

On The Battle Field

May 28th 1864

Dear Parents

I am seated on a log a writing this letter we are in the first line of Battle the skirmishers are pecking away at Each other pretty lively. Co's B & G were out on the skirmish line yesterday Co B had three men shot Wm. Lorrells [Sorrels] a slight flesh wound in the neck Wm Anderson shot through the left arm and through both hips it did not break any bones but it is thought to be mortal his brother Johnathan Anderson went to help him when he fell and was shot through the left arm it has been amputated in company [G] Wm. Coppage was shot through the body he died last night Corpl Hungerford a slight flesh wound in the leg

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Co E has not had any one hurt yet we are about 45 miles below Rome and 32 miles from Atlanta Ga there was heavy canonnading [cannonading] on the left yesterday and this morning the artillery [artillery] firing [firing] is steady now we only here [hear] a shot now and then I think that Sherman is only attracting there (their) attention here while he is trying to flank them you would think that there would be great Excitement among the biys but some is [are] playing the Violin some reading novels & some sleeping as quietly as if they were at home I wrote you a letter from Rome but I did not give you all the particulars, And I cant now I merely write this letter to let you know that I am well you must not worry [worry] about me for I shall not expose [expose] myselfe [myself] more than is nesisary [necessary] and will write to you as often as I have a chance

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Bills shoulder is pretty bad he has had it lanced twice Sam is hearty and so is dack and Dad [George] Hand Lute is the same as usial [usual] I wrote to Jake Marsh in schoharie and have had an answer I will send it to you Hoosick Mix is Colonel of a cavalry Regt [regiment] he was in command of a Brigade of cavalry in the late fight near Richmond so the papers say Grant & Sherman is running a Race I guess to see which will take Richmond or atlanta first I wrote that the Rebs burnt the foundry and machine shop at Rome Ga but they did not Rome is a beautifull [beautiful] little place or has been but the war uses theas [these] places up a great many of the Rich citazens [citizens] left at our approach and left all there [their] furniture I was in one house there was a splendid Piano standing in the house but the citazens [citizens] had

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removed the most of the furniture one of Co D of our Regt was just wounded they just carryed [carried] him past evry [every] now an [and] then a ball comes singing over our heads

I would like to write you a good long letter but I cant now never fear for Sherman for he out numbers the Rebs most two to one the next time I write I exspect [expect] it will be from atlanta

My love to you all

Kiss annie for me and tell her to be a good girl

This from your

affct son

Dan

PS Direct to chattanooga a yet