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## Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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1 mile West of Clarksburg Va.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> A D 1862

Dear Bro.

My health continues good. I watched you  
and William Alburn until I could see you no more & soon all the  
ties of nature were left behind Off for the tented fields again!  
Just a few months before I left with Bro Wilbur on a similar  
mission But time has changes He is gone to eternity I am  
here with a lot of soldiers all of us will not get  
Back home. We are Drilling very hard now  
I dont want you to come here It looked pretty  
on the Boat But it is a dogs life here  
I saw some of Capt Leggs company to day  
The 12<sup>th</sup> is at Summerville Will Turner  
is 2 corporal Al Westbrook is 7<sup>th</sup> Corporal  
They were in the Battles of South Mountain  
& Antietam They have about 300 men  
They are well The fellow that told me was Eras  
mus White of Newark son of Ras. White  
I am glad those photographs are good  
Fredize took a description of me & you



Can get a painted photograph for 3  
dollars. I tried to look as Bowler as a  
Bowler Boy could look when I am  
dead you can look on my countenance  
& say there is "Lump" or "Lump" or "Tom"  
or "Thomas" just as you like But I hope  
I will get home again pray much to our Creator  
that my life may be spared till Father & Mother  
to pray for me as I have great faith in their  
prayers "I was up at Mr Cars Church heard a  
very good sermon" Now Jacob was that all!  
was n't you out?

I sent those things to Hanson

Tobacco 80 cts

Towels 50 cts

Paper & envelopes Total

I sent them by Sirgh William Laughlin  
Cave Lins abagh. John Lins George Mc  
Mullen are unwell We have Bell Lents  
But they the Boys are getting better  
Write again

Good Bye  
Thos S Armstrong

"I started to school a week ago" so says Mary  
has she got there yet?

Dear Sister Mary  
I rec'd your Family letter Dated 3<sup>d</sup>  
or the 4<sup>th</sup>. I am sorry Clara is going away  
return my compliments to her also give  
mine to Eliza & all the rest. I am glad  
those photographs are good & that  
the position was "easy and graceful"  
Well we are by my here & are drilling  
hard. The 110 C.V.D. is west on a hill  
& we are glad to have Ohio Boys for co  
I have good living w<sup>e</sup> by chickens  
Miss Jackson the girl in blue rode  
along here this morning & spoke  
to the men she is a queer lady  
Well my fire has gone out & I  
am cold Good Bye for the  
present Write soon

Your Bro  
Thos S Armstrong



Sister Fela

Henry Gamble & I went 1 mile  
west of here & found a house we went in  
& some darkies were cooking a pot of mush  
we were seeing about some washing  
We met the Soldiers going to camp  
loaded with straw for Bess  
Algebra! Halloo! Tell Ben I will  
write to him before long. We are going to  
exchange arms. Mrs. Ball Ganger  
& Cushing are coming here  
I was glad to hear from you fella  
I am fat. Eat lots. Drill much.  
Sleep well. Smoke some. for my horse  
some. I Mr Boling killed a quail with  
it. Parksburg is a Desolate  
place our camp is about the  
R.R. Will Fela write me  
soon I love to hear from you  
I am very busy & haven't much  
time to write.

Yours truly

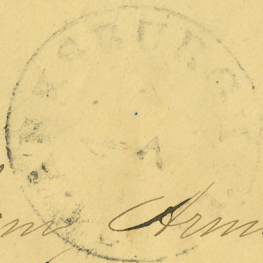
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Soldiers letter

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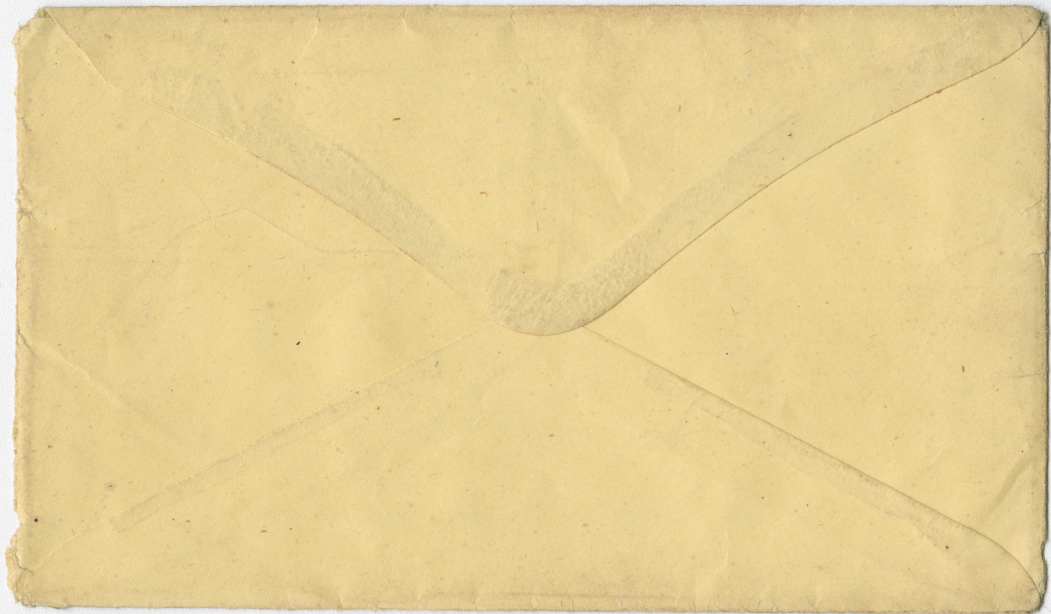


William Armstrong Esq

Norwich

Muskingum County Ohio





November 6, 1862

Addressed to William Armstrong, Esq.

Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio

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T S Armstrong

Sister Fla

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Clarksburg is a desolate place. Our camp is above the R.R. Well Fla, write me soon. I love to hear from you. I am very busy and haven't much time to write.

Good by

T.S. Armstrong