

been playing for half an hour, and by the way
it is one of the best bands in the Corps.

We are hurrying to build Gen^l Griffin's
house as he expects his wife and
family Tuesday next.

I have done nothing to see a new
quarters yet, but I am going to have a
good house when I do build it.

I can have the position of Division
Inspector if I want it, but I hardly
think I will take it as I would
stand a good chance to get killed
and a Pro. Marshal never gets
killed at his duties in battle and
to display his men as skirmishers
in man half a mile and keep
up all straggling &c.

If Lawrence gets a Division and
I have no doubt he will, I shall
stay in the service more than
my three years, otherwise I shall
leave it I think at the expiration
of my three years term of service.

I hear from home very often, and
I am glad the folks are so well
this winter. I shall go home in
the course of six weeks, possibly
sooner, possibly not at all this

winter. Lawrence is the senior
Brig Gen^l now in the Division
and if Gen^l Griffin is assigned
according to his Present Rank it
will leave the 1st Div for Lawrence.
My Company have already raised
60 \$ to procure a sword as a present
for me.

I would like to have you
come and see me in about two
or three weeks after we get our
trunks &c fixed up. You could do
spend two or three weeks pleasantly
here. I went about a mile to see
a man hung the other day, for I
may have to do it myself soon, as it
is the Pro. Mar who has to do it. The Pro
Mar of the 2^d Div did it the other
day, and made such a blunder
that he was dismissed from his
position. Frisky fellows it is in big
business "playing the lob on you".

Everything is quiet along our front
and no prospect of an immediate move.

Write as often as convenient.

Your off brother
Thomson