

Campe [Camp] Near Altoona [Allatoona] Mountain Ga

June 5th 1864

Dear Parents & Sister Lottie

I have a chance to write a letter to you and will improve it Lute & myself are well I have not had any letters from you in some time we only get mail once in about ten days but I expect [expect] to get mail tonight we left Rome Ga on the 24th of May and marched south East two Deserters came in and gave themselves up the next day we arrived at a little place called [called] Dallas our skirmishers struck the rebel pickets at this place and drove them before us soon after we went into camp near this place Co's [Companies] B & G 10th Ills were deployed as skirmishers on the 27th the rebs drove in our skirmishers but they were reinforced by Co's B & G

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when they [they] (the rebs) were drove [driven] back we were ordered to fall in and advanced across [across] the field and took up a position behind a ridge we then were ordered forward and took our position and the next ridge in the timber two of the Co G were wounded Wm. Coppage mortally [mortally] and Corpl Hungerford a slight flesh wound Co. B. had three wounded Wm. Anderson shot through the left arm and through both hips (still alive June 5) his brother went to help him and was shot through the left arm (it was amputated the next day) Wm. Sorrells [Sorrells] slight wound in the neck there was heavy cannonading [cannonading] on the left all day Saturday [Saturday] the 28 there was heavy skirmishing all along the line in the afternoon we were ordered to take arms and be in line for they expected [expected] an attack somewhere along our line at [illegible] 4-15 minutes past

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the Rebs charged our Right (the 15 & 16 Corps. Logans and McPhersons) but were repulsed with a loss of 2500 to 3000 (McPherson estimates it at 3000 and Logan 2500) the charge only lasted half hour or three quarters one of Co D 10th Ills was wounded this evening Sunday the 29 both armies laid quiet except the skirmishers they kept up a continual [continual] rattle of musketry Co C captured two rebs today Furgerson [Ferguson] Co G was wounded in the afternoon he was hit under the left arm the ball came out on top of his shoulder only one wounded man was brought from the skirmish line today I don't know where he is, the Rebs charged on the 4th Corps after dark and were repulsed the firing [firing] had only just ceased when they charged Logan and McPherson, they charged four or five times and

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were repulsed each time it lasted from ten minutes past ten o'clock till [until] after two in the morning our loss was very light but the rebs suffered most terribly [terribly] they thought to catch the Yankees napping you can bet we did not sleep much that night our Regt [regiment] joined the 16th Corps but we did not get a chance to fire a shot a battery just to the right of us poured it into them pretty lively the batteries made the Earth tremble it was very exciting [exciting] and we expected [expected] every [every] moment to here [hear] our skirmishers engaged

Monday 30 it is reported that the rebs lost 1600 men in their [their] charges last night E Rock Co G was wounded in the chin this forenoon we have to go on picket after dark to night we built breast