

Wear Detopotomoy Creek No 14 miles
North of Richmond June 2^d 1864
I have just sent off No 4 (should
be) for the mail carrier came round
and I supposed it the last chance
to send for a few days but now I must
write you a little more as I have a
little time I enclosed in that letter
13 I have no use for money here & I
will send it to you when I can. Last night
stopped writing suddenly as the rebels
made a terrific attack for miles on our
left and for hours after fighting till
9 pm. the whizzing of shells both ways
over our heads & the sharp skirmishing
in front lead us to believe an attack
was to be made upon us, but we
were not troubled at daylight we left
We are waiting here in the woods &
very thing seems quiet I don't know
how the fighting resulted last night, but
there must have been some furious
charges made & terrible slaughter for
I never heard heavier rolls of musketry

PAGE 1

No 5

Near Totopotomy Creek Va. 14 miles North of Richmond June 2nd 1864

I have just sent off No 4 (should be) for the mail carrier came round and I supposed it the last chance to send for a few days but now I will write you a little more as I have a little time I enclosed in that letter \$3 I have use for mony here & I will send it to you Mary. Last night I stopped writing suddenly as the rebels made a terriffic attack for miles on our left and for hours after lasting til 9 pm. the whizzing of shells both ways over our heads & the sharp skirmishing in front lead us to believe an attack was to be made upon us, but we were not troubled at daylight we left

We are waiting here in the woods & evry thing seems quiet) I dont know how the fighting resulted last night but this must have been some furious charges made & terrible slaughter for never heard heavyer rolls of musketry

We could hear the numerous yells then
in another minute came the terrible
crashing from thousands of rifles it
would make one shudder to think of
this terrible scene going on I sent you
a long letter May 20th without a stamp
I am afraid you will never get it You say
June 6. was coming to No the 1st of June
I wondered as I announced my letter last
night about it. If you may see
all eating supper in the old kitchen.

Monday the 22nd was a very hot
day We marched 40 miles marching
the whole night Saturday night & rumbled
till now I am so tired I can hardly
& if I were a tired boy there never was one
I hope phosphoric will come to No.
did she receive my letter written at
Annapolis I would like to have you send
me a little ginger in your next letter
then in the next letter send a little tea
& black pepper it will be tea must be
and perhaps in one. But I will close
Please write often Hobbors Bay are
all well Jrd. Pritchard has returned to
the Co his leg has got about well

Yours affectionate Brother

W. J. Davenport

PAGE 2

We could hear tremendous yells then in another minute come the terrible crashing thousands of rifles it would make one shudder to think of their terrible scene going on I sent you a long letter May 20th without a stamp I am affraid you will never get it You say Frannie C. was coming to H the 1st of June I wondered as I commenced my letter last night half past 5 if you were not eating supper in the old kitchen

Sunday the 22nd was a very hot day We marched 15 miles marching the whole night Saturday night & rested til noon then marched 8 miles further & if I wont tired bay there never was one I hope Josephine will come to H. did she receive my letter written at Annapolis I would like to have you send me a little ginger in your next letter then in the next letter send a little tea & black pepper it will be too much to send perhaps in one. But I will try please write often Hillsboro boys are all well Jud Prichard has returned to the Co his leg has got about well

From your affectionate Brother
W J. Templeton