

Chinese Mountains
Ga.

June 21st 1864

Dear Mary

I take my pen this morning to adress you a few lines although I have written two or three letters since I received any word from you not having had a letter for merely three weeks. I feel very anxious to hear from home again and I know that I feel very anxious to hear often from me. Therefore I will write every opportunity. There has ~~not~~ a great deal transpired since I last wrote you except that we have been around to the extreme left of our lines again and had a pretty brisk skirmish with the rebs. we left camp on last Sunday evening about dark and marched about two miles where we laid down with our arms until morning about sun up our artillery opened on the rebels batteries which soon replied, we lay under their fire untill about 2 o'clk

when we returned to our old position on
the line we started ~~positions~~ and rested about
half an hour and then was ordered up
to the skirmish line where we had some
pretty hard fighting until dark then
our company was detailed for picket to
finish out the days work but I was a little
more fortunate than the rest I was sent
back to camp with some of the sick boys
and to take the capt. heading so I got
to sleep some we lost in the days work
six men wounded two of them mortally our
company came off without any loss; the
whole movement was merely a feint to
draw the attention of the enemy while our
army made a demonstration on ~~the~~
our right but I cannot tell what they did
it is reported that we took fourteen pieces
of artillery and eight hundred prisoners
but I do not know whether it is correct
or not we will not know until we get it
from the northern papers and that officially
There is a report that our corps is
going to have here the division and cap

Trains have been ordered to load up ten
days nations but where we will go to or
whether we will go at all I cannot tell,
we know nothing until we do it.

My health is better than it was when
I last wrote the boys are all most worn
out. Will has been right unwell but is
better. Eli is nursing in the hospital
you wrote to know where Dickley was he
was left back at Leam there is none of
the boys that came to our company with
us now except Will and myself.

The weather has been extremely hot for
the last week but it has the appearance
of rain this morning and I hope it
will get cooler.

I believe I have nothing more
to write this time so with love to you
and the children and hoping to hear
from you soon I will close,

Mike

Direct as before,

Please send me a package of
envelopes there is no chance of
getting any thing of the kind here

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