

War of the Rebellion -

Official Records of Union & Conf. armies.

Oct. 3, 1864 - 127th ordered to construct defenses at 4 Mi. Creek, Va.

127th Reg. U.S. Colored Infantry joined the

First Brigade, 3rd Division, 10th Corps

~~Oct. 3~~
Nov. 2, 1864.

Hq. of the Army
Hq. Army of the Potomac
May 3, 1863 - 8:50 AM

Abraham Lincoln

Pres. of U.S.

Though not directed or specially authorized to do so by Genl. Hooker, I think it not improper that I should advise you that a battle is in progress.

Danl. Butterfield
Chief of Staff

Hq. - - - - - Potomac
May 3, 1863 1:30 PM

His excellency Abraham Lincoln
Pres. - - - - -

From all reports yet collected, the battle has been most fierce and terrible, loss heavy on both sides. Genl. Hooker slightly, but not severely, wounded. He has preferred thus far that nothing should be reported, and does not know of this, but I cannot refrain from saying this much to you. You may expect his dispatch in a few hours, which will give the result.

D. B.
C. of Staff

Washington D.C. May 3 1863

Major Gen. Butterfield
C. of Staff

The President thanks you for your telegrams, and hopes you will keep him advised as rapidly as any information reaches you.

Edwin M. Stanton
Secy of War

Wash. D.C. May 3, 1863 4:35 PM

Major Gen. B.
Where is Gen. Hooker? Where is Sedgwick? Where is Stoneman?

A. Lincoln

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Hgt. - - - - Potomac
May 3, 1863 4:40 PM

His Excellency Ab. Lincoln
President etc.

Gen'l. Hooker is at Chancellorsville. Gen'l. Sedgwick, with 15,000 to 20,000 men, at a point 3 or 4 miles out of Fredericksburg, on the road to Chancellorsville. Lee is between. Stone man has not been heard from. This is the situation at this hour from latest reports, 4:30 PM.

Respectfully,

D. B. - - -
E. S.

Hgt. army of Pot.
May 3, 1863 3:30 P.M.
(Received 4 PM)

His Exc - - -
Gen - - -

We have had a desperate fight yesterday and today, which has resulted in no success to us, having lost a position of five lines, which had been selected for our defense. It is now 1:30 o'clock, and there is still some firing of artillery. We may have another turn at it this p.m. I do not despair of success. If Sedgwick could have gotten up, there could have been but one result. As it is impossible for me to know the exact position of Sedgwick as regards his ability to advance and take part in the engagement, I cannot tell when it will end. We will endeavor to do our best. My troops are in good spirits. We have fought separately today. No general ever commanded a more devoted army.

Joseph Hooker
Major Gen'l.

Hgt
May 3, 1863. 8 PM

His exc. - - -

I have had no time to advise you. We have today have over 900 prisoners; six guns handsomely taken at the point of the bayonet. I can give no general idea of how things stand. Last reports all quiet in front of Chancellorsville and Sedgwick fighting at 6:15 PM. Will try after a while to advise you if an interval occurs. D. Butterfield.

Washington D.C.
May 7 1863 - 3.10 pm

Major Genl. Hooker
We have news here that the enemy has occupied the heights above
Fredericksburg. Is that so?

A. Lincoln

Majt - - - - - Pot.
May 7 1863 4.20 pm

His Ex the Pres.:

I am informed that it is so, but attach no importance to it.

Joseph Hooker
Maj. Genl.

In the Field - May 5 1863 11 am.
(Recd. May 4.)

His Ex. A.L.
Pres - - - - -

Genl. Hooker is not at this moment able, from pressing
duties, to write of the condition of affairs. He deems it his duty
that you should be fully and correctly advised. He has entrusted
it to me. These are my words, not his.

of his plans you were fully aware. The cavalry, as yet learned,
have failed in executing their orders. Averell's Division returned;
nothing done; loss of 2 or 3 men. Buford's Regulars not heard
from. Genl. Sedgwick failed in the execution of his orders,
and was compelled to retire, and crossed the river at
Banks Ford last night; his losses not known.

The 1st, 3rd, 5th, 11th, 12th and 2 divisions of 2nd
Corps are now on South bank of Rappahannock, intrenched
between Hunting Run and Scott's Dam. Train and
artillery Reserve on north bank of Rappahannock. Position
is strong, but circumstances, which in time will
be fully explained, make it expedient, in the
general's ~~thinking~~ judgment that he should retire from
this position to the north bank of the Rappahannock for his
most defensible position. Among these - - -

D. Butterfield

New - Letter

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Wash. D.C.
May 6, 1863 - 12:25 pm

Major gen'l Hooker

We have, through gen'l. Dix, the contents of Richmond papers of the 5th gen'l. Dix's dispatch in full is going to you by Captain Fox of the Navy. The substance is, gen'l. Lee's dispatch of the 3rd (Sunday), claiming that he had beaten you, and that you were then retreating across the Rappahannock. He distinctly states that two of Longstreet's divisions fought you on Saturday, and that gen'l. [E. F.] Porter was killed, Stonewall Jackson severely wounded, and Generals Meade and A.P. Hill slightly wounded. The Richmond papers also stated, upon what authority not mentioned, that our cavalry have been at Ashland, Hanover Court House, and other points, destroying several locomotives and a good deal of other property, and all the railroad bridges to within 5 miles of Richmond.

A. Lincoln

Wash D. C.
May 6, 1863 - 12:30 Pm

Gen'l. Hooker:

Just as I had telegraphed you contents of Richmond papers, showing that our cavalry has not failed, I received gen'l. Butterfield's of 11:00 am yesterday. This, with the great

rain of yesterday and last night, securing
your right flank, I think puts a new
face on your case; but you must be
the judge.

A. Lincoln

Hdgt. of the Army of the Potomac
May 6, 1863 1 pm

H. F. A. Lincoln

Pres. — — — —

I have just returned from above, and find
here your two dispatches to Genl. Hooker and one
from him to me, directing me to telegraph
you that the army has recrossed the
river; that the bridges are up, and that
all are under orders to return to camp.
Your dispatches were sent to him, and by
this time he has probably received
them.

Danl. Butterfield
Maj. Genl. Chief of Staff