

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

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Well Dick

I have just come off picket guard & don't have anything to do this evening [sic] and I thought I would let you know what was going on &c. wee [sic] have received orders to go to York Town and they have just been giving us our arms and equippage [sic] &c. wee have got the best guns that could be started (the Enfield Rifles). I have not tried mine yet but if they are not good guns there is nothing [incomplete sentence]. In look's [sic] they are far superior to any gun that I eaver [sic] saw. they have three Rifles in them and they have patent stopper for the muzzle and tubes both so they are air tight. if I only had a good six shooter I would not ask any one for more arms. I think they intend to give us fighting to do before long or they would not arm us as good as they have. There is little skirmishing fights all the time in a short distance of us and I think after wee leave here it wont be long before wee can get a fight and see what wee can do. I cant [sic] say when wee will leave here but I think in a day or twoo [sic]. you can Direct your letters to me Company F 5th Regiment Texas Vol. Richmond, Va. and if wee leave here they will be sent to us where eaver [sic] wee go. you ought to be here. there is more pretty Women in Richmond than you eaver saw. I run the Blockade night before last and went in town and slept with the prettiest little woman you eaver saw and I am going to run the Blockade again to night and sleep with her again as I expect wee will leave in a short time and it will bee [sic] the last chance. when I wright [sic] again I will let you know how I came out. Cad [Wilburn] and Jim Booth is both about well of the measels [sic] and all the boys are generally well. I was puny for a while but am as hearty as eaver again. Give my respects to all friends &c. your friend for eaver.

G. W. STARNES