

In park near Vining Station Ga
Monday Aug 29th 1864

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Dear Friend

Your letter of the 16th came to me on Friday last. It found me well, but somewhat tired out as we moved that day back about 6 miles from our old camp near Atlanta where we had been over a month and where I last wrote you. We are now camped in a very pleasant Grove of Small Pines about 3 miles from Vining Station, close on the west side to the Rail Road near the Bridge where the R Road crosses the River so if you take your map you can plainly see our whereabouts. Our Corps is now cut aloof from the Main Army and its position is up and down this River, while the rest of the Army I understand has gone around to our right, and by this movement gain possession of their R Roads, which will of course compel them to evacuate their strong position here or draw them into a general Engagement.

This is of course only surmised with us but it looks altogether to reasonable to be disbelieved. We have tried long and hard enough in the month that is passed to drive them out from their entrenchments from our front to convince us that they never can be driven from this direction with the men we have here. So this or another plan has been resorted to. Every day we look expecting to hear of the Great Battle, and with what anxiety we wait to hear the Result, God knows we hope for the best. Oh if we had now 50 or 100 Thousand more men to rush them right up to the front to support those men already there, we would not have any fears for the result it is rumored around to day in camp that Grant has had another Battle near Petersburg and has been badly defeated. This will be sad news enough to us here in the Army as well as you Loyal men at Home if this Report proves true. But it would be joyful news to the Copperheads at the North I wish I had the whole of them here and could hold them where I want them I would put them in front and make Breast Works of them for our men to shoot through. It is thought that we will remain here in camp some time and I can assure you that this is what pleases us. The Weather here is very warm, but not as warm as I expected to see in this country this time a year judging what I had heard them say of its being so warm. Write often.

Your friend

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