

Fort Morgan Ala
Aug 1st 1864

Dear Father Mother & Brothers

I write again acknowledging [sic] the reception of yours of the 23d & 26th I was glad to hear from you & hear that you was well I received the box last Saturday everything right But did not know that any thing in it for John Vinson until to day when I received yours of the 26th, Consequently I have been using off his butter & used a good many of the apples probably more than my share We ^{my mess} had apple dumblins [sic] for supper last night & again to night Ma I used to think you was the best cook in the world But I do not believe you could make apple dumblins [sic] any better than those I & Billy made for supper this evening There are twenty Yankee vessels lying off the Fort. One monitor 2 ironclad gun boats & 14 wooden vessels of war the Monitor and Iron clads are lying in range of our guns & no telling how soon they will commence the attack If they do or when they do as it is now considered a certain fack [sic] they will they will meet with a warm reception. There is no unnecessary excitement at all although the bombardment may commence at any moment. The men intend to emulate the example of their glorious friends & brothers in arms & stand to their posts of duty until the foe shall leave our land & we all die in the attempt I do not want you to undergo any uneasiness on my account if the fight comes on. As I shall attempt to do my duty as well as any man, knowing if I fall I shall fall in a glorious cause. Enough on that subject All the boys from our settlement are well & in fine Spirits Having written all I can think of I will close as it will be dress parade in a few minutes.

Believe me as ever your
Affectionate Son & Brother
W. C. Walker