

Southampton Virginia
October 13, 1862

Dear Father I take the present opportunity of righting you a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessings. Father I can state to you that we have moved to Virginia Southampton and we had a pretty hard time of it and the yankees is on one side of the river and we are on the other and we have to go over ther to stand and picket and we don't know what minit we will be in a battle we have to double quick to the river twice & to meet the yankees but they never come Henry Hill was over on the other side standing he saw two yankees and they like to got him he had to double quick from them the boys is all general well at this time. except Powel Auten he has got the chils we are three hundred and thirty five miles away and I am out of money and I don't know when we will draw any more so I will have to fetch my letter to a close as I have not time to rite any more so I will close by requesting you to rite me soon so nothing more.

Remains your affectionate son til death
from William A. Elliott

Co. A 11th North Carolina Infantry

n.b. - the 11th was organized in Raleigh, NC in March 1862

At Gettysburg they fought in Johnston Pettigrew's Brigade,
Henry Heth's Division, A.P. Hill's III Corps, ANV