

5 miles of Chattanooga Aug 21st 1863

My Dear father,

I wrote to Laura yesterday and told her that you had orders to be ready to move at a moments notice. I was not in camp at the time I wrote the P.M. but as soon as I wrote it I went right out to camp and found the Division all packed and ready to leave. We left camp about noon and arrived at this place some time before dark. We are on the railroad to Bridgeport. We are now held here with three days cooked rations to be ready to move at a moments warning. While I write there is cannonading in the direction of Chattanooga. I dont know what it is without the enemy are shelling the place. Cant learn what it is. Ben. has just returned from the railroad he says that he saw a man just from Chattanooga who says that

The Yankees are shelling the train
and we are shelling them. Gracious
knows I had no idea the Yankees
were any where near this place. But
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I don't have any idea when we are going.
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send this letter off but I shall try it.
You all must still direct your
letters to Chattanooga until we get
to our place of destination. Give my
love to all.



Your affec. son
Thos B Hall

P.S. I have just learned that it is true
that Chattanooga is being shelled, and a
couple of men wounded near the
hotel.

George V

Thos B Hall

Wachata near
Chattanooga Aug 21 1869

Dear Father

Another campaign has
opened. As Louisa tells you we
have moved our camp to Wachata
on the Bridgeport R. R. about 5 miles
South West of Chattanooga. We have
orders to "clear the deck for action"
that is keep 40 rounds cartridges on hand,
& days rations, to be ready to march at a
moments warning. It is now past noon
the enemy have been shelling Chatta-
nooga from the opposite side of
the river, - Object - unknown;
Their shelling amounts to nothing
though its rumored that they
have wounded 2 men & killed 2.
The house at which aunt Eliza &
Milton are staying is I think in
no danger from shelling, as it
is only on the out skirts of town and

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parthist: from the river. I fear
very much that Milton will
die, Tom went down and
set up with him the other
night. Poor fellow he is a per-
fect shadow. Tom & myself
are in excellent health & spirits, all-
right for action. Do not distress
yourself at all about us,

But I shall always know when
danger threatens that prayers
are going up from our house
for us. You cant imagine
how much better and stronger
it makes one feel,

I am ready for the evening,

Give my best love to James,
Laura and all the dear little
ones at home. Farewell,

your Affec. Serv
B. A. Hall

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I wrote to Laura yesterday and told her that we had orders to be ready to move at a moments notice. I was not in camp at the time I wrote the P.S. but as soon as I wrote it I went right out to camp and joined the Division all packed and ready to leave. We left camp about noon and arrived at this place some time before dark. We are on the railroad to Bridgeport. We are now held here with three days cooked rations to be ready to move at a moments warning. While I write there is cannonading in the direction of Chattanooga. I dont know what it is without the enemy are shelling the place. Cant learn what it is. Ben has just returned from the railroad he says that he saw a man just from Chattanooga who says that

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Jas A Hall