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Thomas L. Evans letter to his sister from the mouth of the White River, Arkansas, January 19, 1865

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Mouth of White River Ark.

January 19th 1865.

Dear Sister,

I have written several letters home since I left there and have not received any answer to ^{any of} them so I will try you I don't believe you will fail me.

The past few days have been very pleasant and I have had very little to do except to watch the coming of the boats and look for a letter from home or someplace else or rather to look for a letter from home and receive one from someplace almost every day. Thank fortune I can get letters from somebody

if not from home. But I cannot
divine how I ~~it~~ is I get none from home
I cannot but believe they have been
written. If they have not ~~yet~~ it will
not be worthwhile to write unless it
you write pretty soon for my time will
be out & I will be home now in a
few months. Time passes here very
pleasantly but I confess somewhat
slowly ~~here~~ for it is very monotonous.
However I have plenty of books
and I find myself spending my winter
in a Paradise compared with where
I spent the summer. In fact I find
myself the most pleasantly situated I
have ever been in the service. And
there is to be another draft and I am
glad of it: You may ^{be you} think me
hard hearted but I only wish it were

six hundred thousand instead of three hundred thousand. for I believe it would be better for the service and the country I believe too that it would better for all the people by bringing the war sooner to ^{an} end. I got a letter from Sam a few days ago and they are all well & Jay was well and hearty at Savannah Georgia.

I saw some prisoners here a day or two ago who have just come from Texas. They were some who were moved from Camp Ford to another prison last summer and have been recently exchanged. They suffered terribly after leaving Camp Ford, & about one third of them died of disease in the last few months. I thought when

when they left Camp Ford I was
fortunate not to have to go
with them. Indeed how fortunate
I have been; I have heard nothing
from those at Camp Ford except
a rumor that they are to be exchanged
soon. I hope it is true.

Tell Leanne I have not got a
ring for her yet but will get
one and send to her some of
these times. With much love
to all and a hope that you will
write to me someday I
remain as ever your loving
Brother Thomas

M. O. Dixon

Mouth of White River, Ark.

Jan. 19th, 1865.

Dear Sister:

I have written several letters home since I left there and have not received any answer to any of them so will try you - I don't believe you will fail me.

The past few days have been very pleasant and I have had very little to-do except the watch the coming of the boats and look for a letter from home or some place else or rather to look for a letter from home and receive one from some place almost every day. Thank fortune I can get letters from somebody if not from home but I cannot divine how it is I get none from home. I cannot but believe they have been written. If they have not, it will not be worth while to write unless ~~if~~ you write pretty soon for my time will be out and I will be home now in a few months. Time passes here very pleasantly but I confess, somewhat slowly for it is very monotonous, however, I have plenty of books and I find myself spending my winter in a Paradise compared with where I spent the summer. In fact, I find myself the most pleasantly situated I have ever been in the service. And there is to be another draft and I am glad of it. You may think me hard hearted but I only wish it were six hundred thousand instead of three hundred thousand for I believe it would be better for the service and the country. I believe too that it would be better for all the people by bringing the war sooner to an end. I got a letter from Lou a few days ago and they are all well and Jay was well and hearty at Savannah, Georgia.

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Tell Loue I have not got a ring for her yet but will get one and send to her some of these times. With much love to all and a hope that you will write to me some-time, I remain as ever,

Your loving brother,

Thomas.