

Camp near Big Shanty
Station La. June 11th 64

Dear Mary I again take my pen
to address you a few lines we are now
encamped where we can hear the
sharp crack of the rifle and booming
of the cannon being in front and on
the ~~the~~ skirmish line we have
been on the line for the last five days
where there has been a continual
firing but there has been but little
damage done yet we are very strongly
fortified and apprehend but little
trouble of holding our position should
they attack us I was out on the skirmish
line the other day before we got our
fortifications built the balls more than
made the bullets whistle about our ears
but luckily none of us were hurt ex-
cept our Captain who was slightly wound-
ed in the leg but he will be able for

duty in a few days Capt. Gillispie
was also wounded in the shoulder
but not seriously there was also two
privates in the Regt slightly wounded
I cannot tell any thing about the
movements of the army outside our
Brigade you know more of the movemen^{ts}
at home than I can tell you if they
are whiped from their present position
I think Atlanta will be ours.

Last night there was a whole company
of rebs deserted there lines and came
to ours there being one capt. 1 Lieu. and
31 privates they state that Johnson
tells his men that he has us just
where he wants that he has cut the
rail road in our rear and destroyed
all the towns between here and
Chattanooga but when they herd
six trains come in here the other
evening they did not believe it
I saw Lewis again the day that I
wrote to you last but have not seen
him since I suppose he is not

more than a mile from here now
but I cannot go to see him until
things get a little more quiet.

We had a big time of it the day after
we got to the front we had all the
boys from Penn Township over
to see us. Ash was over to see us
again last evening.

My health is still good although
we have been very much exposed
for the last five days and it being
very bad weather raining most
of the time.

When you write tell me whether
you receive my letters regularly or not
I received two from you the other
morning the first since we left
Decatur.

With love to you and the
children I close

H. B. H.