

On The Feild [Field]

June the 28th 1864

Dear Sister & Parents

I thought that I would write you a few lines this Morning and let you know that I am well We left from in front of Kenesaw [Kennesaw] Mountains on the 25 at Midnight and moved to the left, and camped in the rear of the 84th Ills for the day Capt Garternich [Garternicht) came over to see us his company has lost very heavy [heavily as] of late Sergt Ezra Camp was killed and three others and 8 wounded on the 28th we moved down to the front line of works the rebs fired in our Brig and killed one man an [and] wounded eight in the fore noon the 2nd & 3rd brigades of our Divission [Division] charged the rebel works in our front and were

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repulsed with a verry [very] heavy loss our Loss in the divission [division] is 653 men the boys were all day and night carrying of the dead and wounded the 27 Ills of the 4th Corps charged there [their] color bearer got on top of the rebel works and was bayoneted and lost there [their] flag the boys were ordered to retreat but it was against there [their] will it was a failure all along the line there was some one to blame for it for the men say that they could of [have] carried the works if they had not of [have] been ordered to retreat then was the time they lost the most men on the 28th Sim Donaldson while strenghtening [strengthening] the brest [breast] works was severely wounded a shell Exsploded [Exploded] tearing his left hand off up to the wrist Sim took it very level for such

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a severe wound I feel sorry for him for he was a good and brave soldier Co G has lost a number of there [their] best men our Regt [regiment] since we left Rossville has lost 36 men the Evening of the 27th John W McCurdy of Co E was wounded with a peice [piece] of shell while building works it cut acrost [across] the cords just above the wrist but did not break any bones or cut the cords of it swelled verry [very] large and will be sore for a good while this is the 2nd one for Co E since we have been out the rebs are making a desperat [desperate] stand here but by the movement of our troops I think they will soon be compeled [compelled] to fall back to the Chattahooche [Chattahoochee] I think this campaign will last till [until] we take atlanta

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and I hope that it will soon fall for the soldiers are near wore [worn] out still they are in good spirits and Eager for the fray when they are called on to charge the rebs It is a shame that our officers did not take the rebel works, the wounded men are bitter in there [their] words against them, Bill Sam & Dack are all well Lute and myselfe [myself] are in good health Write often for I like to here [hear] from you I will write twice a week if I have a chance you must not worry [worry] about me for I will take as good care of my selfe [self] as I can

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

My Love to all Enquireing [inquiring] friends

From your Affct Son

Dan

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