2d Division Hospital Brooks Station Va. May 18th 1863

Mrs. Southeron

At the request of your Husband I send you these few lines Mr. Southron was brought in from the battle field last Friday He was wounded near the hip the ball passing in on the left side and coming out on the right but so near the surface that we are in hopes it will not prove fatal He says he feels much more comfortable than when he first came into the Hospital

He suffered very much on the field and in riding in the ambulance but we hope the worst is now over. He has good care and every thing done for his comfort than can be under the circumstances. He says that in all his suffering Jesus has been a friend that sticketh closer than a brother and has comforted him in all his trials. Never he said did his promise appear so precious and you not be assured by me that He will stand by him to the end

Hoping that the same Saviour will and sustain in this time of sorrow I remain

your friend

H. D. Lowing Chaplain 154 Regt N.Y.V.

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