

October 11th 1861

Camp of the 154th Regt  
Atlanta, Ga.

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 had  
a line to you I have thought a great many  
times that I would write often but something  
always is to hinder but if we lay in camp  
here at Atlanta all winter I will try to write  
often I would like to have your words do the  
the same

My health is cool I have been very tough  
all summer but I was very weak eyes  
I have not been in a sight since the 20th of  
July but that was not much to mind it all  
up you had was got into our rear is trying  
to save us out but I dont know he will  
make it work or in Shermans is after him  
with his true army but the 20th of  
we was left here to hold this place  
General Sherman has committed us now  
we are no longer that there will leave us here  
until next fall I think they may do as  
they please with it

We were just heard that  
Sherman had a fight with the rebels back at  
his front about 40 miles from here  
I had done them off from the rebels 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 & mittens