

Captured the train but our Company
heard the firing and they went to
the rescue the rebels fled on the approach
of our boys they did not hurt any
body there was no body hurt on the
train the trains were ordered to go to
the 24 when we were ordered to go to
some other point on the Road we
took the Cars at four o'clock P M
about dark we arrived at Dalton
there I saw nine trains of Cars
all loaded with our wounded they
were a going north from Shermans
army about 9 o'clock we arrived at
Dalton where we are now there is
two or three trains going by here every well as well as yourself and are now
they loaded with our wounded going in the State of Georgia on the 16 of
month and also two or three trains ~~to~~ this month we took the Cars at
last with Rebel prisoners while I
write there has a train just passed
through loaded with rebel prisoners

Camp of the Regt 8th Indys 21st
Dalton Georgia
June the 24th

Dear friend

Mr. Williams
I have the pleasure that I take the present
time to write you a few lines but
the first time I have often thought
I would write to you and as often
neglected to do so I hope you will
pardon my negligence and I will
try and do better in the future &
have not much news to write at this
time I am well and I hope these
few lines will find you the same and your
family

Camp to wait for transportation for
the first time. Camped out side of
the pickets about two miles from town
between Merryman Ridge and behind
Mountain on the 18 I went up on the
top of Lookout Mountain and while
up there I got my picture taken and
I sent it to Lizzie for her to keep
for me until I get back Chattanooga
near to the was was a town of about
four or five thousand inhabitants the
most of the town now is destroyed it is
the strangest fortified places that I
ever saw and in fact the whole of
this Country is the strangest fortified
Country both the art and nature in the
world it is very hilly and mountainous
and a poor farming Country and I can
not see how our forces ever drive the
Rebbs from this Country I think
if we can whip them out of this
State we can drive them to hell
or some other good place for them

we are Camped four miles from where
our Division fought the Battle of
Pearses or Snake creek got Gen
Sherman in his address had to fight
over nearly all of this god forsaken
Country we stand in Chattanooga until
the 20 when we got orders to go to Gray
ville about 15 miles from Chattanooga
we stand there one day when our Co
and Co were ordered to Ringgold
I did not go until the next morning I
shut back with our baggage on the 22
I went to Ringgold when I got there
our Company had gone to Stone Church
two miles distant about noon that
day the rebels made a raid on the Post
killed four miles from Ringgold they
burned two Bridges within two miles
from where our Co were stationed
the rebels also tore up the track and
threw the train off and then made
an attack on the guards that was
with the train they would have

we are quartered in good houses
yesterday a report came into our
Camp that the rebs were going
to make an attack on us last
night we slept on our arms ready
for them if they come in the night
a Pickens came in and reported that
the rebs were within three miles
from here for some reason ~~unknown~~
~~was~~ unknown they did not come
we are fifty miles from Chattanooga
and seventy five miles from Gen
Chimans army the weather
here is very warm the wheat
what little there is is harvested
and in the shock I have seen a
little corn and it looks well
about a week ago the rebs made a
raid on this road near here and

Captured and burned one train
of Cars and killed the fireman
they also burned a Bridge here
I must bring these few hasty
remarks to a close by asking you
to write soon I send my love and
best respects to you all hoping
you will write soon I remain
yours truly in haste
Colyar Brooks

A B the boys are all well Bill
Lawless is all right and well

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