

Camp Georgico York Town Oct. 23<sup>d</sup>

Dear Pa.

Your letter dated Oct 15- came to hand 3 days ago. It was the first that I had reciev'd from you in a good while, and I was getting anxious to have some letter from you. I reciev'd one from Ma about 4 days before I reciev'd yours. We are now fitting up York Town for an attack, for our leaders are expecting one daily. We have heard that there were a good many war steamers lying at the mouth of the bay, and we are expecting an attack from them both by land & water. I am ready & anxious for them to come upon us, but I won't believe we will have a fight until I almost see them coming, they have fooled us so much. Our men are nearly all detailed every day to build new batteries & remove cannon. I think we are getting well prepared for a water attack, but have not enough cannon on our land-

batteries, but we have very strong breastworks.  
I think we have woods towards York Town in  
which the enemy might come up plant batteries  
ies of cannon, but before they could land a  
sufficient force near York Town, we could  
have a good many men collected here.  
I understand Magawick has called for 500  
more men. I reckon we have quite a good  
ready on the peninsula. Our regiment & the  
Zouaves are the only regiments at York Town  
now, and therefore we have pretty hard  
guard-duty to perform. And our men are  
at work nearly every day building & repairing  
batteries. Aunt Sarah, Ann Lane, Frieda's mistress  
batteries servants haul <sup>just</sup> gone down to the beach  
to take a sloop to go up to West Point and  
thence to Richmond en route for home.  
We have not heard from Cousins & sister Frieda  
in a good while, and as Aunt Sarah is going  
on home without her. I don't know what  
she intends to go home. Fred has Rheumatism  
sincerely. I hope he won't have to go home  
on account of it. Jud continues in

good health. He sends love, and says  
he hopes it won't be long before he can  
visit you. That is when the war shall end.  
I hardly ever read a paper, and therefore  
know very little of the Times. It seems,  
England is in no hurry to recognize our  
government. I wish she would. Two Regts  
have lately come, one, Howell Cobb's from  
Georgia & the 60's of Virginians, but both  
have gone down farther. I don't think we  
can get into houses in a month, if there.  
Kitt is complaining again today. She is  
complaining almost every two or three days.  
I took cold with the Drunks, and was pretty  
sick for several days, but nearly well  
now. I have not been on duty yet, and  
don't expect to in a day or two. Otherwise  
I am well. Aunt Sarah & Ann Lane both  
had Chills & fevers awhile, but are both  
well now I believe. Col Colquhoun has been  
sick several days and is still sick but  
not badly. We have not drilled for  
several days past on account of so

much more. It has been drizzly weather  
for a few days past. Kitt. has considerable  
fever this evening. I heard yesterday evening  
that there had been another skirmish  
down towards Old Point, killing 15 Yankees,  
but I don't know as it is true. There was  
another Yankee prisoner brought up yesterday  
yesterday and put in jail here. 3 of them  
were together, one was killed, one taken and  
one escaped. There were 11 brought up  
over a week ago.

I believe our company reports 30 or 35 men for  
duty now. We have not much sickness now  
in our Co. I don't think so much in the  
regiment as we have been having. I have  
vicina no shoes, leggins, nor any thing except  
what my aunts brought up with them.  
My shoes are beginning to wear out, and I will  
need buy one very long. I wish you had sent  
those blankets as I expect we will need  
them this winter. I wish also that you had  
sent cotton in the contrabands that are coming to us.  
I will finish in the morning.