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## Thomas L. Evans letter to his mother from Homes Plantation, April 22, 1863

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Camp, 96<sup>th</sup> Holmes Plantation Ga.  
Apr. 22<sup>d</sup> 1868

Dear Mother,

I write again to let you all know that we are all well and prosperous. The weather is quite warm here and the corn is about like it is in Ohio on middle of June. But it is not very well cultivated as as our army came here since it was planted on the laborers are gone. The weather has been quite showery since we came here so it is so muddy about half the time that we cannot drill & I am getting so fat and lazy that it is almost a task to write a letter every three days. but I manage to do it as I get up to roll call in the morning through a sense of duty. & I believe that would fail if it were not for the thought of how anxiously they will be looked for and read. If I get home by harvest I suppose I will have a chance to



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and if I could not do it it would  
be different from what it always  
has been heretofore. I have said we  
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and several others are complaining but we  
have more men able for duty now  
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The Post. Edg. Turner is healthier now  
than he has been since he enlisted.

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Vicksburg is evacuated & a thousand other  
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Arthur & Father,



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