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St. Albans, Adams
149th W. S. Fla.

Officers' mail



March 24/1864

Mrs. J. R. Adams.

Larremont,

Mississippi



Adams
149th W. S. Fla.

Rinow, Germany,
Sunday, 24th ~~Mar.~~ ^{Apr.} 19

My dearest Mother,

Your short letter of Mar.
3rd rec'd and I was very
glad to get it. Yes, you must
keep up writing to me for
I will have a chance to receive
a few more letters probably.
I believe I told you about
the men getting the inoculation
Tuesday while I was in

Coblenz. Wednesday morn
it was a sad looking
bunch. It looked like a
battery of weaklings and
80 year old men. I had
to use them for draw-
ing harness and carriages.
I wanted to drive them but
during the day around came
Gen. Getty, then Col. Bateman
and Major ^{Robbins} made three trips
to see the harness. It had
to be like new for Friday.

inspection by Maj. Gen. Taylor.

Thursday was also a hard

day as it looked like we

had a thousand things to

do as there were several

horses not clipped, all chains

had to be painted, manes

and fetlocks trimmed.

Friday morning

we were up early groom-

ing horses, and the guns,

caissons and wagons

trains were covered with

snow, so every available

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man got on the job, all of the guns, caissons and wagons were shined with oil only the day before, at 9⁰⁰ A.M. we were at our place on the road ready for the inspection. Battery, harness, carriages horses and men were almost spotless. The buckles, stirrups, ^{and} bridle bits and were polished even the horse's hoofs were oiled.

The inspectors were on the dot at 9 o'clock in fact they arrived about 4 min. ahead of the hour. They made a close inspection and all the time the horses were in place, traces stretched men at attention, helmets straight and everything was O.K. It made me feel full of pride to belong to the organization. In the afternoon I got my

shot of inoculation, all
 three shots in one so
 as to have it all over
 at one time. Except
 for sore muscles for
 a few hours I would
 not have felt it.

Saturday morning we
 began to understand the
 reason of the stiff inspection
 of the previous day. All pistols
 except ~~one~~ from each officer,
 and ~~not~~ from 1st Sgt were

turned in. Other equipment was collected and cleaned then packed. 39 horses were sent down and sold at an ~~inspection~~, auction to the Germans. The auctioneer spoke German like a book and I went down to see who he was. I was standing out in a crowd when he looked at me and said "where ^{have} you known you, Lt?" Then I saw it was

Major Kittell whom I had known at Longe. So I delayed the auction long enough to go up and shake hands with him. He was only at Longe one week so of course I was not intimate with him.

To-day we turned in the 4-75^m guns, the caissons and wagons, then the signal equipment and ammunition. I saw O. D.

to-day and am running
a guard with only two
pistols. One carried by the
Commander of the Guard and
the other by me. Have only
8 posts although one
is a double patrol. To-
morrow we turn in
harness and I hope the
rest of horses.

Other, we are coming
home almost immediately.
The only delay will be

in going through France,
We get down there we
may be tied up for a
while. I was hoping that
we would come, either
through Antwerp, Belgium
or Rotterdam, Holland.
I never heard any-
thing from the discharge
except the Regt. Adjutant
told me he rec'd a letter
from Dad. It was only
one thing he could

do and that would
be to send me to a re-
placement camp which
would take longer than
remaining with this out-
fit. So I would not
go that way at all.

All of the division should
be out of this sector by
the 5th of April. We have
been relieved of holding
this sector for 4th ~~Army~~
Corps. Every thing seems

to faint homeward. So
I should be home
sometimes in May at
the latest.

Give my love to
all especially to Dad and
tell him I will make
my appearance real
soon. Baskets of love
to you, dear Mother, whom
I long to be with again.
Sincerely
Your
Alvan Adams
1st Lt 149th Inf.