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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong

Thomas S. Armstrong

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New Creek Va

Dec 5th 1862

Dear Father

The wind whistles
past and around our fair mansion
The ground is covered with snow
which fell mostly today. We had
an inspection today. To morrow
morning we start Southward
on an expedition we know only
that is is Southward We go under
Gen. Chuselet & we don't go alone
I got Mays letter tonight also
I got Fla's yesterday morning I have
not got that Box yet But it will be
here tomorrow evening or the next.
The reports are that we are going
to Romney others that we go to
Moonesfield & that 800 Rebels
are entrenched there. Well we
will try to do them all the harm
we can.

But we leave tomorrow. All the
Boys are well I am well. I am
glad you thought so well of me to
send me that lot of things

We may see hard times soon
But who would not suffer
for Old Abe Dont He talk
right in his late message?

I will tell you the news if
there are any when we encamp
again. I wont tell you anything
positive because I dont know

Read the News from Here
Under Gen. Cluseret

Well May Heaven preserve me
May heaven Bless you all

I will write to you soon and
let you know when we are
we will march on foot

Tell my friends I am getting
along well. Tell Mother to
keep her spirits up & write
to me soon

Well good Bye As I
have been writing nearly all
night making our Descrip-
tive lists for 6 Men who will
be left Behind

Well good Bye
Your Son

S. S. Armstrong
I am not at liberty to write
to you how many Troops are
going with us
S. S. A.

I have received your letter
and am very glad to hear
from you. I hope you are
well and happy. I have
not much news to write
at present. I am well
and hope these few lines
will find you the same.
I will write to you soon
and let you know when
we will march on foot.
Tell my parents I am getting
along well. Tell Mother to
keep her spirits up and write
to me soon.

December 5, 1862

New Creek, Va.

Dec 5th 1862

Dear Father

The wind whistles past and around our frail mansion. The ground is covered with snow which fell mostly today. We had an inspection today. Tomorrow morning we start southward on an expedition we know only that is southward. We go under Gen Cluseret & we don't go alone.

I got Mary's letter tonight. Also, I got Fla's yesterday morning. I have not got that box yet but it will be here tomorrow evening or the next. The reports are that we are going to Romney, others that we go to Moonesfield & that 800 rebels are entrenched there. Well we will try to do them all the harm we can.

But we leave tomorrow. All the boys are well. I am well. I am glad you thought so well of me to send me these lot of things. We may see hard times soon, but who would not suffer for Old Abe. Don't he talk right on his late message?

I will tell you the news if there is any when we get encamped again. I won't tell you anything positive because I don't know _____ the news from here & under Gen Cluseret.

Well may Heaven preserve me. May Heaven bless you all. I will write to you soon and let you know where we are. We will march on foot. Tell my friends I am getting along well. Tell Mother to keep her spirits up & write to me soon.

Well good bye as I have been writing nearly all night, making out descriptive lists for 6 men who will be left behind.

Well good bye

Your son

T.S. Armstrong

I am not at liberty to write to you how many troops are going with us.

T.S.A.