

Richmond July 10th 61

Dear Ma & Pa

I am at Richmond, arrived here yesterday about twelve o'clock.

We had pretty hard times coming up. Had to sleep out on our blankets two nights.

We were delayed at Dalton about 7 or 8 hours. We were also delayed at Lynchburg a day and night. I did not expect to find any one here that I knew, but I found about a dozen.

Mr. Rockmore is here, and belongs to the Houston Volunteers, Capt Wimberly. Capt Goude was promoted to the office of Major and George Wimberly of Jeffersonville was elected Capt in his place.

I saw also Frank and Joel Walker and a great many more of the Houston boys. Mr. Rockmore was very glad to see me. He hugged me when we met. He says I must tell you that I saw him and that he could not be satisfied without coming up to fight. He wanted us to stay with him very much. One of the Houston Vol. was sun-stroked yesterday, but is getting better. One of our men fainted (Mr. Goggins). It was very hot marching up to the camps but I endured it very well. I think I can endure a camp-life very well. I slept with Mr. Vestery last night & the night before. He has been mighty kind to us. I have not been sick at all since I left.

There was a good deal of drinking among the boys while we were coming up, but I have not tasted any, and I don't expect even to do it only for medicinal purposes. Mr. Rockmore and the boys are very anxious for us to join their company and we promised to do so if we could not join the Twiggs Guards, but we will join that company. Kitt & Mr. Vestery are going down in town to get passports for Yorktown directly. We did not have to pay anything for coming up here at all.

I am now in the camp writing with four or five others. There was a pretty hard rain yesterday after we had raised our camps. There are hordes of soldiers in & around Richmond I don't know how many. You can stand and see a Thousand men on parade at once. I saw a whole battalion drill together yesterday evening.

A good many of the troops are now in the guard house for crimes. One man tried to kill his captain the other day and I heard that they were talking about shooting him. I have seen him. He is a powerful looking fellow.

Richmond is a much larger place than I expected to find it. We had to march about 3 miles out to camps. I think we will start to Yorktown tomorrow morning. I wish I were there now. The Houston Vol are encamped about 200 yards from us now. I must go [two lines obliterated] ... They charged me to do this morning.

P.W. and Steven Brown passed through here yesterdays after Calvin Brown who is very sick up about Phillipi I believe. I will now go around and see Mr. Rockmore and then come and write more.

About three hours later.

Well I have been down in town since I commenced this letter, and obtained a permit to our company, but we will have to pay our fair to York town from Richmond. Kitt and myself & Mr. Vestery went down and walked over a part of Richmond. I tell you it is a fine and large city. I saw the capitol and the statue of Washington on his horse on a monument about 30 feet high from the ground. I have been around to Mr. Rockmore's tent and saw him. He says I must not forget to tell you that I saw him up here.

We expect to start for Yorktown tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Some of the men are very unruly. They have to put them under guard very often. I tell you there are a great many wicked men up here now.

But although I am in camps I expect and desire to live as a Christian. That is my greatest desire.

Some of the companys are very well drilled.

I may have to stay at a hotel in town to night in order to get off with the train in the morning. I don't want to though if I could otherwise.

I am afraid I will get scarce [in] money.

I have now about \$43 or \$44. Everything is very dear.

I must close.

Remember me in your prayers as I know you both do.

Give my love to all the family and also to Mr. Richardson's, [Peaks] & Sparks also to aunt Mary's family.

I remain as ever your obedient son.

Henry Bunn

Post Script

I will write again as soon as I arrive at Yorktown

Henry Bunn