

Thomas N Clark Letter

Yorktown Virginia

December 25, 1861

Dear Father,

Tom Jones starts home [~~crossed out: in the~~] today on 25 days furlough and I am very sorry that I am not able to accompany him. I am afraid that it will be a month or two before I come, as it seems that when our men get off they never know when to start back. the men that left on furlough some time ago have already staid [sic] about three days over their time and the next that leaves will be the married men.

I was glad to hear from your last letter that you thought you would be well pleased with your new home. I am afraid that I will not have the pleasure of spending much of my time at home in some time. I suppose that Abb Everett is married I would have liked it very much if I had been there to attend the wedding. I expect that he will hate very much to leave his family and go back to his Company. Christmas has comenced [sic] very dull. I fear that we will see but very little fun. We bought a large Turkey [sic] gobbler yesterday and intend having him for dinner tody. [sic] I wish you were here to help us devour it as you are memorably fond of that specie of fowl. we also have about three gallons of oysters, and [unreadable] dozen eggs. I will think of home folks while we are eating.

I am very anxious for Capt [sic] A to get back as I am in hopes that I will receive a letter through him from you.

I must close. Write soon. Your affectionate [sic] son, Thos N. Clarke