

Letter from
G. W. Starnes
[at Richmond, Virginia?]
To Dick
[Aaron Martin Dunman]

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Well Dick – I did not have paper enough last night and I thought I would wright [sic] some more this morning before wee [sic] go to drill. wee are kept in readiness to march at a moments warning. wee go to bed with eaverything [sic] ready to march in a minute. I think it will not be very long before wee will have a chance to show what wee can do with the Yankees. if wee do get into a fight I will let you know all about it if no bad luck happens to me. our two regiments are the fourth and the fifth.¹ ours is the fifth. Pinney Barziza² is in the 4th. Bob Angiers³ is in [torn] Regiment. ~~well they are~~ wee are the best armed Regiment in the state of Virginia. If wee eaver [sic] get the chance wee will do the business for the Yanks in the neatest stile [sic] & manner. Well Dick I am going to town so good buy [sic].
your Friend

G. W. Starnes

¹ Refers to the Fourth and Fifth Texas Infantry Regiments, Starnes was serving in Company F of the Fifth Texas Infantry.

² Two members of the Barziza family served in Company C of the Fourth Infantry Regiment, namely Philip Ignatius Barziza, Jr. and Decimus et Ultimus Barziza. Both men were sons of Philip Ignatius Barziza, Sr. and Catherine (Bellett) Barziza. In this case, the nickname Pinney would be more logically associated with Philip Ignatius, who usually appears in records as P. I. Barziza, Jr.

³ This name is difficult to read, but appears to be Bob Angiers. No one with that last name is listed in any of the company muster rolls for the 4th or 5th Infantry Regiments. At the same time, however, this could be interpreted as “Bob & Angus.” There is some sort of mark in between these two words, but it is hard to tell if it is an initial, an abbreviation or a scratchout.