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Youngs Point, La. Feb 21, 63

Dear Parents,

As I have an opportunity to send a letter home this morning, I must write a few lines and let you know that I am well & getting along very well. I say I am well & really I have better health than I have had for the last two months. This seems to imply that for the past two months I have been sick & I have been troubled with a cough all the time & severe pain in the breast. But I have got it broken now & I think permanently cured. As far as my breast is concerned it is better than it has been for the last two years not paining me a bit even in the hottest & most disagreeable weather. I am only 15 lbs. heavier than when I enlisted.

We are camped still in the same place. The last two days have been beautiful spring days & we have enjoyed it hugely for before that we had had a terrible drear time. This morning it is raining again so I suppose we are to have another muddy time of it.

Yesterday evening John Corbet arrives here after Dunken Spain whether he will succeed or not I do not know yet. We were all glad to see some one from Ohio but unfortunately he knew nothing of my folks. He wants to start back to Poy.
I sent this by bearer. The last letter I got was written by Alpha about a month ago. Since then, I have written several. You should write at least once or twice a week while the mail is so irregular than I could surely get one twice a month. C. Berry is gaining weight and is able to walk around the camp. Mr. Colman is well again.

I have nothing more to write at present except to send you a good lot of things the first time you have a chance. There are a great many of the boys not well and constantly wishing for something from home to eat.

If there is a movement made by the friends of this Co. to send anything of that kind, butter, cheese, dried fruit should be leading articles. The best way to send them would be to send them as sanitary stores by some one who is coming down. We expect to receive our pay now in a few days, then we can get such things here. While ofter...

Your affectionate Son & Brother,

Thomas
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Write often,

Your affectionate son & Brother,

Thomas.