

MACK TO NAN

May 12th /64

On bord the old Steamer Columbus for Aqwe crick, and all well and harty hoping this will find you all well. Well Nan I expect this will be the last time that I Can have the privilege of writing to you for Some time but you can write to me Nan I have nothing to write only that we are all well. I have Seen nothing heaard nothing Since I wrote before. Direct your letters to

Henry Ewing
2nd Mich Infantry
Washington DC.
In Care of Lutenant
E A Sherman
follow the regiment

May 14th 1864

Fredricksburgh

we got here a half an our. mad Some Coffee and ate Some brad and meat. we are all well and harty. we will march in a few minuts on to the front. we are in 10 miles of the fight. there are no boddy living here in fredricks burgh I am writing on the ground. it is wwarm here we have march 18 miles Since yesterday at 3 oclock we met 900 rebel prisnors yesterday and 300 hundred today. they was marching them to Washington I have not time to write any more. I cant tell when I can write any more no more at present.

Mack and Al.
to you all

Note: The first part of this letter was written on Thursday May 12, 1864. Postmark on envelope bears date the 14th, Washington D.C.

The second part is a pencil note on a sheet torn from a note book, apparently pages 29 & 30 thereof, and dated May 14, 1864. I supect it was mailed with the one above, both having been sent back to Washington for posting. Fredricksburg is in Va.

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Note: Edward A. Sherman of Hillsdale was commissioned 1st Lieutenant on April 1, 1864. He died on August 18, 1864 of wounds received at the siege of Petersburg, VA, on June 18, as we will learn from Mack's correspondence later on.

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