My dear Girls:-

I do not know which one I am due a letter, so I address you thus. Pardon me for procrastinating so long as to forget to when I [?] a letter, Porcia I am thinking, was the last one who wrote but as I want to ask both of you some questions. Of course you will not object being written to in one. I received a [barrel?] from [?] a week or two ago containing some excellent tricks, just the sort to give a poor soldier a lift, who has been living no fresh beef [?] and salt junk &c. so long &c. In the first place and above all things don’t let any one see this not even your Ma. but bum it as soon as you both read it. I received a letter from Georgia C. not very long ago, she writes and excellent letter. was greatly surprised when I read it. Henry Long was married the night of the 21st she informs me. I glory in his spunk, I am going to follow suit, when I have ability enough to support one, but if this war terminates unsuccessfully to us I will have my hands full, trying to help your father support his precious flock of sweet little ones, also Georgia, Kitty & Charlie. What do you think about it?

Now for something of my self. This is for you both. Can’t you select me some nice amiable and good young lady and give your soldier “Bud” a recommendation to her. Will you tell me in your next, whom you have selected and what sort of a lady she is and every thing about her. What does Adela say? Does she know of any young lady that can make a favorable impression with- when I get there, either at Cave Spring or in Cedartown? Tell me every thing you can think of on the subject when you write. I shall not be pleased if you don’t. Also I want to know every thing you have heard or know relative to my correspondence with a certain young lady in the valley, I want no evasive answer but a reply to the point. What do you think of the lady, does she suit your tastes, think she would make an amiable __________ woman. Is she good looking at all? [Trinnie?] starts home tomorrow on a foraging “Exposition, probably you will see men, he only stays two weeks before he returns. Would that I could go with him, but Falis decrees otherwise! I could go home easily, by applying for a furlough for fifteen days, but I want to stay thirty, when I go. It would do me no good to go and come back immediately though I have the promise from an officer of authority, to extend my furlough as long as I want it; I need not come back at all until after Christmas, unless I
wish to, but that would not be right, I could not enjoy myself on such as one as that. My
conscience would turn my accuser against me. - and Porcia and Aeola could not refrain
from blushing, when Uncle Christopher’s name in [mention?], because he was shirking
his duty. What do you think about it, girls? I have a thousand things to tell you but I don’t
know whether to confide my secrets to you or not. My news is all played out, if you will
except the subject of the girls, which is constantly on the mind of the soldier. When I
have often heard, say that even if not for the girls, he’ll be [dead?] if he would shoot
another gun. So you see the ladies are the true authors in support of this war. Good Bye.

Love to you both- Your
Uncle
C. C. A.

Tell me about Miss Emma B. when you write.