

Acworth Ga. June 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mary I have but a few moments to spare this morning but I thought I would improve that time in writing you a few lines the mail leaves at 8 o'clock so I must be in a hurry.

We arrived here last evening about sun down we found all the 17<sup>th</sup> boys and had jovial chat with them and there was another young man from the 26<sup>th</sup> Ill. by the name of Lewis Outcast that came over to our camp I had about an hours talk with him he is well and hearty I may get to see him again today but it is uncertain they had orders to move this morning at daylight we had the same orders but they wer countermanded and we will not move before morning.

We are now within four miles of the rebel lines I cannot tell what they

are doing, there is so many conflicting reports about them that it is impossible to tell any thing about them but they have been steadily falling back and it is believed that Johnson will leave his present position I think he will have to do so wheather he is willing or not if he could not hold the positions that he has abandoned I think it is not worthwhile for him to <sup>try to</sup> hold any place

My health is still good. I must close for I have not time to ~~write~~ write any more. write often it is a long time since I received any word from you

With love to you and  
the children I close  
from your Obe,