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Richburg Aug 18th, 1865

Dear Brother,

It has been sometime since I wrote to you and now I have scarce anything to tell you. I have not been able get any photographs but I send you a picture which will remind you that if I don't write to you very often I at least have not forgotten you or the promise I gave you last fall. It is always difficult to get for me to get a good picture and especially so here. You observe I don't look very puny and weak. I am fifteen pounds heavier than I was one ago. The picture & case is for you the other for Brother. I'd rather have a plainer picture. That is one taken without any dress but I will send it & she can give this to some of the rest. Two of our sick boys got a discharge yesterday and I suppose will start home today. John Tucker of Richmond & James Williams of Allen Center.

I am glad to hear they have got well of the ague for if it use
you up as it does the boys here when they get it, you have had a hard time of it. Well I cannot think of anything more to write this time but hope you will write soon so that when I come home I will find you a good and industrious boy.

Good By

Thomas
Vicksburg, Aug. 18th, 1863,

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Goodbye,

Thomas.