

Richard is Well and Rufus
and Vern and all of the rest of
the boys from our plase

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I am well and hope these few lines
will finde you all well, now I will try
to tell you a little about the battle at
suffolk there was a force of our men
crossed the river just below here
sunday the 2nd and had an ingagement
with the enemy, the ingagement
commenced about 11 O'clock Am.
and lasted untill about 8 O'clock in
the Evening. they drove the enemy back
and there was a large force crossed
the river sum five miles loer down
the river and wer advancing up
the river calculateng to bag the whole
of their left wing, and by sum soarse
they learned what our plan was
and they pulled up stakes and left
they blew up one of their magazians
so as to prevent our men from
takeing it. our men pursued them

and took lots of them Prisoners
whilst our men were engaged with
their infantry and Howards battery
with them. our Siege guns in our
forts were engaged shelling the woods
and every old building in our sight
and every place where they thought
there could be anyrebs skulked
our shots from our forts was well
directed our men skurmissed the
woods all over yesterday and found
the ~~we~~ woods strieded with dead
rebs and found lots of Contrabands
and they said that they had all
of their ambulances full of wounded
men and was oblige to leave hundred
of wounded men that they couldnot
carry away they found one man in
an old house sick with a fever they
told him that he must take cair
of him self for they had so many
woounded to take cair of that they

should have to leave him our men
that ~~for~~ persued them found these
stories true for they found ^{hundred} of
woounded men left strieded along the
road and men left to take cair of
them our men didnot disturb them
they left them for their ran men
to take cair of. they followed the
enamy until they found they had
crossed blackwater our men came back
last night with lots of prisoners
that they took yesterday we have
taken ten or twelve hundred prisoners
since this fight began our loss is small
in compairason with theirs we have
taken twelve or fourteen pieces of
Artillery from them and any amount
of Small armes I guess they went off
fealing as soar over this fight as
they ever did from any fight that
they have had since the war ^{comen}
tell our folks that Charles is well