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W. C. S. S. S.

I can hardly realize the fact that you have at last left the County without my seeing you I had no expectation when I left for Milledgeburg that the Troop would leave so soon In fact I had heard so many contradictory reports I had begun to believe the Troop would not be called at all. But so it is you all gave me the slip this time but dont think you will do it again unless you are called from where you are very soon if nothing turns up to prevent I expect to go to Richmond on Monday the 27 I will go from there to Ashland on Tuesday or Wednesday So you must keep a look out for me or I will never find you I am afraid I suppose by this time you begin to know something about Camp life. If I only had 20 years off of my age & the constitution I used to have I could stand it as well as the best of you. But so it is I dont intend to knock under yet if the Yankees invade old Chattahoochee they will find some pretty tough cases left among the old folks. By the way I have got me a hunters big horse to join the Guerrilla when the time comes for such a service I bought Gwynes big black or some he was when you saw him so you see I am ready to go after the Yankees either in a buggy or on horse back just which ever may suit my convenience. I got back from Gwynes Saturday evening made the

Trip in one day with great ease. Hannu & Lebe Guones
came up with me found all well at Yowond & in good
spirits Guones is so busy as a bee making up a company
he had 35 men when I left & expected to get his full num-
-ber in a day or so I tryed hard to persuade ^{him} not to
be in too great a hurry to offer his services as there was
no immediate need for more men from this region
at this time I cant think it best that men with you-
-ng families should rush into a thing of this sort with-
-out some immediate call. If we are needed then it
will be time enough & every man ought to go cheerfully
I do this whole duty for his Country - I rode around to see
Guone's ^{wheat} crop & a finer crop I never saw it is pretty ^{much} lea-
-ded and he has also one of the largest corn crops in the
ground I ever saw for such a force he has entirely too much
to my notions I will never be able to get through with it
unless he can have some help. The wheat crop generally is
the best I ever saw if it can only come in without any
disaster it will be a glorious thing for the Country give us
a plenty of meat & bread & we can whip all the Yankys
on earth. But that we are to whip them in a month I dont
believe but that we are finally to whip them I dont doubt
for a moment. On getting home I found your trunk
at my house safely locked up in the stone room where it
will stay until you come back. I asked Lucy if there
was any woollen clothes in it she said she believed you
said there was nothing in it but papers if so the mother

will hardly interrupt any thing The Key is still up
at Mrs Keenahs George forgot to bring it down when he
came & told him to keep it in some safe place as I had
no use for it. If you have left any of your nice clothes
(woolens) at home not packed up in tobacco or cap^mhor they
will be very apt to be injured by the moth now any
thing of the sort that you wish to have attended to let me
know & I will attend to it cheaply. If you have left
any thing valuable that you can think of that ought
to be moved to a more secure place let me know &
I will go up & bring it down to my house. If you have
left your clothing in your house it seems to me it would
be best to have them moved your house is so much ex-
posed it might be a temptation to some rogue to break in
& steal. Now dont be afraid of troubling me I will take
a pleasure in attending to any thing you may wish I
have a good buggy here now I will not find so much
difficulty in going about. I have spoken to A. Warren for
tobacco for you in case you should not have enough he has mo-
re than enough to plant his crop & says you can get them so
I think you will be able to get enough either at my house or
A. Daniels I have planted 20 thousand & pulling up the over-
grown ones to plant out this morning think I will get so-
me 30 or 40 thousand more I dont intend planting a large crop
as I have already put a post in corn I dont remember any
thing more in the way of business to write If I should hope
to see you at Ashland next week I can talk the matter

our Sister C & Mary spent Saturday & Sunday with us
Sister C is in good spirits & keeps up remarkably well
& I shall do all to keep her in good spirits & not let
her think too much about Andrew & her friends that
have left Lucy & Harriet I am in love rem-
ember me to our Charlotte friends Andrew & will
Gaines in particular & write soon & tell
me all about how you are getting on & how
money Cavalry you have at Ashland

P. P.

Gaines Letter
N.E.C.C.

If you think I can get a letter from
you before I leave home write & tell me if I can get back
to Richmond the same day from Ashland If there is any thing you
wish me to attend to in Richmond write to Abner & he can let
me know - Say to Rep Mr Read that Lucy & myself were at his
house yesterday left Cousin Christian & the children all well
& every thing seemed to be getting on well all winter & spring
in the neighborhood

N.E.C.C.

Henry L. Edmunds
to 3 Letter
to Lewis J. Barber
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