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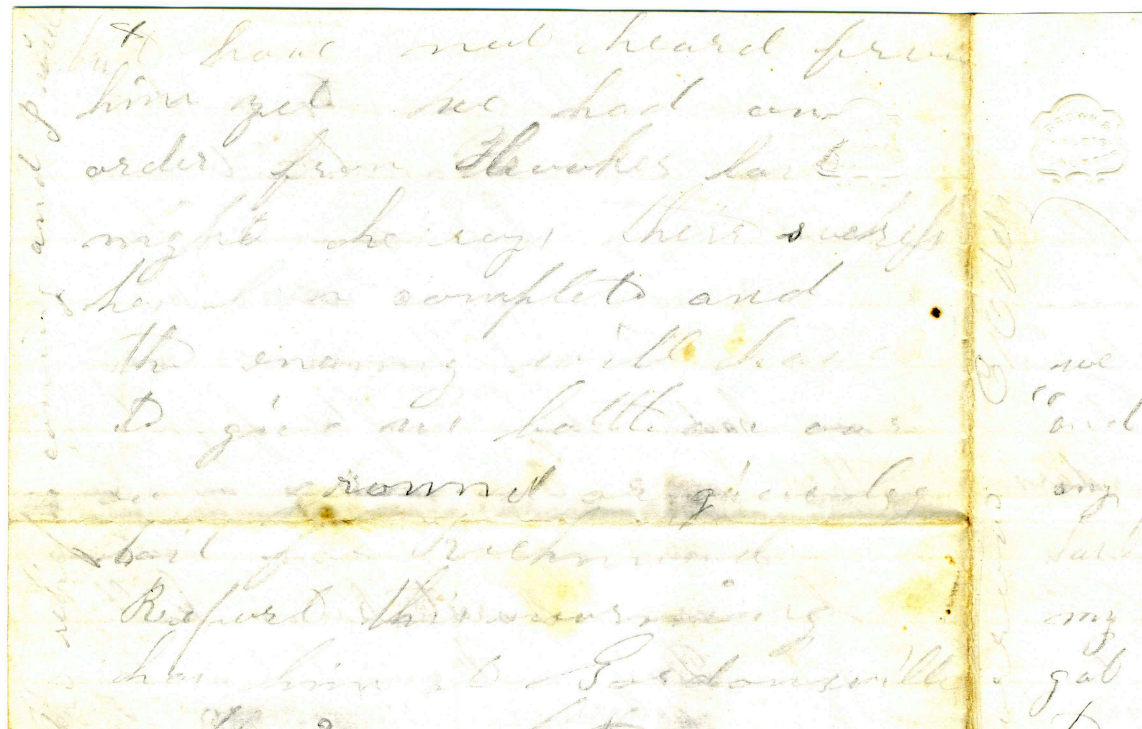
Battle Field five miles below
Fredrickshurgh May 1st /63
Dear Father

Once more we are across the Rappahannock "and we will not retreat any more". I wrote to mother last Tuesday and enclosed my check of $32 had just got it sealed up and handed to the Elder to take to Worhington 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 come to the conclusion that the heights of Fredrickshurgh was to

Leave the rest of the [illegible] E Elder

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 pushing 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
lo were Forest Brown killed
John Doig. Wounded in leg
James McKee " " arm
Hiram Hughes " " hand
Brown was one of the best
boys in the lo
Our division is all that
has crossed at this point
Hooker has gone above Falmouth
with three corps and Sykles
is below us with the the
third and sixth corps
we suppose that he
crossed last night



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 enemys rear I suppose Hooker is giving them all they want in that quarter. We have got to go to work at our rifle pits again so I will have to finish some other time

Monday 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

S. H. Faigan Co. C 24th Mich. Inf. 1st Div. 1st Army Corps General Hospital Aquia Creek Va. now Sharp

[illegible] from your affectionate son C Eddy

About 4 o'clock Sunday 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 I 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

an them when they
wheeled into position
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 untill 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 untill about
an hour ago when we were
ordered further to the right
to guard a road
Since we came from
the extreme left Sedgewick
has crossed at Fredericks
the heights. rebellion is about
played out their army is
demoralized and they are
deserting by dozens and coming
into our lines they say their
men will not fight except
when drunk eight or ten
hundred prisoners were
taken yesterday all were
tight as a brick
Gen Hooker passed down
our lines and was cheered
on all sides hearing how
perfect confidence is
him and will fight
to the last

Pribed a letter from Sefe Friday he is about the
same as when she left us his address is

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