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Dear Brother

I have glorious news for you. I was examined by the Academic board to day. and although the board has not informed ~~us~~ any of us whether we will be received or not. I do not hesitate to say that I am perfectly safe. I was as cool as a cucumber during the examination, and answered every question promptly and without error. I read better than I ever read before, and only had six lines to write, all the words of which I am certain I got right.

We have to go into camp tomorrow morning, or rather we have to drive camp pegs all day tomorrow. I was promoted last night, from squad No 6 to squad number 5. and I can assure you that I felt quite proud of it, for I had a very cross drill-master, and a very poor squad. I am now under one of the best drill-masters in the corps. and have got ^a musket

The bugle is blowing and I ~~as~~ will have to go to drill in about ten minutes. I will finish my letter this evening.

Well dear brother. I have got through drilling for to day, and have got through dress parade also, and had my supper in the bargain. We (the new cadets) were informed by our Capt. that we had all passed the examination, and were assigned to our companies.

I have not heard what company I have been put in
but I suppose it is company A as I am the tallest
man among the new Cadets, and was placed at the
head of the rank when we were assigned to our compa-
ny

As far as I am competent to judge, I am
quite popular among my class, and will exert every
means to continue so, for a person stands rather a
poor chance if all his classmates are against him

I have not time to write a long letter
for I have to be preparing for camp

Give my love to all our family
and to all enquiring friends

Yrs

Wm B Woods

Truly your Brother in haste

Chas R Woods

P.S. Please write as often as you can
for I want to hear from you.