Thomas L. Evans letter to his brother from a field near Vicksburg, June 7, 1863

Thomas L. Evans
Dear Brother,

I was glad to hear that you are still all well and prospering.

It has been but a day or two since I wrote and nothing new has happened so I have but little to write.

We still occupy the same position as when I last wrote and so do the Rebs. Our position though is made much stronger by improvements in our rifle pits and planting cannon along them while their forts begin to look pretty ragged from the use of our cannon.

The weather is very warm and close as we have to stay down in the hollows for safety. I hope we will not have to stay here many days longer but who knows.

I stand it first rate for my part but quite a number of the boys have the chills and fever. Five of ours had chills yesterday but all seem pretty well today. Think it will not last them more than five or three days for those who had chills six or four days ago are well now. Our Company I believe
is the healthies in the Reg. now.

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24th Iowa was wounded at Champion Hills
& has since died. I saw coffe. Just the
other day. This Reg. suffered terribly but
he & Sue? Winger came out safe.

John Judy & Clay of the 11th Mo. are safe yet
So are my friends of the 95th Ohio.

This is Sabbath & it is the quietest day
We have seen for a week & were not
for an occasional shot from
our Mortars & cannon & the occasional
fly of a rebel musket ball over our
heads we might we on almost forger
we are so near the Rebel Vicksburg
which is not more 21/2 miles from
us & which I hope will soon be nearer.

Let me hear from you all soon
Give my love to Aunt

J. P. Evans

Thomas

June 14th Tuesday morning. We just
came in from the rifle pits where
I had a fine dry nights sleep after which
I feel first class as usual. Still we are in
the same place. We have all kinds of rumor
but nothing reliable except our Negro
regiments have thralled prices army
at Young's Pt. Done it bravely too. We
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but I thought I would wait a day
or two perhaps something new would

J. P. Evans
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Wash Turner is dead. He belonged to the 24th Iowa — was wounded at Champion hills and has since died. I saw Alph Judy the other day. Their Reg. (7th Mo.) has suffered terribly but he and Luel Wiget came out safely. John Judy and Clay of the 11th Mo. are safe yet. So far my friends of the 95th and 32nd Ohio.

This is Sabath and it is the quietest day we have seen for a week and were it not for an occasional shot from our Mortars and cannon and the occasional Whiz of a rebel musket ball over our heads, we might almost forget we are so near the Rebs and Vicksburg which is not more than 2 1/2 miles from us and which I hope will soon be nearer.
Let me hear from you all soon. Give my love to Aunt.

Thomas.

June 9th.

Tuesday morning and we just came in from the rifle pits where I had a fine nights sleep after which I feel first rate as usual. Still we are in the same place. We have all kinds of rumor but nothing reliable except our Negro regiments have thrashed Price's army at Young's Point. Done it bravely too.

I would have sent this sooner but I thought I would wait a day or two; perhaps something new would turn up, but not so.

Thomas.

J. P. Evans.