

Yorktown Oct 13th 1861

You can see that I commenced my letter two days ago, would have finished it yesterday, but our regiment moved into Yorktown, and I was busy all day. Since day before yesterday, two important events have occurred, 1st I have been paid \$43,00 2nd I have taken the Mumps. The first was quite agreeable, but the last is very disagreeable. I have had them now two days. My jaws are not swollen yet much. I can scarcely eat, they pain me a great deal after eating. I am careful not to catch cold with them, but I have some cold already. They paid us \$25,00 for clothing and \$18,00 for nearly two months, they owe us still for over a month. I told you that Jud and Fred had gone up the river. Jud has come back, but Fred is still up there suffering a great deal with Rheumatism. Cousin Isie speaks of staying up here a good while yet. Aunt Sarah intends going home between now and the 20th of this month, but expects to return in a few months if she can. We are now in the very spot we expect to occupy during winter but I learn that they Yankees at Old Point expect to winter quarter in Yorktown, but we'll give them a scuffle before they can get it. Ours and Howel Cobb's regiments will stay here, and Col Colquitt will command them. I am very well satisfied with our position. Our company received a box of clothing from Twiggs last night in which were a great many pillow cases and Sheets &c. I took 1 sheet and 2 pillow cases, though I have no pillow, but Aunt Harriet said she would send me one. Kitt and Jud are on guard today. Kitt was complaining somewhat this morning. It is beginning to be pretty cold already, but I have not seen any frost yet. I see no prospect of a fight now. Our forces are encamped in a few miles of Newportnews, and if there is a fight I don't think our regiment will be in it for we will have to defend Yorktown, but if they attack us simultaneously by land and water, then we may have to fight. I will close as I know nothing interesting to write. Love to family and neighbors. Write often, and continue to ask the blessings of the Almighty upon us.

Your affectionate son

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