

In <sup>My</sup> The Ditches Near Atlanta Ga 8<sup>th</sup> mos

Honored Parents Brothers & Sister

I have the privilege of again writing you a few lines to inform you that I am still unhurt and blessed with pretty good health. I was the happy recipient of two letters a few days since one written by father & the other from Mother containing a box of pills. I hear this morning from some of the men that have been back at the division Hospital that J<sup>m</sup> Carnutt, who was sent back sick but a few days since, is dead he has not been well for a long time and has overdone himself being too free to work when he was not able. Henry Bagliff who was severely wounded on the 1<sup>st</sup> of this mo is back at the division Hospital if living I think he can hardly recover his brother W<sup>m</sup> is back with Ann. I notice in the papers that Sherman is reported to have taken Atlanta but I think different and I probably have a better chance to know than the correspondent who announced it Sherman has

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before a great while as my opinion. The  
army has been moving from the ~~wright~~ left  
to the wright for a week and the rebels will be  
forced to leave the city or be flanked by our  
forces and have their railroad cut. Wm Bayliff  
has come up from the Hospital he says that his brother  
Henry died last night of Wm Cornutt night before last  
I have not heard from J. S. Poe for sometime if Aunt  
wants to send letters to him at the hospital she must  
not put the regiment and company on the letter, just  
the name, and Hospital? <sup>and place where he is at</sup> ~~as~~. we are having

a reasonably pleasant time to be continually in front  
of the enemy our skirmishers can out some distance and  
the enemy's balls do not bother us much. The skirmishers  
have done good work and there is fine cannon fire  
on the line on our front. we have not had the chance  
to send mail out for some days but there is mail to go  
this evening. Please send a few stamps on your next

I have but few ~~and~~ I hope the campaign will end  
soon so we can rest and clean up a little. I  
have nothing more of importance to write this time write  
as often as convenient I remain as ever your Son John A. Mills.

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