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Dear friend Lottie:

Here I am again, a little later than I promised to call nevertheless I am confident that when I inform you of the accident which befell me you will excuse my dilatoriness, also the shortness of this letter will also be explained. On the Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. A party of 25 of our Battery started from camp at 8 o'clock A.M. for a pleasure excursion to Lulah Lake, on Lookout Mountain. Everything passed off smoothly enough until we arrived at the top of the mountain. Whilst going up the mountain, 5 of us taking compassion on our beasts fell to the rear getting nearly half a mile in the rear of the remainder of the expedition

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When we arrived at the summit of the mountain we started at a sound gallop to overtake those in the advance. My horse being a (what we term) green horse, started at a full run and before I could curb him in I was several hundred yards in advance of the other four. Still I kept on at a slow gallop coming to a little depression in the ground where there was a little water standing in the road I undertook to stop him entirely in which I failed. As his four feet struck to edge of the water, which by the way was not more than two feet across, he suddenly stopped and as suddenly fell upon his right shoulder. I had not time to prepare for a fall and consequently came in close contact with mother earth in a very short time. I struck upon my right shoulder, which was quite severely sprained. There was no more pleasure for me that day so I retraced my steps to camp.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> I was detailed from the Battery to the Office of the Acting Assistant Quartermaster, Garrison Artillery. I shall probably be in this office until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Hope by that time to get the business closed as the Q.M. has been relieved and I am detailed only to help close the Business.

Divers rumors are afoot concerning the muster out of the troops at this point. I place but very little confidence in them.

The weather is very fine. By the way have you had any cherries yet. If not come down and help me to dispose of those on the tree in front of the office.

Arm and shoulder aching severely, must close will come again as soon as convenient.

Your affct Coz

George L. Young

20<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery

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My love to all your folks

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