

2d line of fields
Fredericksburg City. Dec 15th on picked
Dear Brother Sam, before yesterday there
was fought a desperate bloody battle.
We the 11th went on to the field at
one o'clock continued there till
after dark we fired all our ammⁿ
away in two hours & then we
lay down in the mud with a
perfect torrent of shot & shell flying
over & amongst us did not receive a
scratch while lying in the mud
a piece of shell struck me on
the right shoulder a smart blow
which only lamed it a little
there was terrible slaughter on our
side ^{our} more ^{men} killed wounded
& missing about 200 men. There has been
no fighting yesterday or today except
some pocket fighting & a few shells thrown
at our position. Oh! it is a terrible
sight to look at the battle field the
mangled bodies of our brave soldiers lay
strewn thickly over the field.

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2nd line of pickets

Fredericksburg City Dec 15th on picket

Dear Brother; Day before yesterday there was fought a desperate bloody battle

We the 11th went on to the field at one o' clock & continued there till after dark we fired all our ammunition away in five hours & then we lay down in the mud with a perfect torrent of shot & shell flying over & amongst us did not receive a scratch while laying in the mud a piece of spent shell struck me on the right shoulder a smart blow which only burned it a little there was terrible slaughter on our side we our Red loos in killed wounded & missing about 200 men. There has been no fighting yesterday or to-day except some picket firing & a few shells thrown at our position bridge Oh; it is a terrible sight to look at the battle field The mangled bodies of our brave soldiers lay strewn thickly over the field.