

Missionary Ridge
November 1863

My Dear Father,

I received yours
of the 2nd Inst. last night.
I was glad to hear from home
as I had not heard in some
time. I saw Crumshaw and John
day before yesterday - both were
well. My health is excellent,
Ben is getting on finely.
I do not expect to receive
letters regularly from you
as I can easily understand the
difficulties that surround you.
It always cheers me to receive
a letter from you, the more so
that I know how much you have
to do. I am afraid that I must
here state that you have been
a better correspondent than I,

and I am ashamed to own it -
as I have, when in camp most of
the time a much better opportunity
than you.

The booming of Canon has be-
come, so common to us here, that
I scarcely notice, one unless the
cannon is directed toward me.
We are, directly under the guns of
one of the large forts & they could
easily shell us out. The enemy
own half all of the valley beyond
"Look Out Point." In other respects
our lines remain as they were.
Sargent with his "corps" has gone
to East Tennessee, Cheatham's
and Tompkins's Divisions have
returned from East Tennessee.
We have received a few Brigades of
reinforcements from the Vicksburg
Army, Lt Gen Hardee,
has taken command of our
corps, which is now known as

Hardee's "Vics" Polks Corps.

Gen Manigault - inspected our
Brigade to day and complimented
me through my company
saying "They had the best
kept arms & accoutrements
in the Brigade."

In my letter to Bolling I wrote
that Col. Davis had mentioned
myself and several of my com-
pany individually and the
whole company also in his
report of the battle. He also
mentioned Gen Brown particularly.

I cannot tell what we
will do here, but it begins to
look as if we were to winter it
on Missionary Ridge. I have no
news to write you. Rest assured
that if anything occurs you
shall be notified.

Your Obedt Servt
Geo A Hall Capt
1st Regt Artillery



Missionary Ridge
November 8th 1863

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Yourr Affec Son
Jas A Hall Capt
Co "K" 24th Ala.