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Camp Ford Texas  
May 17. 1864

Dear Sister,

I write to let you know that I have excellent health and am getting along quite as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Though I have spent the past month here a prisoner of war I find 'd contented mind is a continual feast. You of course will continue at school the rest of this year in accordance <sup>with</sup> your previous intentions.

Now I have a favor to ask of you and know you will not refuse me anything I ask. I shall surely think you very ungrateful if you refuse me this only favor I have asked of you for so long. The favor I ask is this that you will continue at school another year and will receive of me a present of sufficient means

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Thomas.

P.S. Write a few lines telling me just what  
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Direct To.

Lt. J. L. Evans

U.S. Prisoner of War

Camp Ford Smith Co. Texas

Via. Flag of Truce from New Orleans

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