

Camp 154 Georgia

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Dear Rhoda

I again attempt to write a few lines to you it being the first opportunity since we left the valley on the 4th we marched nearly every day since on Sunday our Regt went in advance of the division and skirmished for several miles and started a squad of rebel cavalry driving them in to a Mountain and going up after them soon found that there was plenty of rebels on top we went climbing over rocks and a line of battle came up and we fought several hours trying to gain the top but could not nearly dark we fell back carrying off wounded men we are now building breast works here and they say that the rebels are surrounded and will have to come up to our works and face our cannon

General Geary says that we were not expected to drive the rebels off the hill but only to draw their attention while others were getting round behind them which they did without fighting our division lost about 200 men killed and wounded our Co lost 2 wounded slightly my health is good but I was so tired that I could hardly stand up when we were on the mountain

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