

Camp 154th N.Y Vol. June 13th, 1864

Miss Moore:

Your letter of May 25th to your Brother Sidney, arrived yesterday, and as some one had already taken the liberty to open and read it, I have taken the liberty to read, and reply to it. As you have already, probably inferred, I am a member of the same Co. to which your Brother belongs. We went into action May 8th charging upon the Rebels, who were posted upon a high, and steep hill. The weather was very hot, and the men were all nearly exhausted, and the weaker ones naturally fell a little behind in the race: Sidney, from his great personal strength, was on of the foremost ones, rather ahead of the line of battle. Our Reg't (Regiment) was ahead of the rest of the line and near the summit of the hill, when the line on our right and left gave way, and we were obliged to fall back with the greatest precipitation. When our Co. was got together after the fighting was over, Sidney was missing, and no one knew what became of him. The impression in general, that he was taken prisoner, no one saw him fall, and we do not think he was either killed or wounded. It is known that the Rebels took some prisoners, and we hope he was among the numbers (or members). Should you hear from him in any way, as you probably will before we shall, you would confer a favor by informing me of his whereabouts, and condition, as I have the interest engendered by long companionship, in his welfare.

I suppose the circumstances of the case, will be a sufficient apology for my conduct in reading your letter, and answering it, and shall hope to be pardoned for the liberty I have taken.

If I can afford you any information, I shall be happy to do so. Should you have occasion to write, my address is

Co. D, 154th N.Y Vol., 20th Corps
Via Nashville, Tenn

If Sidney is a prisoner, you may, hear from him in a short time, should the Rebels be generous enough to permit him to write. In that case, please drop me a line

Respectfully yours

Fred. L West

Note the 154th NY. Regiment had a "Demonstration" on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11, Dug Gap or Mill Creek May 8. Frederick L. West was a Sgt in Company D

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