

June 25 1864

Somewhere in Ga a few miles from Marietta

I have tried My Dear Parents to keep you posted with regard to the whereabouts of my humble self but the last 2 or 3 weeks I have been out of material all except one sheet of paper which I have consolidated some news on. We have gained some ground but the Jonnies have a strong position. They are tremendous on charging and make a good deal by it. They make back to their breastworks as fast as their long legs will let them A specimen occurred the other day. They fought the 4 Corps a while and made them waver then they charged hoping to break them but the true spirit of resistance came to them and they sent the Jonnies back so fast they could not stop long where they started from and a Military necessity compelled them to leave a line of Breastworks in our hands I saw a paper the other day that had a Reb letter in it written apparently by a Lieut of a Battery. He says that Hookers men charge just as a NY Regt did on his Brothers Battery at Antietam. They came on as if utterly regardless of danger and the shot that were flying thick and fast and captured two sections (4 guns) to the utter astonishment of his men and if it had not been for Hookers men they would not have been taken he says They all wear a white star There are three divisions here the 1st Div Genl Williams 2d Div Genl Geary 3 Genl Butterfield and the 4th Div Genl Rosseau the 1st wear a red the 2d a white and the 3 a Blue star and the 4th is rather a combination of the colors or an Orange I recd your kind letter of the 12 all right was exceeding glad to hear from you. The Loss of the 112 was heavy but the men who were taken from our Rgt at Chancellorsville alone were about 240 with about 40 killed then there is Gettysburg Chattanooga where some 6 or 8 were wounded and the present campaign which has been very severe on our regt and the 33 Mass and 33 NJ Our loss is since the 5 of May about 100 but men that I dont like to dispute say it does not compare with the 33 NJ Yesterday I enjoyed all the Black Berries and Huckle berries I could eat and enjoy The weather is warm but I continue to have good health and enjoy the fine breezes which Blow ever since June 15 they have been fighting every day and some times night as well as day and as our cavalry is doing something else besides guard the trains we sometimes get pretty close the troops. The Rebel army hates to leave these parts for the City of A but the cannonading tells that we have drove them a considerable distance in that direction since yesterday I'd like pretty well I reckon to come up from the other way and meet Mother in the neighborhood of Bellefontaine

did you get the letter I spoke about more writing paper and Envelopes in? I am out and would like some more to keep up correspondence with get them already stamped if you can if not please when you write to slip in a couple of stamps

*[June 25, 1864 continued]*

Please when you write send my respects round this is what the shoemaker threw at his wife with me as regards writing material and Borrowed at that Please excuse all imperfections and I ever am as usual

Your Affectionate Son and Brother  
Charley

Now epistle hasten home  
To the friends I hold most Dear  
Waken many loving thoughts  
Of the one that is elsewhere