



Petersburg, Oct. 4th 1862.

Dear Aba.

This beautiful autumn morning finds me seated alone all alone writing to my dear Aba, you cannot imagine how I feel, being so far from home, and among so many strangers. We arrived safely yesterday morning, spent a night in Richmond and had a pleasant time while there. I am real home sick and don't think I like Petersburg much, I may like it after I become better acquainted.

Miss Soyner inquired of Mr. Davis last evening if I had come, and when she learned I had, she said she would be around to see me soon.

How do you hear from Brother since and how are the boys. I want to hear all so much.

I saw Mr. Simpson's daughter yesterday
she is a real pretty girl. she said she
was going to visit Lancaster this
winter. Fannie Duval is here and three
or four others of Cousin Betty's
school mates. Tell Cousin Betty I sleep
in the room she used to occupy,
the girls from Richmond County.

We rode over a part of the battle
field, on our way to Richmond, and
picked up several things. I have
a rifle ball and some cards. saw
where Gen. McClellan's head quarters
were. Don't forget to send my shoes
by Lizzie Kelley, and also a fine
tooth comb, I was very sorry I could
not send Cousin Betty's truss by Pa,
but he only staid an hour. I will send
the first opportunity, and must close
Give my best love to all, and write to
soon. Tell Pa and all the girls
to me. I'll write again soon.

Affectionately
— B.

**Broun, William. William Broun to Harriet Broun,
Petersburg, VA, October 4, 1862.**

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Letter from William Broun to his Mother Harriet Broun from Petersburg, Virginia.
October 4, 1862. References General McClellan.

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Dear Ma,

This beautiful autumn morning finds me seated alone **all alone** wishing to say dear Ma, you cannot imagine how I feel being so far from home and among so many strangers. We arrived safely yesterday morning, spent a night in Richmond and had a pleasant time while there. I am real home sick and don't think I like Petersburg much. I may like it after I become better acquainted.

Miss [Paynes?] inquired of Mr. Davis last evening if I had come, and when she learned I had she said she would be around to see me soon. [PAGE TORN] you heard from Brother since [PAGE TORN] and how are the boys. I want [PAGE TORN] all so much.

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I saw Mr. [Lipton's] daughter yesterday. She is a real pretty girl. She said she was going to visit Lancaster this winter. Sallie Duval is here and three or four of Cousin Bettie's school mates. Tell cousin Bettie I slept in the room she used to occupy with the girls from Richmond County.

We rode over a part of the battlefield on our way to Richmond and picked up several things. I have a rifle ball and some cards. Saw where Gen McClelland's headquarters were. Don't forget to send my shoes by Lizzie Kelley, and also a fine tooth comb. I was very sorry I could not send Cousin Bettie's music by Pa but he only staid [sic] an hour. I will send it the first opportunity. I must close. Give my best love to all. And write soon. Tell Pa and all the girls [PAGE TORN] to me. I'll write again soon.

Affectionately Your [PAGE TORN] W. B.[PAGE TORN]

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Notes:

Bold Text: Underlined words in original.

1. "Battlefield on way to Richmond"?: 2nd Manassas/Bull Run (August 1862)?
2. "Gen McClelland's headquarters": Peninsula Campaign - https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Peninsula_Campaign