

In Camp near Baldwin Miss.  
Sept. the 25<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Sister

I have another opportunity of writing to you again and sending it by a young gentleman that has been discharged from Capt. <sup>Wm</sup> Lewis Lt. Col. of sharpshooters (Bridges old Co. he goes to Tyler in Smith Co. See we left Sattillo on the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month and marched to Tuka which place we reached 3 days after. The enemy having fled before we got there but they reinforced in 2 or 3 days and come back to attack us with 30,000 or 40,000 while we had only 15,000. So we in turn had to retreat on double quick but not until they had shelled us a good deal.

The same Gods blessing.

division

Our ~~Brigade~~ was sent in the  
advance so that we got the  
benefit of their shells though  
they done no mischief although  
they come very close to us.  
The 1st. division under command  
of Gen. Little was held in reserve  
at the town but it seems that  
they were destined to be the only  
ones ~~that~~ <sup>to get</sup> into the fight  
for on Friday evening before we  
left on Saturday } } the Fed<sup>s</sup>.  
made a demonstration in our  
front while they sent a division  
around our left flank for the  
purpose of burning our train +  
and attacking us in the rear  
and owing to the inefficiency of  
our cavalry came very near getting  
the train for the battle commen-  
ced in less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile of  
it. The attack was brought on  
by Gen. Hebert's brigade and two  
Regts from Gen. Nichols' Brig

consisting in all of 6 Regts.<sup>s</sup>  
though the brunt of the battle  
fell on the 3<sup>d</sup> Texas and 3<sup>d</sup> La.  
{ Greer & Hebert, old Regts.<sup>s</sup>. } in  
fact they done all that effected  
any thing for they alone took  
two batteries one of 6 and the  
other of 3 guns they took them  
too from a Brigade of the best  
of the northern troops they  
also were in a cross fire from the  
two batteries besides the small  
arms of twice their number of  
infantry and you may judge of  
how the Federals fought from the  
fact that an Iowa regt. was all  
either killed or wounded and  
the Co. that were working the battery  
of 6 guns fought until they were  
all except one Lt. killed and he  
was wounded. There was a singular  
instance of bravery happened  
just after the battery was taken  
it runs thus. Our boys had a

Couple of Infantry prisoners and  
an other come up to them and said  
"lets go," the d-m-d-Rascals will  
kill us all when one of his com-  
rades said; "We are in the hands  
of the Seserh. 3<sup>d</sup>," one says "show  
them to me," it was done and he  
made a rush at the man & one  
of Green's with his bayonet the  
Confed., caught the bayonet in  
his left hand and shot him with  
his right. The Geds say that the  
battery that was taken had been  
charged 9 times before and never  
taken until the 10<sup>m</sup>. Lea, it  
was a short battle but the har-  
dest of the war, the two above  
named Regts lost killed and  
wounded about 400 men. Lea I  
have had to write in great haste and  
I will now have to close. We are in good  
health and spirits and hope these  
few hastily written lines may find  
you and all the friends enjoying

Lt.

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