

Camp in the
Wilderness Georgia
Co H 52 Regt 1 Brigade 2nd Div^{ion}
10 Army Corps Sunday June
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Dear Brother, having
a little time this morning
I will improve it by wri-
ting a few lines to you
to let you where we are
we are among the mountains
and hills about 5 miles from
Dallas west side of the rail
road that leads to Atlanta
we are now having what
is called the tug of war
living on half rations some
of the time some of the time
skirmishing then come on
a regular roll of musket
ry like the roll of a drum

The soldiers have a hard
time of it now these green
recruits cant stand the
hardship like the old ones
betterans I wish I could
get a paper to read for
I dont know anything that
is going on except
where I am what the move-
ments are on the checker
Board are is more than
I can tell it Puzzle me
how we come to retreat back
four or five miles on the
right wing of the army when
we bring them in quarters
large things made but if we
only get to Atlanta I dont care
how they manage it for me
shant be likely to get any
money untill I see old John
son and his army and that
is not so early come for he

has got a hundred thousand
men according to what the
papers say how are all of
the folks in Dixie now how
is fortthers health none good
ing to the last letter I had
from Sally he seemd be low-
spirited what are your
of this summer the same as
last summer I have not
had any letters for so long
a time that I dont but the mail
has stoppt running I and
Charley have been gathering
cheburs for day or two back
though not quite ripe yet
but anything to crowd down
my hard pack and sorrelly
I dont weigh so much as
I did when I was home
by fifteen lbs Charley
says he has lost fifteen
lbs since he was home

our regiment has so far been
quite fortunate in the fights
but some of our Brigade
have lost quite a number
of men one regiment lost
in our Brigade in about fif-
teen minutes 62 men in killed
and wounded but they made
the fight very severe
about a week ago the rebels
made a charge on the sixty
six Ill Inds and took two
Prisoners and march them of
about 30 rods and then shot
them down they shoot a good
many of our men in cold
blood if they get hold of
them first at a time the
sixty six boys say they sha-
nt take any more Pris-
ners but retaliate back this
war is getting to be a kil-
oddy thirty shunns now to
what it was first from
your Brother
C. H. Hatch