

Camp 1st Regt. OVI  
Cassville, Georgia  
May 21st 1864

My Dear Mother

As this is almost the first time I have had to write since the Fight began I write you a few lines to tell you that I am safe so far we have betten (beaten) the enemy in tow battles and got him on the full run how far we will follow him I do not know I heard from Robert since the fight at Resaca he was all right then Our loss is small in comparison to the ground we gained John Snyder the boy that washed Col. Harrison was killed and one from Company F by the name of John Logan was killed I lost one officer wounded and on(e) man wounded in my Company the Regiment lost five officers and thirty-six men the officers ar Capt Kuellman Capt Dorbusch Lieut Herian of Cleavland Lieut McCracken of Stubenville and Dr. Barr I do not know the names of all the men I will close by saying I am unhurt

Your most affectionate  
Son

WL Patterson