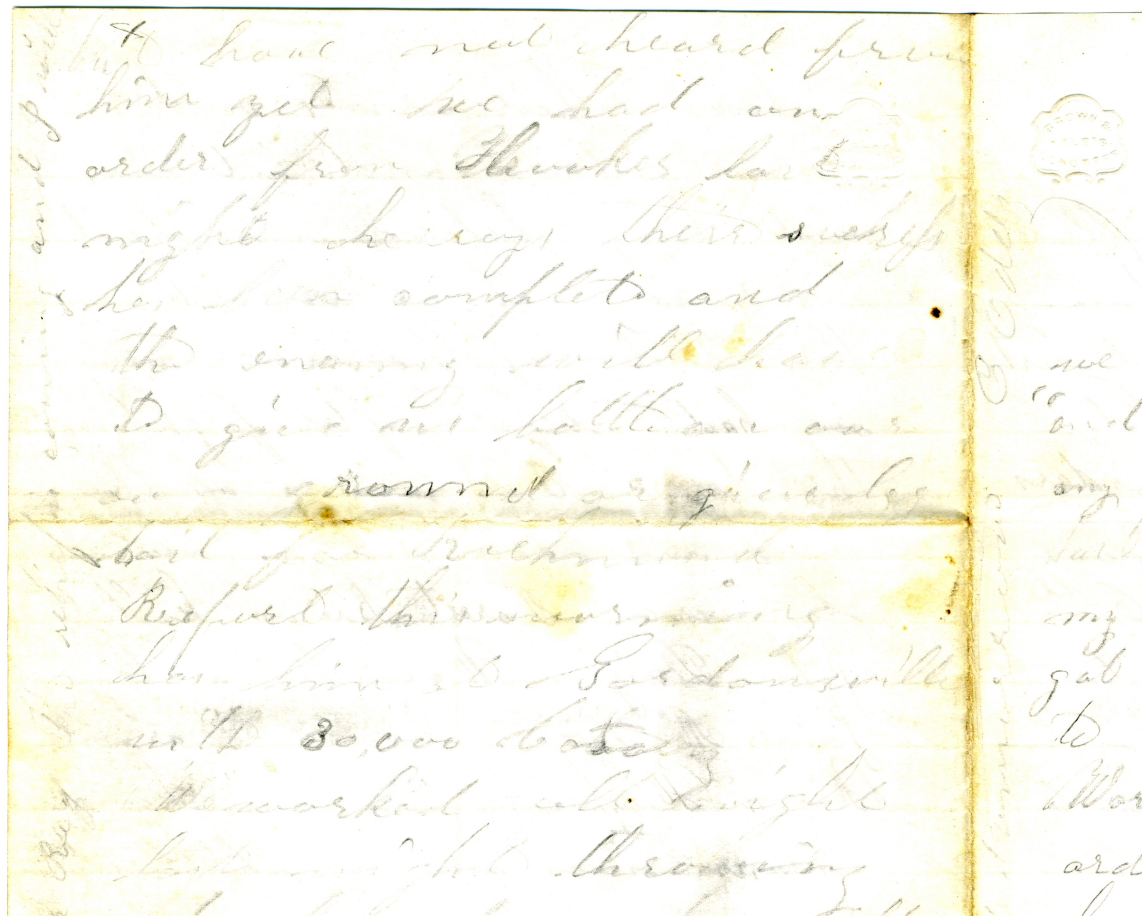
Battle Field five miles below
Fredericksburgh May 26th/63

Dear Father

Once more
we are across the Rappahannock
and we will see Richmond
or more." I wrote to Mother
last Tuesday and enclosed
my check of $32 and just
got it sealed up and handed
to the Elder to take to
Washington to mail when
orders came for us to
be ready to march
at 12 o'clock with eight
days rations in our
haversacks. At about one
all was ready and we
started. For where we
knew not but we soon
came to the conclusion
that the height of
Fredericksburgh was to

be our destination We
marched until about
dark when we were halted
and ordered to lie down
for the night we had just
got our tents pitched and
and turned in when orders
came that our brigade must
be over first and the 6th
Wis and 21st Mich were to
cross in open boats and
drive the Reb out
of their rifle pits on the
opposite bank about
daylight all was ready and we
commenced filing into the
boats and at the same time
they commenced firing on
us from their rifle pits
killing one and wounding
three of our Co but as soon
as we landed they threw

down their arms and surrendered and it was not long before we had possession of as much this side of the river as we had before after fighting three days The names of the killed and wounded in our So were Forest Brown killed John Doig . Wounded in leg James McKee " " arm Hiram Hughes " " hand Brown was one of the best boys in the Co Our division is all there now except Hooker has gone above Fahnestock with three corps and Buckland below us with the 6th Corps we suppose that the crowd last night



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Friday Morning May 2nd

Another night has passed and no attack has been made in this quarter. Heavy firing was heard last night in the enemy's rear I suppose Hooker is giving them all they want in that quarter. We have got to go to work at our trifle yet again we shall have to finish as we have other Time

Sunday May 4th Extreme right of Hookers Army

Well you can see by this that we have changed our position from the extreme left to the extreme right

About 4 o'clock Friday afternoon the enemys batteries three in number opened on us with shot and shell but we got behind our intrenchments and it did us first little harm our batteries soon opened on them and soon made them hold their head but we on until they had killed two and wounded four of our Reg the killed were Sergeant Brindle Co B " " Tait Co E the same that kept blacksmith shop on the ridge Early Saturday morning our batteries on the other side of the river commenced moving up to cross as we thought but when the rebs opened

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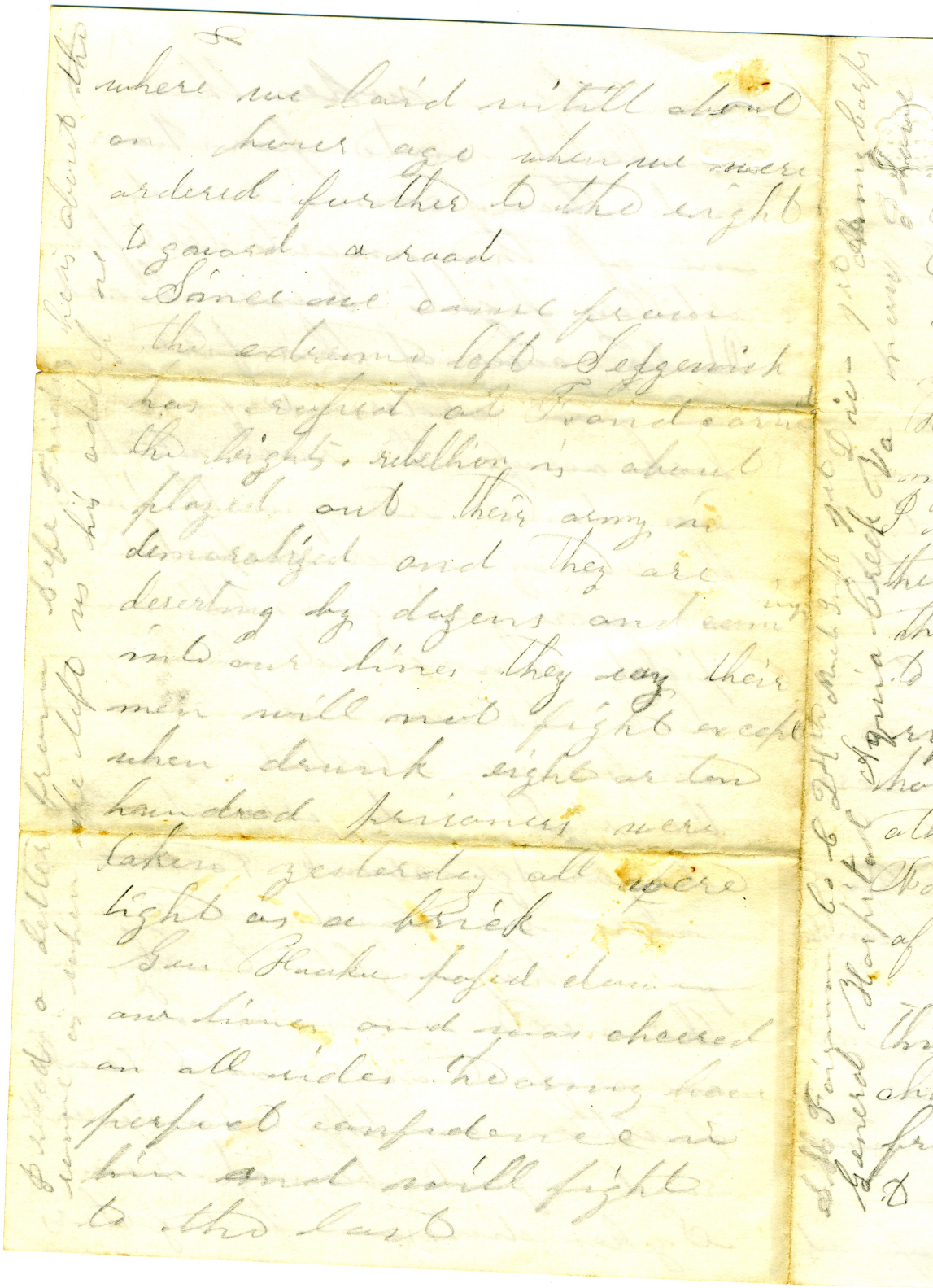
and then commenced
one of the most terrific
artillery fights I ever heard
Under cover of this fire
we had orders to fall
back across the river which
was done so quietly that
the enemy never suspected
we were going until our
pickets commenced falling
back As soon as all were
across we started for
the right and arrived at
the bridge about 9 o'clock
where we laid over
for the night Early
the next morning we
crossed over and took
position on the Gardenville
road just behind Gen
Sykes division of regulars



where we laid until about
an hour ago when we were
ordered further to the right
to guard a road
Sometime came from
the extreme left Sedgewick
has crossed at Fredericksburg
the right rebellion is about
played out their army is
demoralized and they are
deserting by dozens and come
into our lines they say their
men will not fight except
when drunk eight or ten
hundred prisoners were
taken yesterday all were
light as a brick
Gen Hooker passed down
our lines and was cheered
on all sides he says he has
perfect confidence in
him and will fight
it out on this line