

Near Atlanta Ga  
Aug 3d 1864

Dear Father

I take a favorable opportunity this morning to pen you a few lines & sincerely hope they will find you all in the best of health I am well and enjoy myself as well as circumstances admit of

This is a most beautiful morning the sun shines beautiful and the air feels refreshing. The troops are hugging Atlanta about as close as can be and not occupy it. so close are they that the rebs cannot even throw a Picket line beyond their forts and a part of the time they cant use much of their Artillery to any advantage. For the last 24 hours as far as we can hear from where we are all seems to be quiet along the lines but now I can hear the occasional boom of a cannon away to the right. Last night a member of Co D 154th who was captured at Buzzard roost on the 8th of May came back to us. he left Andersonville Ga on the 8th of July and in three weeks time he had cleared the Rebel lines and is safe thank God He tells a tale of hardships endured that needs only one look at his face to convince one of the truth of what he asserts He was chased some three or four times by Hounds and at one time he had to fight two of them back He was several times tracked by men and once two of them were almost on to him but he escaped out of their hands. His name is Sidney More He brings some news from the boys confined there he only knows of two of Co E's Hiram Lockwood & E. W. Skinner. They were both well and hearty when he left

I wouldn't wonder if you heard Officially of the fall of Atlanta by the time this reaches you An expedition is out now but only rumor knows where to place their destination. that says Macon

You have probably heard of the fight of the 20 July. I hope the time is not very far off when I can talk and not have to go thro the formality of writing It is some time since I have heard a word from home I would dearly love to recieve a letter I hear of some hard times how is it. How does that relentless Draft progress how do things in general prosper How is it about the Presidential campaign that I am aware is absorbing a good deal of interest I trust and feel confident the Lord is doing the work in his own way and I pray he will cut it short in Righteousness. Peace is most desirable but it must look sad and lonely to see so many widows weeds and hear of so many Orphans tears as there are But some hearts will rejoice when they hear of Sid Moores safety

What news we get from Grant speaks encouragingly of his operations I hope he will be eminently successful

Please write to your Affectionate Son

Charlie

sweetest Love to all

PS The Rail Road brings our supplies to within a few miles of us.  
Please Direct Head Quarters 20th AC care of Chief Q.M.