

York Town July 31st

Dear Sister:-

This is the second letter I have written home since I started, as Henry wrote at every station nearly (only once on the journey). I am on guard to day and will have to go to the guard, ^{test} in an hour from now, so can not finish to day. I like to stand picket guard very well but as to police guard; deliver me! I dislike to stand guard at night on account of its being so cold. It is nearly as cold as winter. The sea-breeze comes in all the time and is very pleasant in the day time. The bay is only four miles from here. I saw

Honest Abe's blockading vessel
about eight miles off yesterday.
could see her very plainly. I
do not know why she came so close,
probably to reconnoitre. I saw
fifteen of his war vessels carry-
ing troops from Fortress Mif.
to Washington after the Battle
of Manassas, so it cuts us out
of all hopes of a fight here.

Some of his fleet came in four
miles of one of our batteries not
very long ago and after the first
shot was fired, they ^(the fleet) run like
turkeys. The shot fell a half a mile
short of the mark too. The way
it did whizz is indescribable!
I could hear it until it
struck the water.

I do not like camp life
at all, Henry is very home-
sick, and if he should get
very bodily sick, I want you

all to send after him for heaven's
sake. I would not have him
die here for any thing. They are
not half attended to, who are sick.
Bro. M. can get him any time
he wants him as he is not eight-
een years old yet. He is not sick.

Two members of our company
died yesterday and one died week
before last. Typhoid dysentery
is raging in this regiment.
Most of the companies have ^{it} as
badly as ours. Out of eighty
privates, only thirty eight or
forty report for duty, consequently
my time for duty comes around
once or twice a week, whereas it
should not come but once a
month. Sitting up all night
once or twice in a week is not
very agreeable. Bro. Rutherford
Shaffer is dangerously ill now
in a tent next to mine.

Some of us expect him to die very
soon; I hope it may not be so.

Our fare is good so far
as it goes but it does not go far
enough. We have flour, coffee, sugar,
pickled meat. I am not a very
good cook. I would like very
much to have any thing from
home. Lard, (some), butter, Syrup
one or two raw hams, (peaches
and apples in abundance) also
those overcoats we wrote for would
be very, very thankfully received
in a box by Express. directed,
care of Capt. Barclay T. G.
6th Reg. Geo. Vol. I or K. Loui-
Va. - Another one of one of
the New Orleans Zouaves was
killed by a sentinel last night
for crossing his lines ~~for~~ and
not halting when he told him to
do it. They dug a hole and threw
him in it like a dog. He was
shot through the head.

Tell Bro. M. to send those
repeaters if he has got them.
I never can stop if I wish
to, for want of news. It is
abundant. We can have any
kind here, we want
I hope this war will soon end
I am tired of this inactivity.

Had it not been for our victory
at Manassas we would have
had a desperate fight here.

The battery or breast works
that Lafayette took are in a perfect
state about an hundred yards
from here across a deep ravine.

We are appropriating it to
our own use now.

I stood from 12 till 2 o'clock
last night, my post joined a
Zouave's who was at the siege of
Sebastopol, in the war of 1858

with Austria, also in Algiers.
He was wounded at Sebastopol.

He told me some of the most ludicrous stories about the tricks the boys played on him when he first came to this country. I disliked to leave when the guard came around to relieve me. He likes the people of Georgia better than any others in the South, he said. They treated him very kindly.

It is reported that this regiment and one of the N. Va. regiments are going to Newport News to morrow and enforce the demand of Magnan on the Yankees to evacuate it.

An officer said we are to go, rather cheering indeed. I hope you will write to one of us every week, whether you get an answer or not. We write twice a week. I on Wednesday, Henry on Sunday.

Be certain to send those things as you know better what to select than I do. Pickles, preserves &c are a variety. We do not pay but a dollar a gallon for Wolfford's

I have not been sick but once since I came and that only lasted only a half a night. I must close as I have to cook two days & nations preparatory to going to Newport News to morrow. Good bye my loved sister,

Your Bro,
Kit C. A.

Give love to all and as for
Mary love and congratulations