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## Letter, 1864 May 18, James F. Overholser to Aunt and Uncle [Mary and Crib Burns]

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Field Hospital Near Esauca Georgia  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Aunt & Uncle

You must not think hard  
of me for not writing sooner as great changes have  
~~been~~ taken place since I wrote you my last. Time  
will not permit me to go into detail of what has passed  
in the last month, suffice it to say that we left  
Secatur Ala the 30<sup>th</sup> of last month, and after a  
march of 125 miles came up with therebs at Snake  
Creek N. Georgia and after a heavy skirmish  
forced them to retire leaving 14 men dead on the  
field our loss was small killed but a good many  
wounded. Our Reg. lost one man killed and  
no wounded, he belonged to Co. B. We have  
had a skirmish with them every day since, until  
today they are on the ~~th~~ retreat with our men in  
hot pursuit. Our Regt and another Regt had a  
fight with them the 16<sup>th</sup> in which our Regiment  
lost a good many both killed and wounded among  
which is Charles Campbell killed Frank

Kidnappers, Daniel Bush, John Sentry, wounded  
this is all of the boys of Eaton and vicinity that I have  
heard was hurt. I was sent to the hospital after the  
second days fight sick from fatigue and exposure  
for our corps worked day and night cutting timber  
for breast works I am in good health again, but  
they will not let me go back to the corps ~~for they~~ so I  
have got <sup>to</sup> help nurse the sick and wounded, I and another  
nurse have got 56 men sick and wounded to take  
care of and your own dependers we are kept busy day  
and night there is about 200 hundred in all

I would have written sooner but we are not allowed  
to send any mail north until the first of June  
I do not know how soon this will reach you, but  
I hope when it does, it will find you all in the best of  
health  
Excuse haste yours well wishing  
Stephen

James, F. Overhuler

Pioneer Corps

2<sup>nd</sup> Divis 16<sup>th</sup> A.C.

P. S. Dont write until you hear from  
me again Good Night

James & Daniel (Merry & Carl, Burns)