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## Letter to Jennie Guiney, 1862 May 31

Patrick Guiney

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for some distance and then made  
a stand again. At this point our  
lost Sergeant Regan Co. G. Mine  
others were wounded - one taken  
prisoner - Again we pressed upon  
the enemy. captured one of their  
flags - and drove them in the  
most indescribable disorder.

It is unnecessary for me  
to say that the artillery was reap-  
-tured. This charge of ours turned  
dismal defeat into exultant vic-  
-tory - O, it was grand indeed. I  
would like to say that some other  
Regiments did something towards our  
triumph but on my soul I can  
not. True the 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>th</sup> ~~th~~ <sup>th</sup> New York  
fought well and were beaten and  
2<sup>d</sup> Maine too fought well and  
was beaten. Several all of them  
but the Ninth came against them  
like a fatality and swept them  
from the bloody field. I wish  
I had time to tell you all

Incomplete

Gaines Mills N.H.

May 31<sup>st</sup> 1862

My dear Fannie:

I received yours of the  
2<sup>5</sup> to the inst. I am sorry darling  
that I was not thoughtful  
enough to anticipate your own  
and Fannies' wants. I send you  
\$40. enclosed. I hope it will  
reach you. To send money from  
here is somewhat of a dangerous  
experiment - but I will risk  
it.

I suppose you have read ere  
this of the battle of Hanover. Our  
division started from this  
camp at day break on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
inst. and after marching 20  
miles over a bad road and  
in a rain storm, we met ten  
thousand of the enemy under

General Branch. They fought  
the right of our division  
on the main road and then  
retired still keeping the high-  
-way. Our general pursued them  
and this was exactly what the  
enemy desired for while we  
were driving them along, a  
part of the rebel force was  
concealed in the dense wood  
to our left where they quietly  
waited until we had nearly  
all passed. When the last Bri-  
-gade were passing the enemy  
opened a tremendous fire  
upon our rear. This astonished  
the commanding generals. They  
supposed that they were driving  
all the rebels on the main  
road - but back we went in-  
fantry, cavalry, lancers, and  
artillery to the rear at double  
quick. When we arrived there

Martindale's Brigade - in which  
there are two Mass. Regts. and  
one from New-York - the 25<sup>th</sup> - one  
from Maine - the 2<sup>d</sup>, had been  
driven from their position and  
three pieces of Martin's Battery  
were in possession of the enemy.  
The woods all round were swarmed  
with rebels. The Ninth was ordered  
to press their way through the  
wood, and 'O' such a wood!  
- to deliver their fire and then  
to charge and recapture the  
artillery. We met the rebels on  
the verge of the wood and  
whipped them out of it in no  
time - such quick work I never  
saw - the rebels made a stand  
in the open field - our  
boys jumped and forming  
an excellent line of battle. Let  
a yell and rushed upon the  
rebellious hounds. The rebels fled