

yesterday, by at
Dunbar upon at-
most two days.
Some of the have been
of a better one.
A very excellent letter
by Polly Hopkins, was
published in the Ut-
ca Telegraph of the 24th
inst. Perhaps you have
seen it; if not, get the
paper of you can.
I need a
letter from
Doe today
paying the
he & Capt.
Birnall
had such
this evening
he was going
to sleep for
two weeks to
morrow.
I should you
advise in the
morrow. Today, with
the country all over, but

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Dear Gustavus,

I have just been writing
a letter to Doe, & now I will write again
to you, as I had not time to write much
in my last letter, before the mail went
out. - Instead of Fred. Hooper, it was
Wolf that was missing after the last battle,
& it is believed (from description given by
an artillery man) that he was run over
by an artillery wagon & killed. Our Regt.
fought most nobly, losing 95 men in
killed & wounded, out of 203 engaged.
They were in that memorable Carfield,
where the fighting was so desperate (the
field being taken & retaken four times,
& at the close of the action being literal-
ly covered with the dead. On my way

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still bore striking evidence of the sanguinary contest. Here & there many dead horses were to be seen, & long trenches & numerous graves, where the rebel dead had been buried (extending over a large space of ground.) Scarcely a stalk of corn was left standing, all being cut down by the "iron hail". - Sherman was squattling down in the act of firing, when hit by a solid shot, which nearly severed both legs at the knees, & took off his right hand at the wrist, the same shot killing Dick Handley instantly, going completely through his body. Sherman's blood, flesh & pieces of bones flew all over & in the faces of the boys who were next to him. He asked for a drink of water, & then begged Alek, to cut his throat, he was in such agony. About this time they were obliged to fall back, being relieved by fresh troops, but Alek remained with him a few moments, straightening out his legs (at his own request)

x making him as comfortable as possible. He talked the same as ever, saying that he knew he could not live but a short time, He must have died to death shortly after. Robert was killed instantly, by a ball in the forehead. Knight was mortally wounded, & died in a hospital near the battlefield, on Monday, the 22^d. He sent a small package, containing letters, daguerre type &c, to Alex, which I now have, & will send to his father as soon as possible. Hayden was dangerously wounded, & it was thought he would not live, but he is still alive. McChrystal, Jennings, ~~John H. Jones~~, Williams, Huguenine & Col. Falcut were also wounded. Dave Kempf ran back soon after the fight commenced, pretending to be wounded in the hand, but he has since been seen at a hospital uninjured, helping take care of the wounded. He, Phillips, Gray & Stockerman are

the value itself is very badly damaged, may be run over by one of the
ones. You will need another patch. Mill Knight is so nice today,

that he will have to be sent to some hospital. - Our mess mess well now. Slavery King
"I should do the cooking. We have Capt. Manchester, Ambler, for a mess wagon. -

reported absent without leave. Wm. Wright, Gurnsworth, Luger & Dick Gates are reported "missing in battle" (Bull Run), Gates was taken prisoner & paroled at the same time as Keranna & Sam. Resigning. Brandell, Decker, the three Gallaghers, Smith & Malba are reported deserted.

In the "monthly return", which I made out yesterday, I reported only 23 present, including myself; - 1 ^{for duty} back, Alek. Harley, Wright, Douglass, ^{A. B. Bligh} & Steadman, but they will be all right in a few days I presume. - Cornelius Place, & Dave Gates are still driving team. So you see there is hardly a Corporal's Guard, of our Co. left. - All the Cos are now consolidated into four: Co.s A & B, - commanded by Serjt Alek. Wilson; Co.s D, F, & I, by Capt. Eggleston; Co.s C & H, by Lieut. Hall; & Co.s G, K & L, by Lieut. Rockwell. We had the first dress parade since leaving Hall's Hill, on Friday last. The line was very short; - there was no "beat" down & back, for the lack of musicians; Capt. Eggleston had command, & "Polley" acted as Adj't; & but four officers advanced to the front, at the command "to the rear, after order march". - From witnessing this dress parade, one could best realize the great alterations which the Reg. has undergone. - Give my love to all the folks, write soon & tell whether I am waiting for a letter from her.