

In the Field  
June 1st 1864

My Dear Mother

God in his goodness has spared my life so far we are now about six miles from Dallas Georgia making our way to Atlanta our Regiment has lost twelve men killed and two officers Lieuts Dixon and Grove killed we have lost since we left Cleavland Tenn about one hundred and twenty-five men and officers I am well and so was Robert when I saw him

Your affectionate son  
WL Patterson