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Letter from James Thew (Fort Larned, Larned, Kans.) to his father and stepmother, Daniel Thew and Betsey (Lobdell) Thew, September 28, 1863

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Dear Father and Mother

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and a getting along after the old sort I received a letter from you two weeks ago and the reason I did not answer it was because I could not do it about six weeks ago our battery was ordered to this place to fight the indians and when we was ordered back to Lyon we had got out about ten miles on our road my horse got frightened and commenced to kick and jump and I was a leading another horse and I had on the

halter around my hand  
and he drawed me over his  
head and I striek on  
a my left knee and  
right foot it broke my  
left thigh about four inches  
from my body it has  
been broke now eight weeks  
and I can almost bear my  
weight on it you wanted  
to know how I enlisted it  
was for three years sergeants  
sooner discharged in about  
thirteen months our time  
will be out I heard from  
gilberts folks this morning  
by one of our boys wives  
right from their I went  
to the mail station and  
saw her she knew I was  
here and sent me word  
one section of our battery

lives at this place

I do not have not much  
to do I get fifteen dollars  
a month and have a horse  
to ride I am called an  
artificer a mechanic if our  
artifery breaks down I have  
to fix it we have tools along  
to do sutch with and timber  
also I received a letter from  
Kate tell he I will answer  
it next time I shall have  
to take all of the week to  
think up stuff to pay  
her off she is inclined to  
joke me off the track I suppose  
you would like description of  
this country I shant try to  
do so this time the buildings  
are made of mud and the  
infernal bed bugs are as  
thick as bees a swarming.

and as savage as  
a flock of wolves  
you must write  
as soon as you get  
this direct to Fort Larned  
Kansas 9 Battery  
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Can you give me  
garrets adrefs if you  
can do so

James Thew

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Mr. Daniel, New

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Clinton, County  
New, York

