Thomas L. Evans letter to his parents near Fish River, Alabama, March 24, 1865

Thomas L. Evans

Follow this and additional works at: https://dc.ewu.edu/tlevans

Recommended Citation
Evans, Thomas L., "Thomas L. Evans letter to his parents near Fish River, Alabama, March 24, 1865" (1865). Thomas L. Evans Civil War Correspondence and Diary. 132. https://dc.ewu.edu/tlevans/132

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by EWU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Thomas L. Evans Civil War Correspondence and Diary by an authorized administrator of EWU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jotto@ewu.edu.
Camp 96th U.S.
Near Fish River Ala. March 24 66

Dear Parents,

Yours of Feb. 21st the latest I have received) came to hand on the 16th and this is the first opportunity to reply as we were then under marching orders and busy preparing to move. At 8 o’clock on the morning of the 17th we had reveille & at four were marching along. From that time until last evening we were very busy in marching between thirty and forty miles, through a fine swamp and heavy rains. Some places we had to haul our trains through by hand through mud and water two or three feet deep in fact in many places the road seemed to have no bottom and one day it rained for hours the hardest I ever saw it. That of course did not improve the roads. But we are now on dry ground at Fish River a small river which empties into Mobile Bay below Mobile. Notwithstanding the rain exposure and fatigue we
are all in fine health and spirits of my company of seventy-five men present all are well but J.H. Barnes who has the ague. This is a beautiful morning and nearly everyone is seated on the ground, with paper on his knee and is busy penning his home and the mail which leaves now in a few minutes will bear north many a message from the 96th.

I wrote you in my last to pay Amy Gladding wife ($25) Twenty-five dollars for me. I mention it in this so that should you fail to receive that letter she may not fail to receive the money.

I have time to write no more now but think it strange that the letters I receive from home are so few and far between. I was glad to hear that your Quoto was full of that you are in good hope of the speedy close of the war. I share them fully.

With much love to all

I remain your affectionate son

Thomas,

To B. Evans,
Camp 96th, O.V.I.
Near Fish River, Ala. March 24, 65.

Dear Parents:

Yours of Feb. 21st (the latest I have received) came to hand on the 16th and this is the first opportunity to reply as we were then under marching orders and busily preparing to move. At 3 o'clock on the morning of the 17th, we had reville and at four were marching along. From that time until last evening we were very busy in marching between thirty and forty miles through a Pine swamp and heavy rains. Some places we had to haul our trains by hand through mud and water two or three feet deep, in fact, in many places, the road seemed to have no bottom and one day it rained for hours the hardest I ever saw it. That of course did not improve the roads but we are now on dry ground at Fish River, a small river which empties into Mobile Bay below Mobile.

Notwithstanding the rain exposure and fatigue, we are all in fine health and spirits. Of my company of seventy five men present, all are well but I. H. Barnes who has the ague. This is a beautiful morning and nearly everyone is seated on the ground with paper on his knees and is busy penning a line home and the mail which leaves now in a few minutes, will bear North many a message from the 96th.

I wrote you in my last to pay Lug Gladhill’s wife ($25) Twenty five dollars for me. I mention it in this so that should you fail to receive that letter, she may not fail to receive the money.

I have time to write no more now but think it strange that the letters I receive from home are so few and far between. I was glad to hear that your was full
and that you were in good hope of the speedy close of the war. I share them fully.

With much love to all, I remain,

Your affectionate son,

Thomas.

JQE M. Evans.