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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong

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New Creek Va
Dec 6th 1862

Dear Father,

The wind at the past and around our field has raised the ground into covered with snow which fell mostly today. We had an inspection today. Tomorrow morning we start southward on an 80 field where we know only this is southward. We go under Gen. Ulysses Grant. We don’t go alone. I got many letters to-night. Also got a early morning. That got this box yet. But I will be here tomorrow evening to the next. The reports are that we are going to Romney, others that we go to Moosefield. 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. Pam well. Pan. Glad you thought so well of me to send me that lot of things we may be hard times soon. But who would not suffer for Lord? We don't talk right in his late message? I will tell you the news of them and any when we incamp again. I won't let you anything positive because I don't know. Read the news from here. S. S. LINN. COLONEL. Well may Heaven preserve us. May Heaven bless you all. We 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 his spirits up to write to me soon.

Well good! Bye as I have been writing nearly all night making out Deseret War lists for men who will be left behind. Well good! Bye.

Your son

J. S. Linnston

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

S. S.
I have been well
and trust that you are the same.
May God bless you always.

Mollie's love to you.

Write soon.

F.W.
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.