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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong

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Herein for rester they they dan's fains Peters Jung Hard, Co Va Den Satha Parm at this place ME starten from Arew Creek on the 6 th and after 2 1/2 days marching arrive here on Dec & Mon, at 12-2 5-Pole, I am perfectly well & feel First rate Wzare is Sen Cluserets Brigach Consisting of 9810 Va Kigts 87 Pa X 122 Q.V. WE are all will thas are from Norwich & Verney Hearry handle Dreves an am bulance hence he does not have to walk. ME are uncampiel on One of Fremonts old Curds frounds. Well want you to Do Some thing for me This is it She government has made an order Thas officere Commes sioned officers) Shall pay in Cash

down for what they draw in the Commissary Department to Eat & ME must live you know Can you send the Some money 2 I ber Levent Black 17. dollars now Copen Day Has Sent for money for hunself, Can fou sind me 30 or 40 dollars ? Fwant to kay Black any how as Pelow like to be under the to him I have not got that Box yet XI pu sum wont as the expressages were not parel & we can't get it as We have no money & havent 1 red cent to my name Pake soldier my well the Boys do the same But thurk Carrying a Knaksack is hard work Send that money to me by sweral letters 4 or 5- dollars in Each Envelope then of A will not all be los any you I dont Rnow when the government

will kay us, Well you must do the Best for me you can Mile I got mary

I will untito you again soon as I have not tim to write any men asthe brail Noon closes

your Son LA LAunstray

hay & Alg & Lag & Sug Peter s Burg Hardy to Va South west of moorefuld Leong. 20 W fron Washing lin Lat 3 go North

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Left 12 Thy letter dies not get in last night I lake the Co out on co & Ballalloon Drile I have a little color But feel well other wise John Limans & Sundahaugh . Sleve Jan Kirk Will Ciel I will Um Ashe Jerry Garman are all well & Sein to mjoy themselves So an the In comeller Boys also the Hann monelo Mell I will close this letter My love To two the & Jacob t Many & Fla & Fagk & Lus & ali my francia porto Send In those lettors as Soon as possible Igot a hour last mght of 6 ?! mol. Four your Son thomas Amohor Derect your letter to me as usual

December 11, 1862

Petersburg Hardy Co Va

Dec 11th 1862

Dear Father

I am at this place. We started from New Creek on the 6th and after 2 1/2 days marching arrived here on Dec 8 Mon. at 12-25 P.M. I am perfectly well & feel first rate. We are in Gen Cluseret's Brigade consisting of 9 8 10 Va Regts, 87 Pa & 122 O.V. We are all well, thus are from Norwich & vicinity. Nearry Gamble drives an ambulance, hence he does not have to walk. We are encamped on one of Fremont's old campgrounds.

Well I want you to do something for me. This is it. The government has made an order that officers (commissioned officers) shall pay in cash down for what they draw in the Commissary Department to eat & we must live you know. Can you send me some money? I owe Lieut Black 17 dollars. Now Capn Gary has sent for money for himself. Can you send 30 or 40 dollars? I want to pay Black anyhow as I don't want to be indebted to him. I have not got that box yet & presume won't as the expressages were not paid & we can't get it as we have no money. I haven't 1 red cent to my name.

I like soldiering well. The boys do the same but think that carrying a knapsack is hard work. Send that money by several letters, 4 or 5 dollars in each envelope. Then it will not all be lost any how. I don't know when the government will pay us. Well you must do the best for me you can.

Well I got Mary

I will write to you again soon as I have not time to write any more as the mail soon closes.

Your son

T S Armstrong

Petersburg

Hardy Co Va

Southwest of Moorefield

Long 2 degrees W from Washington

Lat 39 degrees North

Sept 12. My letter did not get in last night. I take the co out on Co. and battalion drill. I have a little cold but feel well. ______ John Timmons, D. Sensibaugh, Steve Lankirk, Will Caldwell, Wm Ashe, Jerry Garner are all well & seem to be enjoying themselves. So are the McMillen

Boys. Also the Hammonds. Well, I will close this letter. My love to Mother & Jacob & Mary & Fla & Frank & Gus & all my friends.

Send in those letters as soon as possible. I got a _____ last night of the 6th inst.

Love your son

Thomas S. Armstrong

Direct you letters to me as usual.