Thomas L. Evans letter to his parents from Camp Ford near Tyler, Texas, April 21, 1864

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Camp Ford near
Tyler, Texas
April 21, 1864

Dear Parents,

I am here in prison camp in excellent health in a healthy place. I am the only officer of our Reg. here. There are eighteen men from the Reg. here, among which are Aquilla Thomas, Wm. Showsmon, Bartlett J. Sturbar and James T. Tanner of my Co. all in good health. Write to Sergt. Piggett soon as you get this that he may know where we are.

We may be exchanged in a month or two and may not for a year so it is doubtful when you will hear from me again.

Tell Gallie to be diligent and continue at school, I want her to go next year if she will entirely at my expense.
and you will furnish her the means out of what I have sent home. Tell her she must do so & I write of it now because I may have no other opportunity. Write soon. My love to all.

Your affectionate son,

Joseph A. Evans

Thomas

P.S.: Direct to

G. T. E. Evans

Prisoner of War.

Camp Ford

Smith County, Texas

'Via' flag of truce from New Orleans

Write short letter and do not seal it.

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We may be exchanged in a month or two and may not for a year so it is doubtful when you will hear from me again.

Tell Sallie to be diligent and continue at school. I want her to go next year if she will, entirely at my expense and you will furnish her the means out of what I have sent home. Tell her she must do so. I write of it because I may have no other opportunity. Write soon. My love to all,

Your affectionate son,

Thomas.


P.S. Direct to Lt. T. L. Evans,

Prisoner of War, Camp Ford, Smith County, Texas.

Via Flag of Truce from New Orleans.

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