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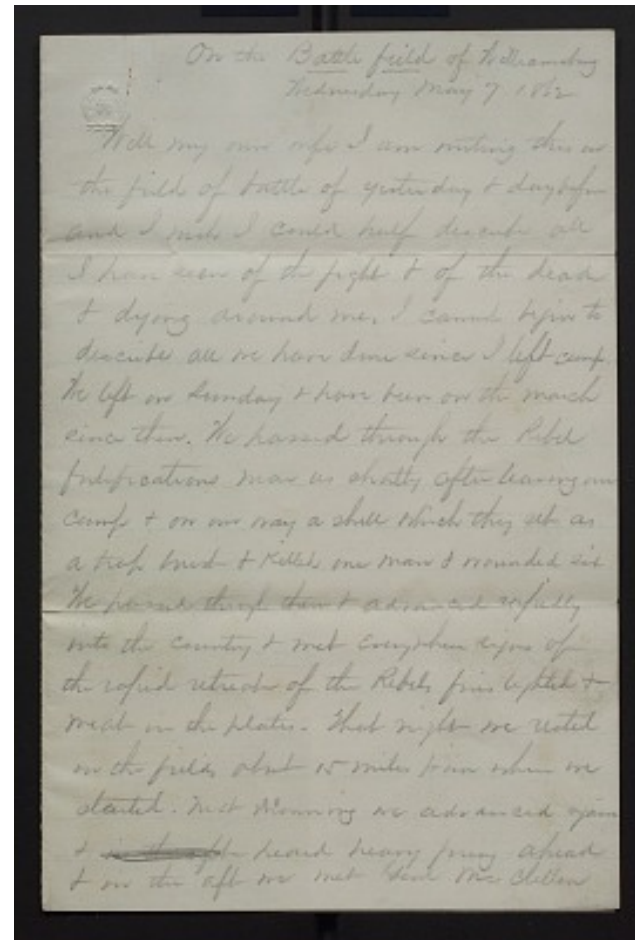
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On the Battle field of Williamsburg  
Wednesday May 7 1862

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