

Union Mills Pa  
Nov 2<sup>d</sup> / 1861

My dear father

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Zeibel (Col Zeibel, brother)  
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the Surgeon of his regiment  
They only shot once Maj Z-  
missed the Surgeon, but was  
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Maj - is here staying with  
Col - G -. His wound is not a bad  
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Yours afft son  
Geo & Hall



Union Mills Va.  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1861

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