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Camp near Franklin Ga.,
March 13th, 1862

Dear Parents,

It has been sometime since I received a letter from home but got one from Orpha a day or two ago.
Capt. Cline has resigned on account of ill health and started home yesterday. I should have have written a few lines by him but had not time. I thought it would go about as soon by mail. Bigget arrived here yesterday and is in fine health and spirits. He got in all twelve recruits. My Boots came this morning by mail.
and I am very well pleased with them. The only trouble is they are a little high in the instep. I by the way just while I am speaking of this if you have anything else to send me by mail direct to Dorothy Briggott in my care then you can send it at book instead of letter postage and it will cost but a trifle. But be sure to send a letter by mail at the same time so I may know who they are for.

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lead as far as Drew Port but no one seems to know anything about it. There is several thousand cavalry connected with the expedition and if we find any rebels and I suppose we will it is not likely the infantry will have much fighting to do. But I write this in very great haste & must close it now before the mail goes out.

Write soon & often to your affectionate

Lem Thomas.
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