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Brothers:

It is with great anticipation that I write to you these Department Orders! Remembrance Day is almost upon us. We are 26 days away and I began pondering what it is that makes this occasion so special for me. As I thought about all the events of that weekend and the general ambience of the battlefield, there was one recurring theme that ran through each thought. It was YOU! Seeing my brothers and talking, most times laughing, with you, and participating in such a sacred place during ceremonial moments is what has made every Remembrance Day Weekend truly so special!

Taking time to mark the memory of our GAR brothers, discussing department and general SUV news and events is always a good time for me. It's when we can give air to our opinions and ideas without the formality of meeting and rules. It is at this time that I've learned more about brothers whom I did not know very well.

It was in this frame of ruminating that I came up with an idea. I would like to take a few minutes to have a photograph made of the NJ Department at a predetermined

spot on the battlefield. We could meet at the Woolson Monument, the NJ Brigade Monument or some other place of our own choosing. We could meet on Friday or Saturday. Coordinating a time agreeable to all would be our most difficult task. However, I believe it can be done! We only have to communicate and then not be late. I realize that it is an extraordinarily busy weekend for most. I also know that some brothers only day trip it on Saturday. This is why I would like to have an open communication about this project on the department's Facebook site. It is immediate and a quick form of communication. If a brother does not Facebook, then email me directly and we can get those suggestions out there asap!

One suggestion has already been made to take a picture at the NJ Brigade Monument Friday before sundown. I welcome other suggestions too! Please do NOT be bashful! Everyone's idea is welcome and will be given equal consideration. The only ones not given consideration will be the ones that go unsaid.

So let me hear from you, my brothers! We are in this TOGETHER! No one brother is more important than the other! **That goes for your commander as well.** I look forward to hearing from you! Let's take advantage of this opportunity and show National that NJ is strong, united, dominant and a department to be reckoned with. This picture will be sent into the *Banner*. Please let me hear from all the camps!!!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Brother Fred Mossbrucker
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