Hospital Camp near Chattooga Tenn. 11th Mo 28th 1863
Honored Father Mother Brothers and Sisters,

I have the privilege of once more writing you a few lines to inform you how I am set ting along. I am in only moderate health at present. I have not had the ague for over 2 weeks but I have had the diarrhea some since I got the ague stopped and am not able to march or do duty. I have not been with the regiment since the 22nd. The regt left their knapsacks on the 23rd and such men as was not able to march with the teams, and marched in below Chattooga.
ga where they had a severe engagement with the Rebels on missionary ridge our division fought them several hours. The 27th I commenced writing last evening but it soon got too dark so I will try and write more this morning. The loss of our division in the fight of the 25th was pretty large. The 1st Brigade the ond our regt belongs to made two charges on the rebel works but had to fall back to thier former position. The Rebels evacuated the night after the fight.

I will now inform you of the loss in our company it is indeed sad for me to have to inform you of the death of a true friend and relation who was killed in one of the charges. The fallen one is
Joshua H. Woodward it is a sad loss to me. I looked up to him as a kind of prototype he was so straightforward and in his doing, his judgment was so good every one liked him. I did not get to see him after his death he was buried on the field and his grave marked. I fear for the effect it will have on his mother she can have the consolation hope that her son died happy. The boys told me that he said before he died that to tell his mother that he died on the field of battle and that he was prepared. The wounded are as follows: Lawyer Green in the thigh with a ball that flesh wound not dangerous. Elisha Deering in knee with piece of shot not dangerous.
Struck on the leg with pieces of shell slight. E. E. Kirk struck on the shoulder with piece of shell slight. J. E. Carter struck on the leg with piece of shell slight. These are all the casualties in our camp that I know of. I understand that Tom Smith got Woodward's things and they will be sent to his mother. I have received one letter since I wrote last but their may be one for me at the reg. The weather is very cool here now. The wounded are mostly in tents some in a house all some 3 miles from Chattanooga. I will likely stay here till the reg comes back. I hear it will be back soon. Our army has defeated the rebels badly and taken quite a number of prisoners. I have not learned the particulars. I will close for the present and write some more before sending.
Second day morning, I will write a few lines more this morning and then send this to the office. I feel pretty well this morning. Oh! My leg has pained him pretty bad last night. The rest are easy. I received a letter from you written the 15th of this mo. I was glad to hear that you were in good health. I am able to give the information wanted by Mr. Day. I helped bury. Even he was done with it. I interred it, but not in any bing ground. His grave is marked and I can write a minute description of the location of it so that it can be found if it is wanted. The grave is in the edge of.
a piece of woods near the town almost in the edge of the town. There are several of the boys that helped to bury and mark the grave were took particular attention to notice the location of it. The weather is pretty cold it is pretty hard on the wounded. I got a letter from Charles and one from Milton Bray of Hamilton Co. yesterday I will write to Charles soon. I will close this for fear I will not be in time to send it off.

as ever your well wishes son
John Mills
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