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Dear Father, Nov. 6/62

I have just finished writing a letter to Gallie so I have but little left to say ~~to~~ in this letter to thee. My health is good now with the exception of a cold I have had for several weeks & am not entirely rid of yet though I stand & enjoy a soldiers life better than I expected & am several pounds heavier now than I was when I enlisted.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction in our Reg. about our guns which are in fact of very little account.

The followin goes to illustrate what little confidence the boys have in them. Asberry F. was marching

along the other day with an
old cat on his shoulder

What are you going to do
with that, asked the Captain
My gun wont shoot & I am
bound to have something
to defend myself with was
the quick reply, & the Capt, &
all joined in a hearty laugh
as we went marching along.

We have got no pay yet & it
is hard to tell when we will
We may get it tomorrow & may
not get it for months.

If you hear nothing more
from me before Erven Turner
comes back send me what
money you have to spare if
it should be (\$30 or \$40) thirty or
fourty dollars more or less
for if we get away off south
we wont have a chance to send
every day & it will render the chance
of pay day more slim, so But I
hope we may get our pay here
& save all further trouble.

Write soon your affectionate Son

Joseph & Margaret Evans Thomas

Nov. 6, '62.

Dear Father:

I have just finished writing a letter to Sally so I have but little left to say ~~and~~ in this letter to thee. My health is good now with the exception of a cold I have had for several weeks and I am not entirely rid of yet though I stand and enjoy a soldier's life better than I expected, and I am several pounds heavier now than I was when I enlisted.

There is a great deal of dissatisfaction in our Reg. about our guns which are in fact of very little account.

The following goes to illustrate what little confidence the boys have in them.

Asbery T - was marching along the other day with an old ax on his shoulder. "What are you going to do with that ax" asked the Captain. "My gun wont shoot and I am bound to have something to defend myself with" was the quick reply. And the Captain and all joined in a hearty laugh as we went marching along.

We have got no pay yet and it is hard to tell when we will. We may get it to-morrow and may not get it for months. If you hear nothing more from me before Erven Turner comes back, send me what money you have to spare if it should be (\$30 or \$40) thirty or forty dollars more or less for if we get away off south we won't have a chance to send every day and it will render the chance of pay day more slim. But I hope we may get our pay here and save all future trouble.

Write soon,

Your affectionate son,

Thomas.

Joseph & Margaret Evans.