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Dear Brother,

I received a letter from you several weeks ago, I think it was just before we left Aguas Creek that I did not answer it.

It occurred to me the other day that I may have neglected to notice remarks suggestive to me in your letters as for instance:

I do not know whether I have made any reply to your correspondent about Miss Barnes & Burr. I was much surprised when you first wrote me that I was in debt to them, for I recollected that my intention had been to send them a sum more than sufficient to pay the present postage of the book that I obtained from them. Since I could not know what the exact amount
might be, I intended to send for other books, but my agreement with W.S. made me drop my plans.

I forgot my dealings with those gentlemen. I am glad that you succeeded in obtaining evidence which enabled you to prove to them the true state of my account if you will give me their address I the date of their last to you, I think I will write to them for the facts.

When I was wounded I assisted from the field on the 3rd, in a fainting condition I lost my knapsack &c including your letters.

I was the only Florida 'boy' of the 149th (at least in our Co) hurt at Gettysburg but Dan M. Lord of Mottville had his leg wounded & amputated; he was doing well when I left him at the 12th Corps Hospital at G. I suppose we had about 35 men in our Co in this battle; 2 were killed & 2 wounded;
Sout Barnum was on pikt the day of the battle & wounded himself in the foot by the accidental discharge of a pistol. Capt Townsend went home 2 months ago on a sick furlough & had not returned on the day of battle. Col Barnum was with us in battle until overcome by fatigue. Lieut Col Randall was with us until wounded by a ball through the breast, being well at the corps hospital. Maj Cook was wounded at Chancellorsville. So for regimental officers we have only Col Barnum whose health is delictc owing to wounds recd in the old 12" & for Co officer Lieut O. T. Brown, only indeed additions have lately been made. The other day a son of Constable Thorp of Soutphan introduced himself to me at dinner he belongs to the 122. & had the top of his
Thumb shot off at Gettysburg.

Our Hospital ground is a square field of 20 Acres bounded on 2 sides by a high clover board fence & on the other 2 by a double row of 1 story buildings (badly ventilated & hot in warm weather) which compose the Hospital. We have over 1200 patients mostly doing well & suffering little pain at present.

Fortunately for wounded men the weather for many weeks past has been mostly cool & cloudy but this must have been bad for the harvesting of hay & grain.

When you wrote to me in the latter part of May that you thought you had it nearly as warm as us in Virginia you must have been mistaken. I found the field strawberries on the 20 May & was nearly baked by the heat.