yours & Mr G-s of the 8th received - will write again to-morrow - It is tolerably quiet just now - no news - Wheeler is reported to have gone to Sherman's rear - In The Field
but nothing from him - Hubert August 11th 1864

My Dear Nannie. The siege of Atlanta is dragging its weary lengths along and thus far I can see but little change in the situation - It will soon be a month since Genl Hood took Command of the army - It has already been a month since we croped the Chattahoochee. We have done much fighting in that time and I do not think the enemy have gained much - The enemy shelled Atlanta very severely yesterday and from the sound of cannon kept up after night I think - I do not know what damage they committed - It is now reported that the enemy are moving back to our right - They however are still in our front over here on the left. I had one man painfully but not seriously wounded on the 9th and another severely wounded on yesterday - both by minnie balls Genl Bate was wounded nearly a mile in rear of our line yesterday by a minnie ball - I do not know how seriously - I hear nothing else of interest - I received your letter of the 5th darling and am sorry that such a report ever reached Eufaula - It was current in the army and I think it arose out of the fact that Capt Oliver was killed - Nearly all who know me know that I am from Eufaula and Oliver being Captain of the Eufaula Battery somehow the idea got out that I was the man killed - I did see Mr Doughtie on his way from Olivers burial - but I was not present at the burial - He ought to have known that the report was untrue - Oh! Honey I have another piece of news - I heard the 9th that Baker's Brigade was going to be broken up - It has been behaving so badly that Genl Hood determined to break it up and put the regiments in the other Brigades of the Division Courtney told me the order had been issued - You need not mention it until you hear it as a fact - as He

(Baker) may even get bring influences to bear to put a stop to it yet - But the Brigade has a poor reputation and of course it reflects on the Brigade commander. His wife better keep quiet about her husbands talents &c or some one may tell her ~~troublesome~~ unpleasant facts - If she does not mind the last of the Infanta Bar will be as good as out of the service - Well Darling now I will tell you something about myself - about ten days ago I saw Macon and told him to tell Clayton that if he would promise to do something better for me when he could that I thought I would accept the position he offered me - He promised to let me hear further from it. Clayton when he spoke to me told me that he would give me higher rank if he could - I have only seen Clayton for a few moments since and then there was fighting going on and I was in a hurry to get a section of my Battery in position and had no time to talk with him - The change could hardly be effected while the campaign is so active any way - If Macon is Lt Col I know nothing of it - He will be however as soon as Clayton can get him with him - But all these things have to done at Richmond now and are slow coming out. A Lieut Dickson from Ala came to see me yesterday he was in the Hospital at Infanta and saw you very frequently - Lt Banks in the same company he says formed your acquaintance and probably visited the House - He seemed to be a very clever gentleman - Banks sprained his ankle getting away from the Yankees a few days ago and can't walk - I may go and see them to-day - as they are near me - I am very well Honey - but pray - you would be amused if you could see my "bunk" with legs put up at the head to keep of minnie balls - But discretion in this instance is the better part of valor - I have another gun in the place of my disabled one - so I have four guns again - The weather continues cloudy with some rain - I have seen no paper lately - am uneasy about Mobile - The surrender of Fort Gaines seems to have been a disgraceful affair - Anderson must have sold out - I will write Mr Young to-morrow if nothing prevents - show him what I said about accepting Clayton's offer - write as often Darling as you can - My love to all - much love & many kisses from your own devoted - Herbert