

Camped in the field
near Kenesaw mountain
Georgia July 2nd - 64

My Dear Mother

Knowing
that you will be glad to
hear from me, I will write
a short letter to you this
morning. I am all sound
thus far and in fine
health. I have received a letter
from John, I was very
sorry to hear that you were
sick but very very glad to
hear that you were getting
better. be very careful do you
get well and not go to doing
work too soon, do not worry
about me, I shall always
be in my place, but I shall
never needlessly expose myself

I shall do nothing rashly
 but when and where duty
 calls me I shall always
 be ready to go. we are now
 behind breastworks, the rebels
 are in our front we can
 see them plain, they are
 fortifying their position.
 They send a bullet over now
 and then in a while yesterday Phil
 sat on a box cleaning his gun
 a bullet came over and passed
 through his pants just
 missing his thigh and
 into the ground, it did not
 draw blood, but it was a close
 call though he is in good health
 and feeling first rate. the
 weather is very hot here now
 it is awful. Whether we have
 got a very good Chaplain with
 us now. we all like ^{him} much.
 we have meetings nearly

every evening that we
lay still, they are attended
by many and seem to be
interesting to all. it would
be a scene well worth looking
at for our friends away west
worth to see us sitting
together in the moonlight
listening to our Chaplain, and
hear the firing of our pickets
some forty rods distance only
from us, we are all confident
that this summer will
end the war, our army is
in good condition and we are
under as good a General as
this army affords, he has
shown more Generalship than
Grant has I think. but I must
bring my letter to a close hoping
and trusting that God may
spare us to meet once more
in that dear old home

where I have spent so
 many happy days. please
 write as soon as you get
 able. I send my love to
 all. Good by for this time
 from your absent
 and affectionate
 Son Henry



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