

Yorktown Nov 29th 1861

Dear Pa

As Mr. Tom Glover, who has been here on a visit, is going to start home tomorrow, I have concluded to write you a short letter, and get him to mail it in Macon as he goes through. I wrote to Ma a few days ago, but have not received a letter from home in more than two weeks. The mails must be very irregular, for Ma writes me that she writes to us every week, and sometimes we don't get a letter in three weeks. Jud has gone to Richmond to carry some Yankee prisoners, he has been wanting to go to Richmond ever since I went, and he was pretty glad to get chance to go. He, Fred, Kitt and myself are all well at present. They all tell me that I have improved since I came to Va. I feel thankful to my Heavenly Father that he has thus far blessed me with health, and I hope he will continue his blessings to me till the campaign is ended, and the Yankees are driven from our soil, and peace is restored to our country again. If I get out of the war safely, I know I will have been benefited by it in various ways. An order was read out on "dress parade" a few evenings ago from Gen Magruder to this effect, viz, that volunteers under his command might get furloughs to visit their homes in the following manner, that not more than one commissioned and one non commissioned officer and two privates should be absent from the same company at the same time. Capt Barclay is going to let all his married men, of whom there are 8, go home first, and the I guess he will let all the privates draw by lots to go home not more than two privates can be absent at the same time from co. and there are eight married men in our co., and therefore it will be at least 4 months before I can get a chance to go, and there is no telling how much longer than four months, for we will then have to draw for it. I think we will be paid again about Christmas. Yesterday morning before day the "long roll" was beat, and we had to "fall in" and march out to the breastworks to await the approach of the enemy, but none appeared. I suppose some Yankee vessels were seen passing the bay, and they thought perhaps they would come up the York and give us an attack. Two of the Zouaves while fencing with their muskets a few days ago happened to a bad accident. The musket of one accidentally "went off," and shot the other through the stomach, killing him almost instantaneously. He hollowed for water as soon as he fell, and some was carried to him, but he was then too far gone to drink it.

The Zouave battalion has been removed from Yorktown to Bethel.

There is now no news on the peninsula, no fight is now expected and everything is quiet. Respects to our neighbors, and love to Ma and the children. Tell the little girls to write to me. Are they still staying at home.

Write often

Your son

Henry Bunn

My dear Uncle:

I have long thought of writing you, but have generally had so much of it to do as to resent,. I hope you will not think that I have lost any of of my warm attachment for you and family. Henry has written everything of notice, I reckon in his letter. He is a noble boy, and you and Aunt C. should be proud of him. I am glad that he and C are with me. This war lasts much longer, and a man's worth will be promote him. He will return something more than a private. I am glad to hear that you are making such a good crop.

Mine is a failure, having suffered with a drought of thirteen weeks. I will have to buy corn again. I am anxious to hear what course England intends pursuing relation to Macon's and Slidells capture.

I will visit Twiggs in Jan. and if you are going down in the winter I would be glad to see you there. Love to Aunt C, and children.

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F.D. Wimberly