

Thursday morning Oct 24<sup>th</sup> / 61

Yesterday evening I commenced this to  
you, but left off to finish this morning.  
Yesterday evening Dan Jarvis, Bob Slappy  
& R. Whitehead, who have been home  
on furloughs, came down on the boat.  
They brought several trunks & boxes  
for different individuals in our company  
and brought Kirk & myself a pair of  
shoes a piece, good shoes, and mine  
fit us well but I don't know how  
Kirk's fit. We got no leggins, nor any  
thing else. I think they left home  
a day or two after aunt Harriet's  
and got a letter by Thos from  
Grand Pa, all well. I understand this  
morning that a dispatch was received  
here from Norfolk, via Richmond, saying  
that about thirty thousand troops had  
left Old Point in boats & ships and were  
making their way to York river, and

so last night about 1 o'clock, we  
were ordered to "face in" with guns &  
cartridge boxes on" and also blankets, and  
our battallions was soon formed (a big  
one too) and we were marched out to the  
breastworks and had to stay there till  
day waiting for them, but they came  
up <sup>in</sup> "ominus" and the battallion was marched  
back to our camp and the men ordered  
to "break ranks". although I am just get-  
ting over the Mumps, I responded to the  
call and was soon in ranks and ready,  
but the captain told me, he thought  
I had better go back to my camp, as  
I had the Mumps and so I did not  
stay out there with them, but went  
back to bed and there stayed till day.  
One or two Regiments came in from  
below last night. I see nothing of  
the Yankees this morning. Aunt Sarah  
& children have gone. It is pretty cold  
this morning, and some frost I believe,  
which is the first we have had up here.

Guard duty & details for work are heavy  
as we are busy preparing against an  
attack. Kitt is better I believe this mor-  
ning and is on duty so soon. Judson is  
well & at work on a battery. I do hope  
they will attack us and give us a chance  
to whip them. We have now only two or  
three regiments at Yorktown, but can soon  
get more in case of an attack. If we  
don't get into houses before cold weather  
we will have hard times. I don't think  
Kitt has any gloves. You said you had  
a skin of Musk rat. I don't know of any  
way, ~~or~~ that we could have it made into  
gloves if we had it here. Give my  
respects to Mr Peck's & Dr Richardson's  
families & all the neighbors. Has Mrs  
Sparks gone yet to Arkansas? What  
have you heard from Bordin's & Lornis's?  
Where are they. How does my horse come  
on? Write soon. Love to Cha & children  
& all the servants. I write every four  
or five days. How often do you get

get letters from me?

Respects to Mr + Mrs Sanders + Mr +  
Mrs Hill.

Your affectionate Son,

Henry Burn  
Camp Georgia

York Town

Virginia