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Dear Father,

Dec 5,

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

Sergt Siggett 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.

Mordecai Gladhill you know is prisoner but he left his money with a man of my Co. & I have it \$26.75 etc. Until now I have not had an opportunity to send my money which I considered perfectly safe so I have loaned some and <sup>have</sup> none to send now except \$50. which I let Sergt. Siggett <sup>have</sup> 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 & you would give it him for me. He is an excellent young man and perfectly reliable in every respect.

Pay Mr. Gladhill's Wife \$26.75cts for me as she no doubt needs it ere this  
 Tell her it is from Aug. & that I <sup>sent</sup> her the letter she wrote him Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> by a flag of truce which went out yesterday & that there is a hope that that the prisoners will be exchanged soon but we may be disappointed Now dont neglect it in fact remember by good deeds all Soldiers wives & children and especially those who are in Bay Co.

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 ~~sends~~ 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 <sup>are</sup> about as good as new but they are a little too tight to march in with ~~the~~ comfort. Try to have those done to send back by Diggitt. Tell mother my shirts are the envy of the camp & though I have been wearing them for sometin a friend tried to get me to take \$12 for them to day. Write soon & often your affectionate Bro Thomas.

Dec. 5, '63.

Dear Father:

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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.

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Your affectionate son,

Thomas.