

The darling needles are from
large ones from myself - I will
pictures next time - I have
M.D. date Sept 5th - I am
all well - write to Mother
darling - direct to
her at "Newport Charles Co. Md" and
My own Darling
"S. Lancaster"

Richmond
Virginia -
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on Monday evening and came to this point
where we are guarding a pass leading from
Harrison's landing out towards the Rail road.
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and we may have a small brush with
them - our Brigade is the only one here - we have
a few cavalry in our front - The remainder
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heard very heavy cannonading in that direction
last night - We have not a word of news as
to what is going on - You have already heard more
news from the late battle than I know as I have
not seen a newspaper since the fight - our
loss I expect was very heavy - heavier I think
than either Murfreesboro or Shiloh - I am sat-
isfied that I was under a longer continued
hot fire than at Shiloh - I have very little

made - The other
sent some Yankee
I had a letter from
Chickamauga Station
of 23rd 1863
enclose to "John

I sent a letter to you yester-
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a account of the
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we took or gave any thing of the kind - I hear
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and more than fifteen thousand small arms
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only Brig. Genl. we killed for the Yankees as far
as I know was Genl Lytell or Little - He
was at Bridgeport when we were there - Genls Hood
Preston Smith, Helmer and Deshler on our side
are certainly killed - I hear that Genl Wright
also was killed - but I do not report it as a fact.
I forgot another who also is certainly dead - Genl
Adams - We are following them very slowly
it seems to me - Rosecrans' army was certainly
very badly whipped and if Chattanooga was not
such a strong natural position we might have
nearly if not entirely destroyed his whole army.
I suppose Genl Bragg knows best - at any rate
I will trust him a while longer - I think
when the whole truth comes out about this battle
that it will be one of the severest and most de-
cided of the whole war - Darling I hope you re-
ceived the dispatch Thomason sent you - for
I know you suffered very greatly - Darling
when you next hear from me always
think I am safe - Bad news travels faster
than good - I was in warm places and

under heavy fire - but by the
aid of Providence I came through
in the least that I would be
being the only experienced officer I had pre-
sent I had a great deal to do, and did not
have time to notice the hitting of the balls.
The company seem to be very proud of their
Captain and of course that pleases me very
much - This you know is the first fight in which
I have led them as Commander and I think
they have plenty of confidence in me now if
they did not before - I have been complimented
highly by some Genl Officers and I think my
Battery will be favorably mentioned in the of-
ficial reports of the battle - our Troops did
not capture much plunder in this fight - The
Gankers had sent all their baggage to the rear
and cheated us - I captured a quantity of
Coffee - one Cavalry Pistol - and a good looking
glass - something you remember we needed very
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needles - Lt Meade - you did not see him - I will
send you a pencil spear given me by one
of my men - I also got a small Portfolio on
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Company is in fine spirits and so is the whole
Army - If old Rasey don't get out of our

way" numbers
in efficiency
sent me twenty
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the Gaulthers have not got me yet - a Regt &
Some cavalry have gone to the front - Perhaps
we may have a small skirmish this evening
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Columbia
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