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Letter from Frank L. Lemont to J.S. Lemont, December 15, 1862

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Aired

5th Maine Regt, on the Battle
Due 15th 1862

My darling Mother & Sisters

I sit down amidst the booming
of cannon to answer your kind letter
just recd, I can write you but a few
words, We have been nearly four days
in battle, and thank God no casualty
has as yet occurred in our regiment.
We are liable to receive the fire of the
enemy at any moment. Oh! how shelled
we come. Oh! Good Mother pray for me
that my life may be preserved for your
sake and for the sake of my dear sisters.
Plead with God in my behalf. I try
and pray to Him constantly that He will
give me strength to meet whatever is
in store for me. Don't worry about me
but look to God for support. He can aid
you when all else fails. Give prayers

of dear friends interested for me
I think God has heard. He has spared
my life so far, and for your sake
I pray that He may spare it that
I may return to you. If I fall on
the battle field I pray God that I
may meet my dear Father and other
dear life. My thoughts constantly
turn towards God. Though I cannot
feel that He has pardoned my sins
But I am determined to intercede for
mercy while my life is spared.

Pray for me dear mother and remember
that God can support you whom may
be my fate. My courage is as good as
dead. I know I am in the path of duty
and that path is not a dangerous one
is it dear mother? I feel that I shall
be spared. The struggle for Bristleburg
and the positions around it commenced
seven days ago. We have been under fire
almost ever since. Yesterday we lay
in an open field in front of the

enemies guns with nothing to
shelter us. We said many I tell you
would not and we do so under the
circumstances? They threw but one
shell at us during the day, that struck
just behind us, I don't know when
this bottle will end. Keep up good
courage. My darling mother & sister
all will get to well. You should be
honored by your son & brother.
Bill wishes to know how much
they may or acquire in marriage
I don't trouble me half so much as
this rebellion. I will write you
after to let you know how I am.
Write often and don't forget to
pray for my dear father,
Give my love to all,
Yours affec.
Frank

Mother

Mrs. J. S. Lemont,
Lewiston,
Maine.



5th Maine Regt. On the Battlefield
Dec 15th 1862

My darling Mother & Sisters

I sit down amid the booming of Cannon to answer your kind letter just recd. I can write you but a few words. We have been nearly four days in battle, and thank God no casualty has as yet occurred in our regiment.

We are liable to receive the fire of the enemy at any moment. They have shelled us some. Oh! Dear Mother pray for me that my life may be spared for your sake and for the sake of my dear sisters. Plead with God in my behalf. I try and pray to him constantly that he will give me strength to meet whatever is in store for me. Dont worry about me but look to God for support. He can aid you when all else fails. The prayers of dear friends interested for me I think God has heard. He has spared my life so far, and for your sake I pray that he may spare it that I may return to you. If I fall on the Battlefield I pray God that I may meet my dear Father and others gone before. My thoughts constantly turn towards God. though I cannot feel that he has pardoned my sins But I am determined to intercede for mercy while my life is spared.

Pray for me dear mother and remember that God can support you whatever may be my fate. My courage is as good as ever. I know I am in the path of duty and that path is not a dange(r)ous (?) one is it, dear Mother? I feel that I shall be spared. The struggle for Fredericksburg and the positions around it commenced four days ago. We have been under fire almost ever since. Yesterday we lay in an open field in front of the enemies guns with nothing to shelter us. We laid snug I tell you. Wouldn,t any one do so under the circumstances? They threw but one shell at us during the day, that struck just behind us. I dont know when this battle will end. Keep up good courage My darling Mother & sisters. All will yet be well. You shant be dishonored by your Son & Brother.

Tell Achsah I dont care how much they marry or are given in marriage. it dont trouble me half so much as this rebellion. I will write very often to let you know how I am. Write often and dont forget to pray for my welfare.

Give my love to all.

Yours affec.

Frank

Mother