

Camp near, Kelly's Ford, Va.
Sept. 10th, 1863,

My Dear Mother,

It was with great pleasure that I received your letter last evening, I am glad to hear that you are all enjoying good health. Father I hear that you have been working pretty hard this summer, you must not work so hard if you cant hire your work ^{done} let it go without being done, and not make your self sick by working too hard, I see that you have received that check all right I began to think it had failed to go through

when I wrote to you about
my shirts I wrote for you
to send some thick ones,
I did not intend to wear
a vest this coming winter
when I wrote for them
but as I have made up
my mind to wear ^{one} I don't
care about their being
so thick, I don't care how thin
they are, that blue flannel
that you wrote about won't
hardly do, I don't think it
would suit at all, I don't
like the style of wearing
flannel very well, I think
you can find some grey
shirting at some of the stores
or factories up there, if you
can't you need not send
any, for I can buy me
some of the cutter for
seven dollars a pair it's a

pretty good price but I
can get some there that
will suit me, we can draw
course flannel shirts of the
government at a cost of one
dollar a piece, but us
boys have taken a notion
to have something a little
nicer, you see that us
soldiers are pretty proud,
and now a word, Geo: Osborne
you wrote had got some to
work for him to get him
a commission, well I will
tell you how George Osborne
has managed since we have
been down here, he is as you
perhaps know a private like
the rest of us, well he has always
shirked his duty, off on the
other boys and he has hung
around the Capt's tent he
has never done any duty

never stood guard or picket
 since he has been in the
 service, the boys call him
 the "Slunk" of company
 K and well does he merit
 the name, when he is ^{not} blacking
 the Wileys shoes he is ~~trading~~
 trading old watches or playing
 cards or getting the boys to
 go into some lottery speculation
 which he is doing now, as far
 as bravery is concerned there
 is not but very few but
 in the Co; but what has
 more courage going into battle
 than he has, he has been
 trying to get a commission
 ever since he has been down
 here you need not let any one know
 much about this letter, I wish
 well as common and I hope this
 may find you all enjoying the
 blessing of good health. no
 more this time, yours Truly
 P.S. I think you had better Henry Welch
 send my boots and things in a box.

To me at headquarters



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