

*[undated, but apparently written at Camp
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I have got my drum and the whole rigging I am packing my knapsack and haversack I shall take all that I can I have made arrangements so that you will receive \$20. every two months In this letter I send a draft of \$25.00 you go to the bank and draw the money and if you dont need it put it at Interest so that If I should come back within six months I can have some thing to do with If there is any such a thing I shall come back and that as soon as possible You need not worry about me because I shall take all the pains I can to keep well and clean I shall not have to go on picket duty or any thing of that kind all I have to do when I am in battle is to carry of the dead when I get in Elmira I am going to buy me an army steel plated vest I am armed with a sword and brace of six shooters with a dirk so that if there is any pluck In me at all I can defend my self without much danger Tell my friends that I will write as soon as I get to a stoping place that will be in Washington I think I am not shure Give my best respects to my friends and tell them to be of good courage as I am coming back before a great while Dont write untill I write again I send my clothes with Mr Hill

From Thaddeus

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