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Dear Sir and Comrade,

As a writer on different
Topics, Questions, Concerning the Past, as well
as the Future, will you confer a favor upon
an Old Soldier, by Explaining the Origin, and the
History of, The Presidents Thanks, and certificates
of Honorable Service, as conferred, by the Officers and
Soldiers of certain Regts, during the late war,
& if said Document is, or can be held to be Superior
to an Honorable Discharge, what Benefit would the
Holder receive if any, from having such
a Paper, and should ask Recognition Under
this Administration, Trusting you will favor me ^{with}
an early reply, I Remain very Respectfully

Yours in H. C. and S.

Col. T. Bond.

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