



Fort Pocahontas


James River apt
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Dear Mother

it is
with pleasure that I sit
down to write you once
more I am well and
I hope that this will
find you the same I
dont know what is the
reason I dont hear from
you no doubt you
have heard of the
fall of Richmond we
received the news last
monday a bout noon
we fell out under



arms and gave three hearty
cheers for the union and
the glorious old stars
and stripes which floated
triumphantly over that
~~not~~ city which not
twenty four hours before
the palmetto flag was
floating and all jeffers^{on}
said the city could not
be taken but the yankees
showed them a trick
which will not be
forgotten Richmond is
ours the war is a bout
over then the soldier
can come home and ~~their~~
the loved ones I guess
I shall have to entreat



in the regulars in order
to not get thrown out
of a job write now the
store came out this spring
we are having gay old
times down in old virginia
& think I shall be
at home in three or
four months no more
this time so good by
write soon. and write
all the news this is
from your son

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