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This is a letter from Hercules Price, Napa County, California, to Adolph Roenigk. Price writes of the battle of Summit Springs, which took place in northeastern Colorado on July 11, 1869.

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Mr A. Roenigk
Post office, Gen'l Delivery, San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Friend:

Your letter of the 29th inst. received this morning and I was most glad to hear from you - I am glad that your health is improving & by living out in the air and sunshine as much as possible will strengthen the nervous system - Milk diet is very good and buttermilk especially will build up the powers of the stomach - For myself I must tell you that I have been "under the weather" as the saying goes, with cold, hoarseness in the throat, on account of Catarrh and troublesome Piles - The Doctor here prescribed some medicine for me but it has had no beneficial effect - I have almost lost my voice, as the articulation is very difficult - otherwise I am as usual in health - but here the dietery is fixed from day to day - a change each day to be sure, but not what one could desire - I shall be most pleased to receive the larger copy of the Monument in Lincoln to the memory of those massacred in the early years of the settlements of Kansas - The former Post-card I sent home to my folks in England who treasure every little memento & incident of my soldier life on the Plains - and particularly of Kansas. If anything should happen to me here I should not like my correspondence and mementoes to be scattered I have made two rough sketches of a map of

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of the Battle of Sumnit Springs S.E. Colorado, but I am "at sea" as to points of the Compass and can only place the relative positions of rivers and high lands- &c- I am glad to learn that a fire proof building is about to be erected for the Historical Societies rooms and in same building a Hall for the G.A.R. I am not a member of the G.A.R. not being eligible on account of date- I got my Commission & was mustered on 3rd July, 1865, but previous to that event I joined General Stoneman's Independent Brigade on the 30th April 1864 at Paris, Bourbon County Kentucky- Was to be enlisted at Camp Nelson, Ky where we reported- Were issued horse, arms, accoutrements &c- but an early telegram from Genl Sherman for us to move instantly put a stop to the delay for my enlistment and I was ordered to turn in what Commissary property to the proper officer at that Camp & get receipt for same- Had also a man of the command to assist me- I am trying now by Petition to Congress and my claim is now before the Claims Committee for my military services to be recognized & paid to me as a "Recruit joined" and to receive an honorable discharge I underwent 5 months imprisonment as a supposed deserter from that command- I was on the march with the command but was taken sick with pleurisy and was left at a Post for medical treatment & after discharge from Hospital was arrested by the Provost Guard as a supposed deserter- It was thus I got my Commission as 2nd Lt. & subsequently as 1st Lt. 5th U.S. Col. Vols. "through Prison bars"-

Very sincerely yours

Hercules H. Price