

are making such a good crop  
Mind a failure  
having suffered  
with a drought of  
thirteen weeks.  
I wish to have to  
say I can again  
I am anxious to  
hear what  
C. care England  
intends for  
father to Macon  
I should like to  
see you I will visit  
I go in Jan  
avoid if we are  
going down in  
winter would  
be glad to see  
you then - 9  
from to August 6,  
had children  
left. P. D. Timber

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 Depot 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 dont get a letter in three weeks. Jud has gone to Richmond to carry some Luncheon 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, Kit & myself are all well at present. They all tell me that I have improved since I came to Va. I feel thankful to my

O 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 woods safely, I know I  
will have been benefited by it in va-  
rious ways. An order was read out on  
on drops for 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 & 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 then 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 ap-  
peared. I suppose some Yankee vessels  
were seen passing the bay, and they thought  
perhaps they would come <sup>up</sup> the York and  
give us an attack. Two of the Yankees  
while being with their muskets a few  
days ago happened to a bad accident, the  
muskets of one accidentally "went off", and  
shot the other through the stomach,  
killing him almost instantaneously. He  
hollered for water as soon as he fell,  
and some was carried to him, but he was  
then too far gone to drink it.

The General's battalion has been removed  
from York Town to Bethel.

There is now no news on the peninsula,  
no fight is now expected, and every thing is  
quiet.

Respects to our neighbors, and love to  
M<sup>r</sup> & the children. Tell the little girls to  
write to me. Are they still staying at home.  
Write often.

Your son. 1903

My dear Uncle: Henry Burr

I have long thought of writing  
you, but have generally had so much of it to do  
as to prevent. I hope you will not think  
that I have lost any of my warm attach-  
ment for you & family. Henry has written every  
thing of notice, I reckon in his letter.

He is a noble boy, and you & Aunt C.  
should be proud of him. I am glad that  
he & C. are with me. If this war lasts much  
longer, and a man's worth will promote him  
he will return something more than a  
private. I am glad to hear that you