ment, and I think very superior one for martial music. The instruments are all variations of the trumpet, no trombones or serpents among them. In a clear day you can distinguish an air, half a mile. They are uniformed in the new uniform of blue trimmed up with green. It looks very well in large masses, but simply it has rather a Mexican appearance. You know that we are no longer allowed to wear thin summer clothes, everything is cloth. My paper and news are about out, and as I have been writing this along at intervals in several days perhaps there are repetitions and tautology, but never mind. Good bye Frank from your brother

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Palmer and Lt Loring have been spending some time with me on a visit and have left the band here while the regiment goes to the Rio Grande. It is a most excellent band, and is I think second only to the West Point band. The instruments are all brass, and the horses are so well broken that they go pokering along perfectly unconscious or unnoticing the dim over their heads. The leader Mr Halmel plays on a brass clarionet, a new instrument

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