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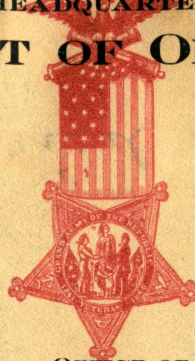
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*Mr George Heckler
Dalton Mo.*

My dear "Old" Comrade

*your 20-at-hand and
name near to destruction before opening. With
lot of mail that some of advertising charact
our letter became crumpled and was conveyed
waste basket. I happened to remember I rec-
eived a letter from you. Set about a search &
found your letter just before it would have been
destroyed. I am glad to hear you will be
ladder yet if we are permitted to meet in
Cincinnati this fall I have had the Grippe this
winter that has pretty nearly knocked me
out. I am feeling better. usually I am physically
perfect for one of my years. As to history of
regt. I gathered data that cost me, I think
more worth anything, approximately \$500. It was
up to the Regt to raise money to have it
edited & published. It never did. Calver
you & I tried but failed to have it done.*

Major Palmer is trying to do something what I
do not know. I am trying to help the out-
standing material in hand. Whatever he does
will I am sure be acceptable and duly
welcomed. His will I apprehend be very
brief and concise. Did you get a copy
of the Antislavery Batts Field Commission's
Report? If not enclose 15 cts to Major Palmer
and ask him to mail you a copy. I wrote a
brief resume of G. 36 - I. D. I. that was published
with Report. The book on a whole is well
worth perusing. I had a letter and photo
from Sgt Thor north a year or more ago.
I enclose you some clipping showing that comrades
help me keep in the limelight. I served all through
nearly 50, the Civil War. See enclosure.
I am proud one day's farming would do me up
I was born lazy and a child-avoider of work
and never got over it. I worked long enough
to know that it was hard work if you filled
the measure & full stature of a man on the farm.
I am taking life comparatively easy enjoying gener-
ally good health & appetite sleep well usually
as well as one of my age could hope to expect.
I am true to you. Regards to all that you
all yours. Your old comrade G. 36 - I. D. I.
John H. Croft