

Camp Georgia Yorktown Oct 5th 1861

Dear Ben,

I believe I owe you a letter, and as we have holiday, I will give you a few unimportant items. They gave us today in order that we might wash our clothes, but I tell you I do very little of that. Fred received your letter a few days ago, and also yours to Aunt Harriet, but she had gone home a week before. About 2 weeks ago, I was sent to Richmond with a prisoner, and I tell you I was glad to get a chance to go. I stayed two days and a half and knocked around as much as I wanted.

Richmond is a great city. I have just come off of guard this morning, having stood yesterday and last night. Martin Chapman and I were close together and talked and kept each other company at night. Old Jud was on guard too.

He and Kitt are in here now talking. Jud improves rapidly and is pretty lively. Our regiment is daily expecting to be called farther down towards Fortress Monroe where we expect to go into winter quarters. I don't care how soon they give us houses. I have got me a cot and it sleeps the best sort. A great many troops have lately come to Yorktown. Four regiments have come in the last 2 or 3 weeks. Cobb's legion from Ga is here in which is Capt Jake Wimberly from Baker Co. Johnny Wimberly and Fred Joshua have both gone up the river and are both sick. Fred, with chills and fever and Johnny with Rheumatism. I heard about an hour ago that some telegraphic dispatches were received down in Yorktown stating that a fight was going on in Northern Va. I don't know whether it is true or not. Some think that we will storm Newportnews, and if we do our regiment will be very apt to go in front.

Ben! You ought to have been here last Sunday. We had a grand review of all the troops stationed at Yorktown and six regiments of us were on the field together. Gen MaGruder appeared on the field splendidly draped and mounted on a fine black charger and after reviewing us marched us round about two hours drilling us, and forming the line of battle fronting different ways. Cobb's cavalry numbering about 400 were with us. I tell you 5 or 6 thousand men is a large crowd. We have I recon about 15000 men on this peninsula, and we if we ever get a chance at the Yankees will make them double quick towards Fortress Monroe in a hurry but if we ever get a fight we will have to go down, and attack them in their dens. I am getting pretty anxious for a fight and want to get into a fight but don't care to get shot. I have seen several persons who were in the Manassas fight, and they said they were pretty scared at first. Fred Henry is pretty sick now with fever. Fred has gone down to the wharf to meet cousin Isie and Aunt Sarah. We are to come down today. Aunt Harriet and all of them came down to camps and stayed two nights. Freddie and Hartwell were perfectly delighted with staying in camps. I must close. Jud will add a short post script. Give my love to Willis and write often.

Your aff cousin

Henry Bunn

Dear Ben,

In your letter to Fred you said I would not write to you. It is true I have not written, but it is not because I don't love you but because I am not very fond of writing letters. I expect Henry has given you all the news, so my postscript will be short. I wish I could be with you at [Branewil] this winter; nothing could please me better than for our regiment to be ordered there. But we will have to build log cabins about ten miles below here to protect us from the snow and blasting storms of winter. Love to Willie, J.S. Bunn