

Mike

October 14,
Camp of the 154th Regt. Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother William

It is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to write to you. It has been a great while since I have heard or wrote to you. I have thought a great many times that I would write oftener but something always is to hinder. But if we lay in camp here at Atlanta all winter I will try to write oftener. I would like to have you and Viola do the same.

My health is good. I have been very tough all summer, but I have very weak eyes.

We have not been in a fight since the 20th of July, but that was hard enough to make it all up. General Hood has got into our rear is trying to starve us out, but I don't think he will make it work. General Sherman is after him with his army but the 20th corps were left here to hold this place. General Slocum has command of us now. We are in hopes they will leave us here until next fall and then they may do as they please with it.

We have heard that Sherman had a fight with the rebs back at big shanty about forty miles from here. It has drove them off from the railroad, has taken a great many prisoners. I hope it is so for we have not had any mail for over two weeks. I have had only one letter from home in over a month that was in September.

The weather is cold today. We need overcoats and mittens. We are living on half rations. Have not had any in a great while and our beef won't cook itself.

Our company is small only ten pleasant and two of them is sick but we are going to have the regt filled up with recruits four hundred. To Nashville for us now.

We have been having great promotion. Steven Welch is 1st Lut. Guy & Del expect their commission every day. James Calleger for Capt. D.P. Horton has resigned. Who cares for that I don't for one.

I expect that Homer will have command of the company in a short time.

We have just got our pay. Eight months mine come to one hundred & forty dollars. No more at present.

Milton D. Scott

To William Scott

(Courtesy of Richard De Bell, Falconer, N.Y.)

October 11th 1861

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To William A Scott

Here is one of your
Fathers letters

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