold lavalliers sent to me at once C.O.D. By-the-way, how is the girl in Nashville? We are having severe weather, deep snows and work a plenty.

Sincerely your friend,

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