

up my mind if I come out  
of this fight all right that I will  
resign and try and get a position  
in some other regt. for I dont  
think he will do me justice  
here. I would have resigned  
before this if we were not in  
the face of the enemy, and  
I will not let anyone say  
I was afraid to meet them  
There is one vacancy of Capt  
in the Regt. I would rather  
be transferred to some new Regt.  
that is now making up if I  
could I think I deserve a Capt.  
Commission, it is late and as  
we start early in the morning I  
will have to close give my love  
to all the folks kiss the little  
ones for me I remain your

Affect. Brother R. J. Hatton

I recd. Hall  
letter with  
wife and son  
at Sacon

R. J. Hatton  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 1863  
The Quarters, Co. B 5<sup>th</sup> Mich  
Opposite, Fredericksburgh Va  
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My dear Brother

Having of the  
15<sup>th</sup> has just come to hand. I  
need not tell you it was  
welcome, we are still laying  
here, although we have been  
under marching orders for the  
last three days, but I expect  
we will start to morrow mor-  
ning, as we had an order read  
on dress parade, to start in  
the morning, we also had  
read an address from Burnside  
saying the enemy had with-  
drawn a large part of their  
force and sent them south  
west, and now was the time  
to strike, and he went to do it