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Near Big Spring Station Ga.

Honored Parents, Mother & Sister.

I had the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along my health is pretty good and the health of the company is generally good I heard from J. D. Poe a few days ago he was getting almost well but not stout enough to come to the company yet. There has been fighting going on here for about 10 or 12 days the rebels are still on the hills in our front it is quite a good position our men are digging up on them slowly but surely the rebels massed their forces on our right day before yesterday and

made a desperate charge to turn
our flank. They came in several
lines 8 or 10 deep. I understand
They came on through the shower
of grape and canister and balls
which proved destructive to many
of them but they came on right
up to our works and tumbled over
crowding our men back some distan-
ce but our reserve came up and
drove them back when our cannon
opened out again and poured destruc-
tion into their ranks they
had to retreat back over a space
of open ground which was covered
with their dead. The report is that
they lost 1500 killed and the
usual proportion wounded. There
was not much firing yesterday.
we are on the left of our lines
and have been in reserve most
of the time since this engage-
ment began. The weather is quite

warm here now some wheat
in this country is almost ripe
or would have been if the army
had not destroyed it the stock
belonging to the army is grazed
on the wheat corn if grass was
reached of the army, the count
ry is very rich through here and
there is a lot of grain planted
but the rebels will not get the
benefit of it as they have all
left. I have not had a letter
for several days our mail has
not been very heavy for several
days we have papers to June 20th
which give accounts of grants
movements which was quite
encouraging.

I will close for this time
write as often as convenient
As ever John Mills,

Please send me a couple
of Boxes of pills, one box of balls
or some other Diarrhea pill and
one Bot of Clysters or some other
cathartick pill

Jno Mills

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Near Big Shanty Station, GA

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