

Georgia camp York Town Oct 22/61

My Dear Sisters.

I recieved 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 Sarah & Cousin Lois with Ann Lane & 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 camp. Some of them went out in the country at night and the others stayed in camp with us. Aunt Harriet brought Hartwell with her, and he & Freddie were perfectly delighted with staying in camp, they did not want to go back up the river.

Col. Colquitt & Jud have gone up the river
now to see them & Fred too. I heard
that Cousin Eric 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 &
fevers now for two days. She had
a chill yesterday & today and fever
immediately after them. We have
a great many men now sick with
chills & fever. That is the most common
disease now among our men. We have
a good many men now at York Town.
We had a general review of all the troops
at York Town last Sunday, and Gen
Magruder came out and marched us
round about an hour. We had ~~five~~ 6
regiments on the field, and I tell you
it was a tremendous crowd. I reckon we
have nearly 10,000 men under Magruder.
I have heard that we were going to storm
Newport News. They have very high breast-
works 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 oil cloth 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. Was Mr Pop
recieved 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 York Town much longer, for
I think we will go 8 or 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 Co.

The next time you write, tell me all about the Cave Spring people, and about all the girls & boys. How many scholars has Mrs Chapman & Keyse? How is John Brice's company getting on. Is Wilson Hamill at Cave Spring yet? Who have gone from Cave Spring to the war lately? I can't think of any thing else of importance to write now. So I will close. Love to Aunt Mary & family, all the girls & 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

Tell all the boys (Henry, Burn
I would like to hear (York Town
from them and ask (York County
John Brice if his company (Virginia
will come here when it is
mustered in. H. Burn