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Wend. Quarter 9th Mass.
May 13. 1863

My dear Jennie

Your note of the ninth inst. and two previous letters have come to hand since I wrote to you last. I expected that you would have received my first letter before the ninth and I am real sorry that you are so worried by delay in our mails.

When the last movement took place we were immediately withdrawn from picket and sent on with the army.

I was near Gen. Whipple when he was shot by a sharpshoot-er. He was a great loss. He was a very pious Catholic - a convert to the Church. It seems

that Jackson the rebel General
is dead. I hope it is true - yet
I feel no personal enmity to
so gallant a soldier - the General
we may abhor - but the individual
is another thing. I only wish the
"Confederacy" had died with him.
General Breuger and staff
were over here in all their
splendor, last evening, and presented
us with a most magnificently
embroidered green flag. We now
have three green flags. So you see
he was not shot - neither did
his brigade fire a single shot in
the battle. However, the enemy's
artillery, as in our own case, did the
brigade some damage.

So Father Whelan is about
again. Well, I can fancy your
feelings. I suppose he is still
the same.

Quincy