

Chapuis Laramie Oct. 14. 1864

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> is Rec<sup>d</sup>  
but I have been so busy that I have  
not much time to write. We came  
over here the 29<sup>th</sup> captured a large Fort  
and about twenty cannon. I was not  
in the charge upon the fort as I  
was on another part of the line  
skirmishing. I came very near being  
taken prisoner after the works were captured.  
About twenty five of us were placed in a  
small Redoubt some distance from the  
main fort for the purpose of keeping  
down the garrison of another Fort that  
troubled us considerably. Towards evening  
therebs made a charge on us with  
such a force that we were obliged to  
run a gauntlet of balls or be taken  
I chose the latter and if ever I traveled  
it was then as soon as I started the



Reb. Sharpshoots poured a volley of balls  
after me but I miraculously escaped  
Several <sup>of our men</sup> were shot. ~~him~~ and some were captured

The next day they made a charge on  
our main works. But very few <sup>of them</sup> went back  
again what we did not kill we captured  
I think the prisoners we captured outnumbered  
us. We had some hard fighting ~~here~~ on the right  
yesterday but ~~had~~ not heard the particulars  
None of the Chatham boys as yet have been  
hurt. We have not been paid off yet  
but expect to be soon I received that  
you sent in the envelope also the rest.

The weather is quite cold here now  
especially nights we have to sit by  
the fire to keep warm as we left  
our Beds behind us.

Yr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Com. Col. Regt. is here we  
see William B. B. quite often

What do the people think of  
the coming Election. The general belief here  
is that Abe will be Elected



Hee has a small Majority in our Regt  
I guess there are more McCallan  
men in our Regt than in most others  
Large numbers of deserters come in  
every night. They say if Lincoln is  
elected they give right up but if Mc.  
Callan gets it they will hold out  
at least in hopes of getting better terms  
One poor fellow was shot yesterday  
while getting away I think another  
year will wind them up

Who was Frank who you last  
heard from him in the Hospital  
or with the Regt.

How did Hampton feel her quotes  
I see there are more Copperheads  
than Unionists there by the late  
election. Write all the news

Yours in  
O. C. Hills

P. S. Enclosed is Rebel Lieutenant's appointment  
as Agent signed by Gov. Vance of N. C.

