

York Town, Dec. 19th

Dear Sister:-

I received yours last night. I can scarcely write this morning on account of my being in too much pain, I am suffering nearly all the time from the jaw ache or something else. I have got a terrible pain in the breast as it happened this morning, but in spite of all my sickness I weigh one hundred sixty-seven pounds and am four inches larger around than when I first came. I have a chill or two every week, I never do anything for them at all. They come whenever they please and go the same way.- medicine does no good.

As to news there is none as usual, we have been expecting an attack all this week and last, but there haven't been any Yankees in sight the whole time on the blockading squadron. One of the vessels came nearer to us last week than I ever saw them before. We could see the smoke boiling out of the smoke stack easy enough also the colors, mast, &c. [It staid that war two days]?, then steamed off.- immediately afterwards the whole horizon was white-with-sails. I do know where they were going to. Magruder had the whole town under [arouse?] yesterday and behind the breastworks, - kept them so this whole day nearly, when he knew there were no Yankees in thirty miles of him. He will get the men so, he can't turn them out some of these times on account of his fooling them so often. I am not going to believe the Yankees are going any where about until I actually see them and shoot at them. You need not believe any report you hear about this place. Dec. 21st I will now resume my writing as I now have another comparatively good opportunity though the room is crowded with men, They are as noisy as an fifteen children you ever saw. They are making a great fuss over our regimental uniform, every man in the regiment nearly is opposed to having one, I think Col. Colquitt is acting wrongly in this matter, He has taken all the men's money in the regiment, for their clothes, to buy us a uniform when nearly every man has more clothes than he can carry.

You spoke of your visit to [?] Battle's and asked me, didn't I wish I had been in your place, I have got so that a girl never crosses my mind, - all of my former loves have departed from me and the only remaining affection I have has centered its strength on "home and friends". I do not and never expect to love another woman in christendom so far as marrying is concerned. I have such a disposition that I can not make any one happy and believe it would be a [positive sus?] for me to marry a girl and make her unhappy. I do not like to have myself bound much either there is a great responsibility any way. I forgot to tell you that a whole company belonging to the 13th Ala. Reg. layed down their arms the other evening and refused to do any more duty until paid up. They were arrested by the [zonave?] battalion and put in the guard house,- they are in there now, and will be court-martialed of course, The still refuse duty. They have not received any pay in seven months I don't blame them much. There is a great dissatisfaction in our regiment at the way Colquitt is acting in reference to the uniforms and the way he protected the sutter of the reg. after he had murdered one of our men. There is a brand of them sworn to kill the sutter and a great many swear they will not have the uniform, Colquitt says he will subdue the reg. or expend all power of Gen. Magruder.

It seems we are to get England into this quarrel yet. Have you got those books I lent to Sis. Mary C. when I left home? If not please get them before the sale come off. We get papers from Richmond everyday, but none from Ga. here. We have five regs. and one legion from Ga. here.- The 6th, 10th, 16th, 23rd & Cobb's legion. I have a great many

school mates in nearly all of them. Butler is in the Fla. Reg. here. Love to all. Respects to neighbors.

Yours Aff.

Kit C. A.

One comp.in the 23rd is from Floyd County – near Floyd Spings.