

Ft. Lawton, Wash.

Oct. 20, 1904.

Col. Geo. W. Stewart,
Visalia, Calif.

My Dear Colonel:

You are certainly a
"duck". You have done
so much more for me
than I asked or even sus-
pected. I wrongly accused
you of forgetting and now
offer most humble apolo-
gies. Your letter referred to
never reached me, so you
will understand why I was
laboring under false im-
pressions. I made no

inquiry, for I saw that I
 couldn't expect anything from
~~an~~ M. C. whose term of
 office was practically ended.
 I wrote you again though
 when I needed the papers or
 credentials.

My commanding officer
 looks upon me as a win-
 ner and I know he will
 be more than pleased to see
 what excellent credentials I
 can produce. I will have
 his best recommendations
 and those also of the Colonel
 of the 10th.

Now, be assured I will
 do my best to be worthy

of these recommendations,
sent me from home; and
I shall do my very best
to show those friends that
their faith and confidence
has not been unworthily
bestowed.

My first "Exam" will begin
March 1st; passing that, I will
take the final beginning May 1st,
1905. If successful in both
I will have my commis-
sion before my 30th birthday,
June 28th.

I have no intentions of
failing, nor do I expect

to make anything but a
very high grade.

Believe me most gratefully.

Corporal Paul Baxter Benille