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Camp Suffolk May the 5th 1863

I am well and hope these few lines will find you all well, now I will try to tell you a little about the battle of Suffolk there was a force of our men crossed the river just below here Sunday the 2nd and had an engagement with the enemy the engagement commenced about 11 O'clock Am and lasted until about 8 O'clock in the Evening. they drove the enemy back and there was a large force crossed the river some five miles lower down the river and we advanced up the river calculating to bag the whole of their left wing and by some chance they learned what our plan was and they pulled up stakes and left they blew up one of their magazines so as to prevent our men from taking it. our men pursued them

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and took lots of them Prisoners whilest 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 any rebels skulked our shots from our forts was well directed our men skirmished the woods all our yesterday and found the woods strewn with dead rebels and found lots of Contrabands and they said that they had all

of their ambalances full of woounded
men and was oblige to leave hundreds
of soounded men that they could not
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

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should have to leave him our men
that persued them found these
stories true for they found hundreds of
woounded men left stroed along the
road and men left to take cair of
them our men did not disturb them
they left them for their oan men
to take cair of. they followed the
enamy untill they found they had
crossed blackwater our men came back
last night with lots of prisoners
that they took yesterday we hav
taken ten or twelve hundred prisoners
Cince this fight began our loss is small
in compairason with theirs we have
taken twelve or fourteen peices of
Artillrey 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 cince the war Commenced
tell our folkes that Charles is well

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Richard is Well and Rufus
and Vurn and all of the rest of
the boys from our plase
Daniel Hall

Catharine H Hall