

Georgia Camp Yorktown Oct 2nd 1861

My Dear Sisters

I received your letter a short time ago and as I have nothing particular to do, I will now write you a reply. I wrote to Aunt Susan yesterday and to Ma the day before. I recon you know that Aunt Sara and Cousin Isie with Ann Lane and Freddie are up here now. They are boarding at a private house up the river about 10 miles from here. Aunt Harriet was up here but she went back about a week ago and is at home now I recon. They all came down and stayed two nights in camps. Some of them went out in the country at night and the others stayed in camps with us. Aunt Harriet brought Hartwell with her and he and Freddie were perfectly delighted with staying in camps, they did not want to go back up the river. Co. Colquitt and Jud have gone up the river now to see them and Fred too. I heard that Cousin Isie had had a chill. Fred said he was going to bring her down again to stay a day or two, when he comes back. Kitt has had chills and fevers now for two days. He had a chill yesterday and today and fever immediately after that. We have a great many men now sick with chills and fever. That is the most common disease now among our men. We have a good many men now at Yorktown. We had a general review of all the troops at Yorktown last Sunday and Gen. Magruder came out and marched us round about an hour. We had six regiments on the field and I tell you it was a tremendous crowd. I recon we have nearly 15,000 men under Magruder. I have heard that we were going to storm Newportnews. They have very high breastworks and if we storm it I expect our regiment will be the advanced guard, and will go over first. Many of us will never get over, but I want the fight. The drum has beat and I must go to drill. It was yesterday evening when I began this letter, and it rained a long time last night. Our tent leaked a little, but I pinned my oilcloth to my tent above my bed and kept as dry as if I had been in a house. I guess they will give us houses to stay in before long, and then we can get along very well. Kitt was pretty sick last night but is much better now. Has Mr. Bass received the letter I wrote to him about two weeks ago? I heard a rumor the other day of a battle in Missouri but have not heard it confirmed yet. I don't think we will stay at Yorktown much longer for I think we will go for 10 miles below here and build houses to stay in during the winter. I am going to have my uniform suit cut out today, of the cloth I brought up with me from Rome Ga.

The next time you write, tell me all about the Cave Spring people, and about all the girls and boys. How many scholars has Mrs. Chapman and Nayse? How is John Brice's company getting on. Is Wilson Hamil at Cave Spring yet? Who have gone from Cave Spring to the war lately? I can't think of anything else of importance to write now. So I will close. Love to Aunt Mary and family, all the girls and boys. Tell Tom I say write to me soon and tell me all about old Cave Spring. I would like to happen back there and see how things are working.

You all must write to me often

Your affectionate brother

Henry Bunn

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Tell all the boys I would like to hear from them and ask John Brice if his company will come here when it is mustered in. H. Bunn.