

CARVER HOSPITAL May 10/63

Dear Frant: Having an opportunity I hasten to answer your letter which I received a week or two ago. I received it when we were on the ground where we had the battle. I had forgotten what was in it. Frant, I suppose I might as well begin and tell you the news. One week ago last Tuesday night we _____ the Rappahannock and laid down the _____ and then went back to camp. The next day we crossed and lay at Kelly's Ford 24 hours. Then we crossed the Rapedean and marched to the front making in all 25 miles in one day. The next day we rested at _____ the Rebs shelled us but did no damage. The next day we dealt _____, there was heavy fighting on our left at 6 as we were watching the Rebs, they came right in on our body so we had to just jump over on the wrong side of our works and then we pilled the Rebs. The cannons on our right fired _____ charges of _____ and _____ and I could see the Rebs fly 30 feet high but they came up in such solid columns that after we fired eight or ten rounds we had to retreat or be taken prisoners. We did not _____ the latter much but we had the order to retreat. We ran like _____ and how the _____ did _____ by our ears. I bet there was 100 went within a foot of me going ten rods back to the woods here we formed again and again had to retreat. I got a wound the first time we retreated in my right arm between the elbow and the shoulder. The first four or five days it was awfully lame so I could hardly touch it. It is getting better now but is very lame. It will be all right in one or two weeks. I have got a nice place at present in Carver Hospital. I took breakfast with Joe Wood this morning (or rather with his women) Brad is wounded very bad. Truman is _____. _____ Ellsworth was killed; _____ is missing; our _____ was cut off awfully. There are _____ and _____ one killed, wounded and missing out of 500 that went in. Frant I heard through Del that you did not feel right about my writing to _____ Wood. Now Frant, I will tell you _____ all there was to it. I felt full of fun one day and so I put on a moutsche and then for fun had my likeness taken and so I sent it to _____ and told her to let our folks see it. She gave it to them and they _____ got it now. I have written her just twice or three times. I believe _____ (can't read rest of sentence) just but Eunice wrote to Del to find out about it so I reckon there must have been

scrothing but Frant rest assured you have my love when I look back to the past. You were always connected with it. When I am unwell, I think of you in the hottest of ____ I thought of you Frant. You Frant have been my guardian angel since I came into the army and I hope you will continue to give me that same ____ love you always have. I remember as ever your true and affectionate friend Edgar. Excuse this writing for I can't stir my arm above my elbow. I have not heard from the 64th only they were in the fight.