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Mers, p. S. Leemont, 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 occured 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 interedee for mercy while my life is spared.

Pray for me dear mother and remember that God can support you whatere 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