

In the Field near Atlanta Ga
Aug 21, 1864

Dear Sister Stella

I take great pleasure in answering your letter dated Aug 5. Thread and all came all right I was real glad to hear from you & Mother I always am.

To day it rains a light drizzle which makes it quite disagreeable for me The Johnnies have been ripping up the RR which has made it hard for a few days to get forage but now communication is open again The Rebs captured a lot of cattle too. they took Capt Thornton who used to be our Brig. Commissary but now he is at the head of the cattle buisness for the Cumberland Army but I heard to day our cavalry had took all back. I pray that the Lord will prosper us and soon bring us to peace prosperity and happiness There is not much going on here now. there is some fighting going on at the front Some times they get to shooting pretty briskly but they are steadily working on our right The rebels have very formidable works but the other day we rendered some of them untenable for them for a time

we have not changed the position of the Trains much for some days and the troops are confident of success I would like to get some papers that would inform me with regard to matters and things in the north, and the feeling of the people generally about the candidates for the Presidency

I feel great anxiety with regard to results which will take place with in the next 3 months Something will be done which will have a great weight one way or the other and I pray that all may be for our greatest good God grant that this campaign may end soon in the total overthrow of the Rebels It is 2 years tomorrow since I first enlisted to serve my country I would not give my wages for the experience I have had and some of it will be of great value to me when I return home

Atlanta is a good deal the worse for the shell that has been sent over there and some parts of our lines are so near the town that they can shoot their Rifle balls into the place

As usual there are a good many rumors afloat with regard to movements but time hangs pretty heavy with me I would very much like to hear a good sermon to day as it is very dreary when it rains I am well and when hope you are the same and was very glad to you were when you wrote

You of course enjoy yourself with your Melodion I hope you do and when Leroy gets that drum I will have to get him an instruction book

Please excuse for the flies bother me so I cannot write

Your Loving Brother
Charlie
Hd Qrs 20th AC
care of Chief QM