

Camped at Atlanta Ga.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Q. M. D. P. 154<sup>th</sup> Regt.

H. W. Coffey  
Otto W.

Dear Brother,

I have been anxiously waiting and watching for a line from you. I had almost commenced to think that you had forgotten to write me. But thanks to day the long looked for letter came, and thankful I am to see so I have set right down to answer. I am happy to learn that you are all well, and I trust this will find you so now. I am well. I have no news in particular to communicate as I have no doubt but the Glorious News of taken Atlanta, with all the particulars have long since reached you. The Glory of taken Atlanta, does not comprise all the Cheering News, it is but a small item to the Splendid Victory Gained by Sherman while South of here

Sherman

for by his Brilliant Move here he not only flanked  
Hobbs Army out of their Stronghold here, but met  
them in the open field. Drove him at every point  
cut his Army through his center Captured thousands  
of Prisoners, Large Quantities of Supplies, Scattered his  
Men in all directions, in fact done all that  
he could wish, and has done much more and  
met with better Success than we dared to hope.  
We are Camped within 1 Mile from the City  
in a Beautiful Grove of Pines, we expect to lay  
here about a month, and then we start on another  
Campaign, for you know Gen Sherman believes  
in keeping to work. Atlanta has been a Splendid  
City before the Army knocked it to pieces, it is about  
the size of Orleans, just such a place as I would  
like to live in, it is Badely knocked to pieces by our  
Shells as there is hardly a Building in the Town  
but has been hit, there was nearly 200 Women &  
Children killed here, yesterday there was a great  
many Men Women Children taken down and  
sent into the Rebels, what do not go there  
have got to go North of the Ohio River,  
if Gen Grant will accomplish as much as Sherman  
has done in proportion to his numbers, the war will

Love this place. I hear that there is quite a  
number of our County Enlisting for our Regiment,  
they should understand that if they come into  
this Regiment that they will have to work &  
fight as this Regt does ~~not~~ <sup>no</sup> soft work,  
as work & fight is all they know. they know nothing  
of lying around in Camps. Long as a tin  
and jar more and we are free.  
The Army is for Lincoln almost unanimous  
and this is one of Uncle Abes Regiments.  
The Weather here is quite warm but very cool.

My dear

I hope Ma will cheer up. Keep up good  
spirits for I trust every thing will yet come out  
all O.K.

Give my love to Jane & the Children.  
Write often to your

Brother

Stanton Chaffin

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