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Advent - Mary Brown

Chattahoochee River Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Dear advent

Your letter came to hand the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month and found me in the best of health hoping this may find you all enjoying the same blessing. I had began to think you had forgotten me entirely as I did not get any word from you so long, but I will not blame you for delays, for I suppose you have very busy times since Cent has gone.

The weather is very hot indeed yet we have an occasional shower, it looks, some like rain today.

We moved to this camp this morning and have been very busy since then fixing up camp. It is about four miles to Atlanta from here. Our men are working the river close your may believe. Our batteries are about half a mile from their heaviest works which is tant proof we will have to take the town by a regular siege which may last for weeks and perhaps only for a few days. They

They have guns of heavy caliber some carrying 128 pound shell. The boys say when they throw those large shell at our camp they are throwing camp posts, for the shell is 23 inches in length. Troops in this state are tolerabel good.

We have plenty of roasting ears with every amount of fruit  
the apples are getting ripe; blackberries are all gone and have  
been some time, You may rest assured we live well now  
while fruit is so plenty. I have not seen William or any of  
the boys for over a month but I hear from them often they  
were all well when I last heard from them. Our Regt  
lost 80 men in the battle of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July there was two  
men killed in my company and two wounded neither of the  
Eaton or Candor boys were hurt. (So much praise cannot  
be given them for their bravery on the 22<sup>nd</sup> <sup>Army of the Penn</sup>) Our Regt  
lost heavy more so than either of the other two. There is  
three Armies in the field in the vicinity of Atlanta. The  
first is the Army of <sup>the</sup> Ohio Second Army of the Cumberland  
Army of the Tennessee (this is ours) Well adunt I must  
close my letter to a close for this time by first

telling you to write soon and give me all the news. I got  
Chathams letter and answered it I asked her to send me  
her Photograph if she would be so kind as to confer such a  
favor on me. Well good bye for this time. My best respects  
to all my friends reserving a good share for yourself & family

When you write address } Canton Train N. & S.  
Write down please to } Dept Genesee  
{ care of Capt Wm Rossak Com 3<sup>rd</sup> Ponton Train