

Alanta Ga July 5 1861

My Dear Brother Alton.

We went a black
berry hunting yesterday and got
some of the blackest and sweetest
you ever saw in your life, I
wish you had been here you
would have had the merriest
time you ever did have; — We
went beyond Mr Hurts to get
them, We are going nearly
every day, ^{My} Father says
if we be good boys he
will carry us out every pretty
evening. Hugh is making
up a company called the Fulton
rifles, I am second sergeant, We
have green on our shoulders
green on our collars and green
on our wrist-bands, dont you
think we are green yet, Alton?

Aunt Catherine says she will
fix us a nice suit with red
stripes like the Multon Blues.
Dale is third sergeant in our
company. Cousin Joe made my suit
this evening, she put the
stripes on and got every thing
ready. Matthew Raven has got
suit also. There was a great
many Companies in town, two of
the companies go on the Sa rail-
road and two more go on the
State road till all of them are
gone. 2 We will go
Black-berry hunting again to-
morrow evening. you ought to
have seen us all five in the
buggy. Mother was with us. we got
some nice elder for popguns; we have
fine times with chanaberry and
popguns, they go just as loud as some
of the pistols. It is very cold to-
day - we had a fire.

We have not received a letter
from you in two weeks. Aunt
Catharine got a letter from uncle
Austin to day ^{and} yesterday.

Cousin Joe got a letter from Mr
Jackson yesterday and then we
were looking for a letter from
you, but didn't get it. We
intend you shall get enough
letters from us, because we
~~do~~ know you want to hear
from home often. Mrs Mims
hasn't received but one letter
from Billy since he left
home. All of the
fire companies were out on
the fourth of July parading
about. Bill McConnell
has got furlough and come
home from Pensacola to see
his sick wife. There was more
got furlough.

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Saturday morning.

The man that was sick here
has got better and gona home
the captain give him a honorable
discharge until he gets better.

The little cats climbs the trees,
one of them fell out of the
chana berry tree. Mother didnt
write a bit for me but told
me where to put the commas,
and periods, and question marks.

Ellie says to the little cats
bless your little soul, honey,
she cant say soul & Ellie says
heap of little funny words to them
I know ~~you~~ how you would
like them if you was here.

Alon, dont you think I have
improved in my writing? Mother
says she thinks I have improved
in my writing very much.

July 7 Sunday evening
We had fine time yesterday,
we went out to the black-
berry patch again, Hugh and
I took a race to see which
could beat picking black-berries,
Hugh had a small tin cup and
I had a salt box so
I beat him. Mother didn't
go but Ellie went with us she
went to sleep in the buggy
and when we were nearly there
Father waked her up and told
her we were nearly there;
Ellie said doody, doody. When
we come by Col Gurtrell's
house I asked Father whose the
was, and Father said, it was
Mr Gurtrell's house, and Ellie
said is it. I didn't know it
for fun. Hugh drove the
way, she is fat and sick.

Clarance and Ellie are
playing in the back-yard
rolling over each other
where the grass is thick.

The little birds have built
a nest in the back-yard
in that tree by the well;
it is a wrens nest.

One of the little cats tossed
up a little block and caught
it again; both of them
climbed the tree and tried
to catch a bird; they both got
in the forks and went to
sleep.

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Father has gone up to the lig
Shanty to see the 5th brigade.
it has been raining very hard
to day it rains every two or
~~two~~ three days. we have had
tomatoes and they will soon
be plenty. Grand ma says

is gone going to Norfolk
of birds next ~~not~~ week.
we had a watermelon this
evening. I am reciting lessons
in Multiplication. Cousin
Joe sent off a letter to
Mr Jackson last night.
Alton dont you get our letters
if you do we would like
to hear from you & very
much. it is five weeks to
day since you left home,
and we havent got but two
little short letters since you
left home.

Tuesday July 9th

Cousin Joe got a letter from
Mr & Jackson this morning
We ~~have~~ have written eight
or ten letters to you, have
you received my letters and
mothers?

write to us all immediately.

we all send our best love
your affectionate brother

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My dear Brother Alton.

Since I wrote ~~received~~
my name down in this letter
we received your letter and oh
how glad we were: if ~~you~~
how glad you would write
often. Every body and all of
the girls wants to know when
we heard from Alton I tell
them I dont know for he
dont write often. Mother gave
us a long recess when we got
your letter. we will all
kiss ^{her} ~~she~~ ^{will} ~~is~~ ^{be} ~~for you~~
Edgar A Angier

Wednesday July 9 1861

My dear brother Alton
there are two more companies
they are camped at the
fairground they
have brown flans and
velvet on their shoulders.

Alton write one letter
to me because mother
mother is so stingy over
her letters & she ~~want~~ want
hardly let us see them
I had a envelope in
my pockets and that girl
that stays at Mrs
Walkers asked me was it
Alton's letter. I told
her no. Alton on
this page I had to
take a pen that didn't
have no pen stuff.

Alton I thought up all
of my letter but
mother told me what

to write a bout. 
Mae and Hugh took
a race to see who
could write the longest
letter.

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mother says I must
send away write to you
and she you ~~daughter~~
I may must send away
neither. Aunt Flora
says she would rather have
you be play than cousin
Joe or ore cousin Mary.

this is the longest letter I
have ever written in
my life. so good
by
Edgar A Austin Angier