

old kit sends love & says he hates Yorktown worse

Camp Georgia York Town Oct 5th 1781
than a dog does. Hickory and dont like to stand

Dear Ben. ^{Great is a bit.}

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 recieved 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 & 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 & last night. Martin Chapman & I were close together and talked and kept each other company at night. Old Jud was on guard too.

George & Kitt are in here now Talking.
Jud improves rapidly and is pretty
lively. Our regiment is daily expecting
to be ordered farther down towards
Fort Trip 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 York
Town. 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 & Fred Joshua have
both gone up the river and are both sick.
Fred, with chills & fever and Johnny, with
Rheumatism. I heard about an hour ago
that some telegraphic dispatches were
received down in York Town 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 New-
port news, 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 York Town
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. It tells you 5 or 6 thousand men
is a large crowd. We have I reckon
about 10 000 men on this peninsula, and
we if we ever get a chance at the Yankees
we'll make them double-quick towards
Fort Trip 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 Monassas fight, and

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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 Esie & aunt Sarah we are to come down today. Aunt Harriet & all of them came down to camp and stayed two nights. Freddie & Bert will be perfectly delighted with staying in camp. I must close. God will add a short of ten. Give my love to Willie. and write often.

Your aff. Cousin.

Henry Burr

P.S.

Dear Benj -

to I can't find time to write to you. It is true I am not well, but it is not because I don't love you, but because I am not very good at writing letters. I expect Harry has given you all the news so my part is to be by ship. I wish I could be with you at this winter. Nothing could please me better than for our regiment to be ordered there. We will have to build log cabins about ten miles back to protect us from the snow and blizzards. Love to Willie. J. S. Burr