

Columbia Barracks, Cuba,

Friday, January 11th 1901.

My dear Jennie:

Your letter of the 5th reached me by the last mail and yesterday I got the two boxes of pkges one from the transport, the other from the express office. The 50¢ I had to pay was collected by the customs officers. The evening dress suit and everything was all right. The candy that Mabel and Georgie sent me was fine and I eat some of it every night before I go to bed. When you write to Ida please thank her for the two beautiful hakfs [handkerchiefs] the only present I received. I hope to be able to remember her later when I have some money that I can afford to spend. I have not heard anything about the extra compensation yet and I fear it will never come. I send you today's Havana paper in which I have marked an editorial paragraph referring to our work in which great credit is given to Drs. Reed and Agramonte and I am not mentioned. A newspaper man was out here two days ago and R gave him an interview. That and the way in which Gen. Wood's name is mentioned tells where the information came from. It was inspired of course by R. and it was only by chance I saw the man as he was leaving and found out that he was a newspaper reporter. Upon second thought I think I shall forward the paper to Gen. S. direct so that he may see how the thing is going. I have put it up since writing the above and shall send it to him. After thinking it over again I have concluded to send it to you instead. I do not want to bother Gen. Sternberg about such trifles so I shall wait until after the Army Bell passes and see if I get a chance as a Vol. Major. Nothing better will ever come to me. I tried my new bathing suit today for the first time. The water was not cold and I stayed in about half an hour. Upon coming out the air was warm and after rubbing dry I was in a perspiration.

One month from today I hope to be the ocean on my way home again, never to return to Cuba.

With love and kisses for the babies and yourself as ever

Your affect. husband

James