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Dear Father,

The mail came this evening but no letter from home however I got one from Zallie which makes up for it I suppose. Sergt. Biggitt starts home tomorrow for the purpose of recruiting and will be home perhaps before you get this letter. I have his promise that he will make my old home his home while he is recruiting in that part of the County. I wish you & Rose to lend him what assistance you can the same as if you were assisting me.

Hardecai Goddill you know is prisoner but he left his money with a man of my Co. & I have it $26.75 to. Until now I have not had an opportunity to lend my money which I considered perfectly safe so I have loaned some and none to send now except $50 which I let Sergt. Biggitt to use for recruiting purposes if he wishes or needs it. I also told him if he needed more to call on you & you would give it him for me. He is an excellent young man and perfectly reliable in every respect.
Pay Mr. Gladhill's Wife $96.25 for me as she no doubt needs it ere this. Tell her it is from Brig. Q. That I sent the letter she wrote him too, got by a flag of truce which went out yesterday & that there is a hope that the prisoners will be exchanged soon but we may be disappointed. How don't neglect it in fact remember by good deeds all Soldiers wives & children and especially those who are in pay too. I often think when I hear them talking about their families at home how lonely they must be in many cases how needy.

Have Cooper make another pair of boots for me like those he did make only make them one size larger & square toed. Also another pair just the size of those he made for me before. This second pair is for a friend & he wants me to send for them for him because they are not to be had here at any price. Those you sent me I swear all the time and they are about as good as new but they are a little too tight to march in without comfort. Try to have those done to send back by Diggett. Tell brother my shirts are the envy of the camp. I though I have been wearing them for sometime a friend tried to get me to take the for them to lay. Write soon & often. Your affectionate Geo. Thomas.
Dec. 5, '63.

Dear Father:

The mail came this evening but no letter from home, however, I got one from Sallie which makes up for it I suppose.

Sergt. Liggett starts home to-morrow for the purpose of recruiting and will be home perhaps before you get this letter. I have his promise that he will make my old home his home while he is recruiting in that part of the country. I wish you and Rose to lend him what assistance you can, the same as if you were assisting me.

Mordecai Gladhill you know is prisoner but he left his money with a man of my Co. and I have it — $26.75. Until now I have not had an opportunity to send my money which I considered perfectly safe so I have loaned some and have none to send now except $50 which I let Sergt. Liggett have to use for recruiting purposes if he wishes or needs it. I also told him if he needed more to call on you and you would give it him for me. He is an excellent young man and perfectly reliable in every respect. Pay M. Gladhill's wife $26.75 for me as she no doubt needs it ere this. Tell her it is from Mug. and that I sent him the letter she wrote him. Nov. 9th, by a flag of truce which went out yesterday and that there is a hope that they prisoners will be exchanged soon but we may be disappointed. Now don't neglect it, in fact remember by good deeds all soldiers wives and children and especially of those who are in my Co. I often think when I hear them talking about their families at home, how lonely they must be and in many cases, how needy.

Have Cooper make another pair of boots for me like those he did make only make them one size larger and square toed. Also another pair just the size of those he
made for me before. This second pair is for a friend and he wants me to send for them for him because they are not to be had here at any price. Those you sent me I wear all the time and they are about as good as new but they are a little too tight to march in with comfort. Try to have those done to send back by Liggett. Tell Mother my shirts are the envy of the camp and though I have been wearing them for sometime, a friend tried to get me to take $12 for them to-day.

Write soon and often,

Your affectionate son,

Thomas.