

Our camp near Holly Springs Oct., the 20, /62

Dear Sister

I embrace the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know how we are getting on also to tell you a few more of the particulars of the battle of Corinth and the first and best part of it is, one of the boys of our Co. that we all thought was killed come in this morning and brings the report that two others that we were shure were kill, one of them was badly wounded and the other not hurt. The one that come in is by the name of Cobb the other two, Collier and Sharp Collier was not hurt but John Sharp was wounded in the head twice and is now at Tuka 30 miles from Corinth on the Memphis and Charleston R.R. one of the balls ~~went in~~ ~~at~~ ~~at~~ touched his nose <sup>slightly</sup> and the other in the back part of his head making <sup>one</sup> couple ~~of~~ wounds that ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> very bad but a young Dr. [Valley] of our Co. who was wounded slightly and taken to the same place & has returned on paroll with Cobb & says that he do not think it will prove fatal. Valley also says that L. B. P. Benn, Kenady and the others of our wounded that were left <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ the hands of

The feds are doing very well and that the  
piece of shell that wounded Joe went through,  
thereby saving him a great deal of pain for  
it would have had to be cut ~~off~~ out. They are  
well cared for and well treated. Gen<sup>l</sup> Rozencratz<sup>Fed. Lt.</sup>  
says that men that fight like Maury. Shall be  
well treated. And one I like to have forgot-  
ten is Pete Lewis. The other night greatly to the  
surprise of us all he stepped into camp but  
very sick from the cholick though it was  
not long till we had him relieved and next  
morning he was well and has been well ever since.  
About the battle I but little more to say, only  
I can give you the order of attack and near the number  
of killed wounded and missing of the whole army.  
The attack on Friday was as follows. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
of Price's Corps was in the advance and drove the  
enemy before them until they come to the first  
intrenchments where Gen<sup>l</sup> Moore's Brigade was thrown  
forward to assist in taking them and it was done  
directly after which firing ceased for 15 or 20  
minutes and then commenced a battle of artil-  
ery along the whole line which lasted about half  
an hour, it was Terrible. There was about 100 pieces  
of artillery of the largest field caliber firing as  
fast as they could. After half an hour Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Moore's Brigade was attacked by a superior force and  
the Reg<sup>t</sup> of Sharp Shooters that belong to our Brigade

and our Regts. were ordered to the right to assist them and the Federals saw us coming and fell back to their intrenchments, in the mean time the other two Regts. of our Brigade were ordered to the front to attack a party that had come out from their intsn. and we were then ordered to the left to help them - we charged two batteries but as I said in my other letter we had to give them up.

This was about all that was done on Friday the 3<sup>d</sup>. On Saturday morning our troops were disposed along the whole line for the purpose of making a general attack they were in this order, The first Division under Gen. Hebert was on the right and center his left forming part of the center and the second Division under command of Gen. Maury on the left the right of the division forming part of the center while Gen. Lovell's Division was held in reserve not one of the attacking columns had any support. The result is stated in my other letter but for fear that you should not get that I will say here that every Brigade done its duty for we took the intrenchments and held them until overwhelming numbers were brought against us. And there we were in an enemy's intrenchments with 3 or 4 to one against us and no support. It was a badly managed affair on the part of our Commanding Gen. Van Dorn. Next <sup>sent</sup> back a party to bury the dead but the Federals wouldn't let them go to the battle ground they

Said they were burying them and that they were burying them decently for said they men like them deserve it. When they come to our boys the first thing they said was well boys have you got sober. They say we were all drunk for they say no sober men would undertake to do what we done and the boys could not make them believe anything else. After <sup>the</sup> battle on Saturday we camped about eight miles from Corinth - the next morning early we commenced the retreat again and after marching about five miles we learned that the enemy from Bolliwer had possession of the bridge over the hattie river. So they put us out at quick  5 miles and double quick a mile. Our  and Moors crossed the bridge but we had to give up the position we had for they were flanking us on both flanks we fell back to a hill one  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from the river and formed along the crest of a hill where our battery come to us and took position 2 guns on the right and 2 on the left. We were not there long before we saw the Fed's marching by the right flank in about 150 yds of us. Some said they were friends and some said they were Fed's, but we were not long in being undeceived for as soon as they come to the river they formed and here come a volley of small arms but they didn't stay there long for we all turned loose on them battery and any and they run like

Scared Sheep but they formed and come  
again though it was only to meet the same  
leaden hale when they run again - by this  
time however they had crossed enough troops  
to out flank us so we had to fall back again  
all this time there was no ~~Brigade~~ ~~left~~ ~~over~~  
engaged in the fight. In ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~manner~~  
we fell back till we come to Rusts' Brigade  
which was perfectly fresh, when they took  
command of the rear and we went along  
with the train.

We marched all that night and the next  
day until 12 o'clock, and the next day and night.

The loss of the army in killed is 800 the  
~~loss is about~~ ~~the~~ ~~loss~~ ~~is~~ ~~about~~ ~~1800~~  
making an aggregate of 4,000 killed wounded and  
missing - the prisoners are all returning on parole.  
I will have to close this part of my letter.  
You must not feel dispirited because of our  
defeat for there is not a man in the army  
that feels himself whipped for we feel confident  
of our ability to whip them if our Gen<sup>l</sup> will  
give us a showing.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Pemberton succeeds Van Dom in the  
command of this army and we look to him  
for better results.

We have not heard from G<sup>en</sup> in 3 or 4  
months. Though I believe he is doing well.

The Donaldson prisoners are here though I  
have not seen any of them. They are all  
ordered to report to their respective com-  
mands so I shall look for Gay soon.  
I do not too confidently <sup>look</sup> for me this winter  
so I do not know whether I will get a Lurrough  
or not though I am going to try for one.  
John is here with the horses - some of them  
are in tolerable order while ~~the~~ others are thin - my  
pony is looking well.

I will have to close this by sending my love  
to Nannie Serena and Wollie especially  
and all the girls in general. and if you see  
tell Nannie that I was glad to receive a few  
lines from her this ~~time~~ and would be glad to  
receive them often. Give my love to Saml  
Bettie and Ellen and all the other relations  
but particularly to Mother Father Robt and  
Tennessee and tell Robt I would be glad if he  
could come with some clothing but boots par-  
ticularly this fall but he is too young to go into  
the service.

With these lines I remain your  
brother Saml B. Lee.

M. B. Tell Uncle Bakers family not to feel  
the least uneasiness about Joel for he is  
doing well S W M