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Dear Sister,

As I have but one sister to write to, I ought to take pleasure in gratifying her, in which I will endeavor to do. Dear sister I will try and make my both agreeable and interesting. How are you progressing in your studies at the Ghent College? It is a fine school compared with the K.M.I. [*Kentucky Military Institute, where he is studying*] I know that you are ahead of any girls of your age. Well sister I will tell you about the rules and regulations of this school. I have to be drilled two hours each day. Am waked up by the beat of drum and various other strict rules I have to comply with.

Has your hair grown out any? Mine is fully two inches in length. I have on my military suit. Oh, I tell you what, I look (?), tell Ma that there is not a crook in my back. If it gets in there I am soon straightened. I room by myself, I got very lonesome at first but have gotten used to it now. When is Horace coming? Tell Ma I had not time to write her any longer letter but will do better the next time. I have no table to write on and am compelled to do the best I can, I am now writing on the back of a book. Give my love to all that is where you board. I send my true love to those dear ones at home. Write soon I remain your loving brother

RBGex

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