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Near Richmond June 6th

Dear Ma.

Today is my birthday and I will devote a few minutes of it in writing to you. I wrote to Pa several days ago, telling him of my being in the battle that was fought here last Saturday & Sunday, but wrote very indefinitely, not being in a humor to write, having slept none the night before, for I marched all night through mud half-leg deep. I have got accustomed to living hard and don't mind it now. We are getting enough to eat now, and anything is good, that is victuals. St. trains now nearly every day, but I keep dry, for I got two good, light oil cloths from the Yankee camp the day of the battle.

You have no idea how well fixed off they. They all had small tents, which they can take to pieces and carry on their knapsacks, besides oilcloths and every thing that a soldier needs. Our men all that wanted supplied themselves with tents, india rubber cloths & blankets. Two or three of us put our india rubber cloths together and keep perfectly dry under them. Have you sent the box? if not direct it to Field to the care of Messrs Pulckiam & Co Richmond. I am not now in need of shoes, having just drawn a new pair. I miss my knapsacks very much, would not have lost it for 25 dollars. Do you remember how it was made? For what price could ^{you} have another one made in Rome just

like it? If it dont cost too much I wish Pa would have me another one made in Rome and try and send it to me by express. If you do, direct it to Field to the care of ~~Messrs~~ ~~Pulckiam & Co~~. If you send it by express dont direct it to Pulliam but to Field simply, 6th Ga. Reg. Kit was sick at the time of the battle so he didnt get there till the battle was fought. We lost 97 men killed & wounded out of our regiment. Wasnt it lucky for our company. We didnt lose a man. I cant see how we escaped. A ball tore the collar of Capt Barclays coat all to pieces, boresing his skin a ches lower it would have killed him. Some of our boys went to the place where our regiment was engaged, and they

say the Yankees lay very thick,
so we must have killed a good
many of them. I saw a good
many dead Yankees but didn't
go to the place where our regi-
ment had fought them, so
I didn't see how many we kill-
ed. The battle ground was
very unfavorable for us, for af-
ter we had whipped them
we couldn't pursue them, for
the ground was very boggy,
and it was fought almost
entirely in the woods. Kill & Fred
are both well, Willie has Diar-
hea, but is not sick much.
Don't Charles glad the cavalry
brought back his horse.

Give my love to all the home-
folks. Respects to the neigh-
bors. It is almost impossible
to get writing paper, I had to
borrow this.

Henry Burn