

July 24/64

3^d Division Hospital

Dear Sister

With feelings of sadness I take my pencil to give you some of the particulars of the sad occurrences that took place on the 22^d the soldier to you is Mike poor boy has lost his left arm it was amputated about 6 inches below his shoulder it is hard to loose a limb but we may be thankful that it was not his life he stood the operation first rate and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Wm Smith is wounded in both thighs and R. J. Moore in back and hip both severely but I think they will both get along with proper care.

we lost 6 killed Wm Sopher
A Grubb A J Turner Thomas
Harter H Bush James Parsons
it is said that such fighting
never was saw or heard of
the rebs came in on our front
our left flank and rear but
our brave boys stood there
ground and poured volley after
volley in to them until they
finely fell back our regt had
thrown up breast works and
they were compelled to change
sides 3 different times fight
then on one side or white
then climb over and fight
then from the other but
the rebs paid dearly for
there boldness their dead and
wounded lay in heaps there
loss so Gen Begett says is
not less than 10 thousand
killed and wounded besides
many prisoners Mary I can

not came any of the honors
of the fight I was taken sick
nearly 2 weeks ago and
was left back at the hospital
I think I have something like
a fever it is woring me
a good bit to write this but
he wanted me to be is
here in the same hospital
with me I wish I was able
to nurse him well Mary
I shal have to quit so
with my kind regards for
you and litle ones I Close

W. G. S. Bond