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My Dearest Wife

I this morn'g have a few moments to write you-we have been constantly on the march for more than ten days-My Co had a little Skirmish with the Rebs or occupn'g Chattanooga on the 9th Co T was the first Co to occupy the Town-Yesterdy morn'g [sic] we met the Rebs under [?] at Ringold Ga - My Co, was [chased] out to Skirmish which it did handsomely and I was surprised that so many of my men escaped unharmed we ran in to a Regt. of Rebs in a thicket had four men wounded, Sergt, Ferrin is hit

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Capt. Winslow is hit – Private Petermire in leg slightly. Private George [Marl] is hit slightly had 4 horses shot - & the boys clothes was riddled wonderfully with bullets. Marl had his life saved by his Pocket Book the Ball lodging in it. The Rebs had Seven killed. I saw one of them. I ~~thought~~ It is a wonder that we are even not all Killed as the bullets passed close to ar [sic] heads – [Dechan & Meyes] were with me –

I am not feeling very well at present hope to be better Soon. We March today again – My love I would like to write you often but canot [sic] get an opportunity – but dear one you must not expect much

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writing now. how dearly would I like to hear from you – can you write me dear one often – direct as usual to Wilder's Brig. [Mntd] Infantry

[Com] Col Atkins 92 Ill.

I must close in time for the Courier

Your Affct. Husband

C. T. Dunham

To Sadie