

Hd Qrs 20 A.C. near Atlanta
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Dear Brother

With extreme pleasure I embrace this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of yours & Mothers of 10 & 11 The trains are now within 3 or 4 miles of the wished for city and the troops are about a mile and a half. At this moment there is heavy skirmishing in our front and the Big war dogs are throwing shells in the fortifications of the city making it warm for Mr. Jonny The report here is McPherson & Geary our div Gen are both killed but I cannot vouch for the truth of it I am glad Mother had such a good time visiting and when my next Pay day comes I hope Father will try and see some his relatives if he is not to buisy

On the night of the 20 I think the rebs massed their forces in front of Old Joe and came upon him with the rush of infuriated Demons in 5 lines. The fighting was terrific for an hour or more when he succeeded in driving them off It is said that we buried 900 before our Breast works besides we got quite a lot of wounded and some prisoners I believe. Part of the time our guns one Battery of Guns (Bundys) was almost within their grasp but they didnt get it. the 154th lost 6 wounded & 1 killed reducing its numbers to the small amount of the neighborhood of 70 men and still they hold their ground

One of the Regt who is with me here just reports another of the old Hardtack regt sent to his final account by the cursed rebels but saw Geary all right I wish you would send me about 1/2 skein of Brown linen thread The Country through here is a succession of broad mounds mostly covered with thick underbrush How do things prosper in W now I have Apples & B Berries plenty. I enjoy myself pretty well and now I have 2 horses and two mules to take care of. The weather is quite agreeable but there is some prospect of rain Things appear to look favorable for us all around if Grant can keep communication with R cut

I hope the Rebellion will soon come down for I want rest and peace

Please excuse me if I dont fill this in this time for I dont know what to write for the war news you know

Your Aff Brother
Charley

please write soon

Hd Qrs 20th A.C.
care of Chief Quarter Master

Love to all