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My dear Sister

I arrived here last night in company with Capt Wise, D. Jones and other officers of our Battalion for the purpose of standing our examinations. We thought we would be examined this morning at ten o'clock, but on reporting to the President of the board, he told us he could not attend to us until tomorrow (Tuesday). After the examination it may be months be ore we hear whether we passed or not, as the whole examination written out in full has to go to the Secretary of war for his final decision. We are the last of the officers from our Battalion to be examined, except three who are yet absent on recruiting service. All the rest have been examined. I think I will come out all right I shall at least have that confidence in myself, until I find out otherwise. Tell father we received two or three letters from him the day before I left Camp (Texas Springs). We will be here three or four days. It costs us five

dollars a day board here. I have just bought me a sword for $50 00/100. Tell father if he pleases to send the uniform he got for me by express as soon as it is completed. I want the uniform for 1st Lieut - Ask him also to have the cloth I sent him by express made into a uniform for me and sent on by express to Knoxville. It will be safest to direct to Bolling. I shall need two suits having no other clothes. Crenshaw & myself each received a letter from Tom the night before I left camp (Saturday night). I was glad to hear that he was getting on well. I wrote to him just before we left the Gap, but have not heard from him since except through fathers letters. Our camp at Leas springs is in a very pleasant place. We use the white Sulphur water altogether. I like it very much. I hope it will be beneficial to the health of our men. We have there also the black sulphur & calibeate. The Legion is all together now except the Artillery & cavalry - Col - Thorington Commanding. I saw John Fitzpatrick yesterday he is well & I believe getting along very well. We are well and getting on finely. I shall write soon after the examination. It is getting dark & I want to mail this this evening. Good bye

Your affect brother
T. B. Hall