

Camp 10th Ala Regt. [10th Alabama Regiment]  
Salem Church  
Near Fredericksburg, Va  
May 5, 1863

My dear wife,

Another Great battle has been fought (8 days). I have only time this morning to inform you that the Good One has once more “covered my head in the day of battle.” This I’ve no doubt is in answer to the prayers of a good wife. How I have escaped so many deadly missiles, I can account for in no other way. I trust & pray he may continue his protecting care & preserve me for my dear family.

We have achieved a glorious victory. Thousands have been killed & wounded & even now while I write prisoners are coming in by scores & hundreds. Several thousands have been taken. The grounds around

the Church are covered with the enemy's dead. Our boys are busily engaged in burying them. Our losses are severe enough, but small compared to them. In our Regt. we have lost in killed on the field 15 – wounded 83 – 3 have died since and three or four more will die. Henry has written those from Calhoun County killed, to Eliza – you can see her letter. In my old company, Auly & Jim George were killed. George was the Color bearer in the fight of Sunday and by his daring & heroism elicited the admiration of every observer, a more gallant boy never lived or died – his face was always to the enemy & his Colors to the front of the Regt. [Corpl] Brandon, Bradford, Cast, Mewburn, Cox, McDill, [Nants] James, & Lee of Co. A [Company A] were wounded. John Francis was wounded in the

calf of the leg not seriously. Cpts. Rogan [Captain Rogan; Captain R.C. Rogan; Captain Richard C. Rogan] & Cook [Captain Cook; Captain Walter Cook] were pretty seriously wounded. Lt. Crook [Lieutenant Crook; Lieutenant James Crook] is missing supposed to be taken prisoner. Tell Mrs. Grant & Tumley that their boys are still safe.

I think there will be little more fighting for the present.

Everything is battle & confusion around me. As soon as I get leisure I will write you more at length.

Trusting to the Good One that we may both be preserved in health and restored to the society of each other. I am affectionately

Your Husband  
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Don't forget love to Mat & Kate & kisses for the children.

The enemy are setting across the River as rapidly as possible, if they are not already over.