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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong

Thomas S. Armstrong

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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 9810 Va Regts
87 Pa & 122 C.V. We are all well
This are from Norwich & vicinity
Heavy Gunble Drives in an
balance hence he does not have
to walk. We are encamped on
one of Fremont's old Camp
grounds. Well I want you
to do something for me This is
it The Government has made
an order that officers (Commis-
sioned 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 Capt Gay has sent for
money for himself. Can you send
me 30 or 40 dollars? I want
to pay Black any how as I dont
like to be indebted to him. I have
not got that Box yet & I pre-
sume wont as the expessages
were not paid & we cant get it as
we have no money I havent 1
red cent to my name

I like soldiering well the Boys
do the same but think carrying
a knapsack is hard work
Send that money to me by several
letters 4 or 5 dollars in each
Envelope then if I will not
all be los any how I dont
know when the government

will pay us. Well you must
do ~~the~~ Best for me you can
Will I get Mary

I will write to you again
soon as I have hot time to
write any more as the mail
soon closes

Your Son
I S Armstrong

Petersburg
Hardy Co Va
South west of Moorfield
Long. 2° W from Washington
Lat 39° North

Sept 12 My letter did not get in last night
I take the Co out on co & Ballaloon Drive
I have a little cold But feel well other
wise John Lemons & Sumsbaugh. Steve
San Kirk Will Caldwell Wm Ashe Jerry
Garnum are all well & seem to
enjoy themselves So are the McMillin
Boys Also the Harris menets

Well I will close this letter
My love To Mother & Jacob &
Mary & Fila & Frank & Gus &
All my friends

Send me those letters as
soon as possible I got
a Tribune last night of 6th
inst.

Yours son

Thomas S. Smith

Direct your letters 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. Neary 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

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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.