

Roswell July 16 /64
Georgia

Dear Brother we are now
over the south side of the
Chattahoochee river on the left
wing we have been on the ri
ght wing a part of the time
but on the left now we have
built a bridge across the river
it will be done by to day noon
we have been about three days
in building it is a wide
a rock river but more water
in the river than there is
in Dixon this was the only
ford for ten miles the Rebels
burnt the factories and bridge
and skedaddle our division have
ing a rest from fighting for a
few days but working on bridge
and breastworks and on

picket duty. I hear in
camp that the paymasters
are ordered to the front if
so we we will be payed
of soon now but how
many months pay we will
draw I do not know prob-
ably not over four months
this time and how to get
your money to you safe
is more than I can tell
there is know express ton
hear I think by sending ten
dollars at a time in a lett-
er would be as safe way
as any but you can let
me know what you think
about it when you write
to how are all the Dixon
folks how does farther get along
of this hot wether and how
is Salley's folks getting along
Charley is as well as usual

I hear that most all eatables
are up to the top notch now
I wish you would send me
a Dixon paper and ship
in a small borse come
for I have had mine all
stale or lost so my head
goes without laweing now
if all reports are true up
north you would all get rich
wages are so high 3 dollars
a day harvesting so the
Boys letters say the north
must make their ternal for
time during this war are
you doing anything this summer
besides tending the country
I suppose your folks are all
well I have know news at
all to write you about
this place we devour every
thing that is eatable that
the secesk have left but

There is only one thing
left that amounts to anything
that is harm for the horses
The Rebs have planted a
good deal of born wheat has
been quite a benefit our team
This whole Confederacy seems
to be one vast wilderness
I don't see how the Rebs
could raise so many
men, but the poor class of
of whites live on born bread
and an sow belly and sas
saffrap tea and manufacture
re their own clothing so
five dollars in good money
would last a whole family
a year our campaign has
now lasted 75 days since
we started from Pulaski
and I shall be glad when
it is over if I come out
safe I am now as poor as
a brown

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