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Letter from Marshall Blair Clason to his father

Marshall Blair Clason

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Rome, Geo. May 20th 1864.

Dear Father: -

I believe I have written you once since we commenced the present campaign. It is ~~my~~ my impression I have written twice. I have not heard directly from you since I left this.

The present campaign has already occupied ^{two} weeks. There has been constant fighting between the two armies, at some times very severe. Our army has continually advanced, has been in every conflict uniformly victorious.

If I understand the present position of our army, our right wing rests at this place, and our centre is at Kingstown, some 35 miles from Atlanta on the R. R.

There is an impression that the campaign is ended for the present, at least, and that we will wait here for further developments of Grant's plans. The capture of Richmond would cause a further advance on our part. ~~It~~ Possibly, however, we are only waiting for supplies and to perfect our railroad communication in the rear, before we make another ^{advance} towards what seems the objective point of this Campaign, Atlanta.

I was engaged at Mills Creek Gap, at Pescey, and was under the skinning fire at the capture of this place, but I have escaped unhurt.

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It was once the abode of wealth, refinement, intelligence and hospitality. It has to a great extent been abandoned by its former occupants. Many very fine residences are unoccupied. Strange foolishness on the part of most of them.

I am well. We will probably remain at this place for several days to come.

My love to mother, George and Floretta.

How about business?

Thompson
W. H. Schlarke

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If I understand the present position of our army, our right wing rests at this place, and our centre is at Kingston, some 55 miles from Atlanta on the R. R.

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Your son
M. B. Clason