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FROM
H. Diedrich
4th Lt. Atch.
10B Eng's.
Camp Logan
Houston, Texas.

Mr. H. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Ave.
Joliet, Ill.
Dear Father:

Received your welcome letter today & was very glad to hear from you. Glad to hear that you received the rodinic I sent for Christmas & that you liked them. I was very much surprised to hear that you invested in a Victrola, but I do not think you will regret it, as it will serve as amusement for both of you, & when Ralph & myself get back, will keep us home nights, don't you think so? I was very glad to hear that you had a good Christmas vacation as I think you deserved it. We are having a good vacation down here also, being off duty from the day before Christmas to the day after New Year. The mounted men of the company have to take care of their horses during this time, but that does not amount to much.

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