

6^a Co 24th Ala Regiment
In the Field near Atlanta Aug 17th 1864

My Dear Sister

Here I am again in my post at the front
I returned from the Hospital two days ago & have been
improving since. Every thing was more quiet yesterday
than they have been since we came to Atlanta & we
various rumors & speculations as being the probable
cause. There was very little picked fighting & very little
shelling yesterday & this morning the same still pre-
-vails. A stray shot occasionally is all that reminds us
of the trouble far in our front. Yesterday our Brigade
had only two men wounded one dangerously & the other
mortally. The latter belonged to my Regt & was shot in a
few feet of where I was sitting. A single 20th Parrott
Shell exploded near us, a fragment from which passed
through his body. I caught him in my arms as he
was falling & layed him down. Poor fellow, how it
grieved me to witness his suffering. He was a noble young
man - "brave, generous & true". On the 13th I had Seventy
men from my Regt on picket & lost thirty (30) killed
wounded, & captured. Morley of my old Company was
killed with a cannon ball, & Hardwick was killed with a
Rifle ball. Several others were wounded. Newk was stoned
by the explosion of a shell near his head. I was some time
before he recovered from the effects of the shock. All
the killed & wounded were left on the field. The enemy
charged our picket line with a line of battle & captured
many of them before they could get away. I had over
three hundred men when we left Dalton & now I have
but one hundred & twenty left. Gen Whelan with all
our Cavalry has gone to the rear of the enemy to destroy
the Rail Road & we are expecting to hear some good

news from him before many days. I hope that he
will destroy the Road so effectually that old Sherman
will be compelled to fall back to obtain supplies. How
glad I would be to see this campaign ended. It has
lasted now nearly four months & to all appearances the
end is a long way off yet. You came to see me two nights
ago & spent some time with me. He told me that George
Norris belongs to the same Company that Ben does
& that he was in the fight at Supleys Mts. Have you
heard any thing from him since. I shall have
to close as the mail carrier is calling for the letters

I hope I shall have a letter from you before many
days. Mewb is very well. He wants to know if his
letter to home has been received. Tell Jim to
write to me sometimes when he has nothing better
to do. My love to Mother & all the Family.

I shall expect a letter from Nis soon.

Keep the dear little ones & tell them howday
for Pa. May kind Heavens bless you
Good Bye

Your Devoted Husband
Newton

Hd. Qrs. 24th Ala. Regt.
In the Field Near Atlanta,
Aug. 17, 1864.

My dear Bettie:

Here I am again in my port at the front I returned from the Hospital two days ago & have been improving since. Every thing was more quiet yesterday than they have been since we came to Atlanta & we various rumors & speculations as being the probable cause. There was very little picket fighting & very little shelling yesterday & this morning the same stillness prevails. A stray shot occasionally is all that reminds us of the terrible war in our front. Yesterday our Brigade had only two men wounded one dangerously & the other mortally. The latter belonged to my Regt & was shot in a few feet of where I was sitting. A single 20th Parrott shell exploded near us, a fragment from which passed through his body. I caught him in my arms as he was falling & layed him down. Poor fellow, how it grieved me to witness his suffering. He was a noble young man, "brave, generous, & true". On the 15th I had seventy men from my Regt on picket & lost thirty (38) killed wounded & captured. Marler of my old Company was killed with a cannon ball, & Hardwick was killed with a Rifle ball. Several others were wounded. Newt was stuned by the explosion of a shell near his head. I was some time before he recovered from the effects of the shock. All the killed & wounded were left on the field. The enemy charged our picket line with a line of battle & captured many of them before they could get away. I had over three hundred men when we left Dalton & now I have but one hundred & twenty left. Gen. Wheeler with all our Cavalry has gone to the rear of the enemy to destroy the Rail Road & we are expecting to hear some good news from him before many days. I hope that he will destroy the Road so effectually that old Sherman will be compelled to fall back to obtain supplies. How glad I would be to see this campaign indeed. It has lasted now nearly four months & to all appearances the end is a long ways off yet. Jace came to see me two nights ago & spent some time with me. He told me that George Norris belongs to the same Company that Hine does & that he was in the fight at Tupelo, Miss. Have you heard any thing from him since. I shall have to close as the mail carrier is calling for the letters I hope I shall have a letter from you before many days.

Newt is very well. He wants to know if his letter to home has been received. Tell Jim to write to me sometime when he has nothing better to do. My love to Mother & all the family. I shall expect a letter from Vic soon.

Kiss the dear little ones & tell them howdy for Pa. May Kind Heaven bless you. Good-Bye.

Your Devoted Husband,
Newton.