Camp near West Point,

Dear Mother,

I suppose you have heard of the taking of Yorktown as soon as we got it we were marched off, although it was night and raining hard. Our General wanted to get on the lead but others got ahead of Us, And We laid in the rain and mud all night we then went aboard boats and came to this place, to get command of the Richmond Railroad., the day before the Enemy left Yorktown there was heavy firing on the right of the line, and as I was getting the position of the Batteries and roads leading to them I had a fine chance to see it,
the Enemy were throwing 96 pound shell & our fellows where throwing 100 & 200 pound shell it beat anything I ever saw, when the 200 pounders burst over the Enemies works, they would make a report as if the world was being torn to pieces, They placed infernal machines in the work And They killed some of our men, one burst close by Me taking A man's leg clear off, during the day 3 shells hit only about 40 feet off Me but only one burst,, there is some twigs in this Letter which I got on the spot where Lord Cornwallis [Lord Charles Cornwallis] surrendered,, write and let me know i my money went safe I want to get this Letter of if I can in this mail

respectfully
Edward A Fulton [Edward A. Fulton]
We are trying to cut off the Enemies Retreat, and there is no time to lose,
give My respects
Mr Walton [Alfred Walton] & all My Friends
direct to [underline]West Point[underline]
This letter has been sent from Virginia to Edward.