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Fredrickstrugh 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 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 heights of Fredrickspurgh was to

leave the rest in Fill Hammerwood Elder