

Big Shanty June 26/64
Georgia

Dear Brother as I have some
leisure time this morning I
will improve it by writing a
a few lines to you. I received
a letter from you a few days
ago you don't write as often as I
wish you would time passes slow
with me this summer if you
would send me the tribune
after you have read it that
would help pass way the time
since I last wrote to you we
have had a good many fights
with the enemy Sherman
seems to be a go ahead General
at we are driving the enemy
slowly we have been about ten
days in front of Kennesaw mountain
with cannon and musketry but

we have got them so hem in now
that we may take some of them
yesterday our left was in one mile
and half of Marietta so that we co
uld shell the place if we wanted
to to day is Sunday by next Sund
ay. I think that Johnson Army
will be to the river this side
of Atlanta where they will
make there big stand which
will decide the case between
Sherman and Johnson Armys but
our boys are bound to whip any
how our regiment was put on
the skirmish line about ten days
and we lost a few men by the
in bullets on the whole I think
our regiment has been quit fortun
ate in this campaign. Berg Reed
and Edd Reed a few days ago
they have lost over fifty in
this campaign they said I think
the newspapers lie some on the

Correspondents & for they give all
the praise to this army corps and
that one but the 16 corps does not
get any although there is only half
of the corps here in this campaign
the other half was in Banks army
in Louisiana one cause is the big
Generals are down on Sweeney who
commands our Division that use to be
Colonel of our regiment I hear that
Sodge has been promoted and now
commands the whole corps he is a
good General he is not stuck up
at all but a plain every-day man
you ought to have just one month
of soldiering in this campaign you
would learn more about war than
you would in a lifetime by reading
the last day that our regiment
was in front my head smart
well so much cannonading close
by me when some of the shell
would go over my head from

The enemy's guns it would make
lodge my head in spite of all
I could do the shell would go
through the trees close by me
threw some of the bullets from
the enemy's skirmishers would
wistle rather close but enough of this

I suppose your family are all well
and father is trying to get a job some
where for fear he will come to want
I am clear out of stamps I shall
borrow one of Charles's for this letter all
though I have wrote to Sam for some I
may not get them this three weeks
I wish you would put in a letter
two or three stamps next time you write
to me I don't expect our army will
draw any pay untill this campaign
is over we are all of us travel
Broke officers and all some have
sent home for money but I am going
to do without untill I draw some
from government and my children must
get along the best way they can
untill the government pays me I have
not heard anything from them exce
pt what you wrote in your letter
about them for sometime I must
now close so good bye

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