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## Letter to Jennie Guiney, 1863 May 13

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Wend. Quarter 9<sup>th</sup> Mass.  
May 13. 1863

My dear Jennie

Your note of the ninth inst. and two previous letters have come to hand since I wrote to you last. I expected that you would have received my first letter before the ninth and I am real sorry that you are so worried by delay in our mails.

When the last movement took place we were immediately withdrawn from picket and sent on with the army.

I was near Gen. Whipple when he was shot by a sharpshoot-er. He was a great loss. He was a very pious Catholic - a convert to the Church. It seems

that Jackson the rebel General  
is dead. I hope it is true - yet  
I feel no personal enmity to  
so gallant a soldier - the General  
we may abhor - but the individual  
is another thing. I only wish the  
"Confederacy" had died with him.  
General Breuger and staff  
were over here in all their  
splendor, last evening, and presented  
us with a most magnificently  
embroidered green flag. We now  
have three green flags. So you see  
he was not shot - neither did  
his brigade fire a single shot in  
the battle. However, the enemy's  
artillery, as in our own case, did the  
brigade some damage.

So Father Whelan is about  
again. Well, I can fancy your  
feelings. I suppose he is still  
the same.

Quincy