

Thomas C. Neibaur Letters

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been here now almost three weeks.

We are here to guard the northern pacific railroad bridge where it crosses Lake Pend d'Orielle there is about twenty to us here and we are on guard about one day out of three so you see it is not very hard work as that is all we have to do.

I'll tell you mother Sandpoint is some little burg and the people sure treat us fine everything was free for us the first week we were here and they have given us two dances and two suppers since then. The Crab society hired a steam launch and gave us all a boatripe on Lake Pend d'Orielle last Sunday we all enjoyed the ride very much.

I have not had a very good time myself as I have not had any money hardly. We had a payday on the first but we were just paid for what time we have been in the federal service we got five dollars and fifty cents each and when I had paid my company bills I had the enormous amount of two dollars left. I have had my picture taken but have not got money enough to pay for them. I wish you would try and send me a little money if you can spare it. I know it will be hard and I know you need it but I will soon be able to send it back. We will get thirty dollars a month from now on instead of fifteen. I have also got about thirty dollars state pay coming but I do not know when we will get out state pay. It may be soon and it may not be for six or seven months.

Well I guess this is all for this time so I will close give my love to grandma, father and the boys and except a good share for yourself. I am as ever

XOOO your loving son

XXXX Tom

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