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Letter from James Thew (Fort Lyon, Colo.) to his father and stepmother, Daniel Thew and Betsey (Lobdell) Thew, June 1, 1863

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Fort Lyon Monday June 1, 1868

Dear Father and Mother
I now take an opportunity to write
you a few lines so as to let you
know how I am a getting along
I am well as common but feel
rather lazy now for the weather is
verry warm old york state cant
begin it would be a good place to
hatch chickens it dont mad any
hen just put them in the sand
it is rather lonsome here now
you said you wanted to know
if I got the war news yes I do
a plenty of it we take a paper in
our tent richmond is not taken
hooker had to retreat back across
to his old camp ground with a
heavy loss on both sides about
twice as large on the rebel side

as on ours but down on the
gulf states our army is victorious
in all places where they made
an attack and there is a rumor
that vicksburgh and port hudson
is taken but not confirmed yet
we will get it in our next mail
if so I think it is as nice a
thing as we want that opens
the mississippi to the trade of
the great west but wont our
western boys fight for that and dont
they read the fight at grand gulf
how the first wisconsin battery
give the rebs fits that is the
way to do it but I suppose
that we cant have a hand in
it for we will have to stay here
it looks so now I hear a great
deal about the bitternut party

is their any there if they had a
a few soldiers to deal with they
would get sick of such actions
their will be a chance for our
soldiers to pay them for it
when they get home they must
remember that a soldier does not
fear death on an even footing
he is willing to stand his chance
with any scesch in the world
that is the feelings of the soldiers
in the army they are a fighting
for the union and rights not for
the niggers as particlar but
I go in for a giving them their
liberty when we get around to it
I dont know as I have any
more to write about such things
now old stonewall Jackson is
dead that is all right he ought

to keep out of the range
of our sharpshooters that
is what is the matter this
is all so good by for now
I still remain your

friend and son James Sher

I received your letter last
mail stating that you had
got my likeness.

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