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Cartersville, Georgia

West Point, July 15 and 16

My Dear Father,

Being excused from duty

Today a favorable opportunity offered itself for
Writing you a letter. I got one from George
And one from Bob the other day and have just
Received Sister's last and as she informs me
That George and Bob are both from home it
Is better that I defer answering them for
A while. I am very well pleased with the Point
It's a right tough place. Men can go through
Here, children cannot. I shall with the aid
Of providence prove one of the former. The
Point of courage is all life at all times and
You couldn't happen here at any time
Before 12 o'clock during encampment without
Having the ground beneath your feet shaken
And convulsed with the thundering explo-
sions of heavy artillery. There is nearly all-
ways some class drilling artillery and you
Can any morning and noon see the bomb
Shells hissing and whistling over your
Head and groups of ladies and gentlemen came
Very near being killed the other day by
A scattering shell but it merely caused
A laugh among the class and instructor

Like the nomination of Governor Atall and in
My humble opinion it speaks badly for the party
Brown is not the man you know and the
Other party may now have an opportunity
To rally desperately once more as our Brown
Will have many democratic votes, it's a
Disgrace to the convention. That man has
Been tenfold paid for his service and his
Talent alone is not sufficient to give him
Claims over other men that are older
Deserve it more and are better capacitated
To fill the office and who here large claims
upon the party men who can reflect much

More honor upon the office than our
Brown. I like the congressman very well
It's a good election at the present time
I hope you will send me all the publica-
Tions of Marietta commencement and let
Me know if they made any alteration in
My diploma if so I authorize you to
Send it back to them and tell them that
I don't want it and will not except(SP) it
I would like to take at most papers one
From Washington and one from Georgia
It is not contrary to regulations. I
Hope you'n got the letter I sent by
Camp. Tell Rob when he comes on that
I want a pair of high top boots

For there is a target which always stands
erected and they never pretend to give
In arming when they begin to fire for its
Every ones business to keep away and if
He doesn't a shell soon warns him of
This danger. We drill three times a day
Three a day in artillery next week we
Will commence the flying artillery that
Is no childs play. It is a grand sight to
See the battery in full charge across the
Plain. The heavy guns leaping while things
Of no weight behind the fiery chargers
At full speed about 40 horses in num-
Ber and sometimes when at full speed
Something happens and they make a short
Turn and drives horses cannoneers gun
And all turn with side down and all go head
Over heels in one rolling mass, but some
How they don't get hurt much generally
It is excessively hot here during the day
But cool at night for one last two or three
Days I've had pills very bad bleeding some
Times nearly half a gal after drill when
I had an operation and I concluded it
Was best to lay up and take something for it
The surgeon gives me some kind of pills and I am
Now much better, but I fear it will give me great
Trouble. Hope it may get well I do not

Mom and sis callers and when he gets here
I'll tell him the balance. Hope he can
Come I am writing on a beam stool. I'll
Write again soon. Love to all I am your
Affectionate son
Pierce M.B. Young