

Yorke town Nov 6th 1869

Dear Ma

It has been over a week since I have written home. I commenced a letter to you several days ago, but did not finish it because I did not have time, and since then I have had no good opportunity to write. I received a letter from you day before yesterday coinciding with Pitts. I had just eat supper when it was handed to me, and as soon as all was cleared, I went in my tent and went in my tent and went to bed and read it by the light of a candle, and I was mighty glad to hear from home for it had been nearly 3 weeks I think since I had received a letter from any one of you. (Kitt was not present when I got the letter, so I opened & read it for me & pin each of the other's letters when we know what had

They are from home. Kite is one of the Provost-guard, whose business it is to patrol about town, and put those whom they catch without papers in the guard-house. He does not have to stand in the night-but only in the day. Kite likes his post finely and would not give it up for a penny.

Yesterday I was detailed to go down in town for guard-duty with two more from our Co. & 25 more from the Regiment and when I got there I found that we were detailed permanently to guard the wharf, and I am glad of it for the guard-duty wont be so heavy as when we stayed in the company, and when we are off of guard we wont have any thing to do, but can go all over town and any where we please. So Kite & I are down in town on different sorts of guard-duty. We are not subject to drills & work, but are free unless we are not on guard.

They are going to build us a house to sleep in pretty soon. Cousin Isaac is ~~not~~ here at York town and will go home as soon as anyone comes here for Georgia who can take care of her. Her baby has been sick but is now well. I believe Fred has gotten over the Rheumatism. We expect to have an election for 3rd Lieut shortly and there are four or five candidates. I cant tell yet who will be elected. We have one man in our Co who is very sick with Pneumonia, he got drunk and exposed himself too much and the doctor thinks that caused it. We expected some time ago to be attacked here, but the excitement is over. I dont believe there will be much more here fighting, but I had rather fight it out than stay here doing nothing. Men are detailed every day to cut poles to build houses for our regiment, and I expect we will house in 2 or 3 weeks but I am afraid we will be crowded

in them. I have not had my uniform
made yet. I have not reached it yet,
for we dont have to wear uniform, and
neall we do it unless we want to,
but I intend to have it made soon.
I have received the vests & matras,
shoes & socks, but have never received
any leggins yet. Did Pa order any forals
from Triggs or Macon. I wish you had
sent pillows to us with the matras.
I wish I had the leggins for they would
be of great service in preventing my feet
& legs from getting wet standing guard
in the rain, or whenever we have it to
do.

How is Pa's corn crop? Did he
make enough meat? How is Frank's
leg? Is Thos. H. Burg still at home or
has he returned to Virginia? I wrote
to him not long ago and directed to
Manassas Va. Has Mr. Bell's leg been
returned to Lone Springs yet?