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Letter from Marshall Blair Clason to his father

Marshall Blair Clason

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Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 28, 1863.

Dear Father: -

I was in the battle on Sunday 20th and Monday, 21st. I was knocked down by something falling from a tree, loosened by a shell. I was not injured at all. I feel as well as I ever did. Our regiment covered itself with glory. We captured two flags from the enemy, but only brought one from the field. Our loss was 96 killed and wounded, over 1/3 of the force taken into action. We captured about 50 prisoners. The enemy gave way before us every time. Our Brigade is the 2^d Brigade, 1st Division, of the Reserve Corps. Col. Mitchell commands the Brigade; Gen. Steadman commands the Division, and Gen. Gordon Granger, the Corps. You will recognize us in the reports of the action. I wrote a full account to Annie. She no doubt informed you of my safety. I telegraphed to her. We are hiring Rans. We have come down to the brass of the thing. I have not slept in a tent for 3 weeks, and for most of the time, with only a rubber blanket for protection.

In haste

Your son,

M. B. Clauser

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Remember me to all my friends.

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Love to mother, George, and Floretta.
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