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Mrs. Osterhout

Madam

This afternoon there came a letter by mail for your Husband & seeing that it was from home & thinking You might have heard from him we though we opened it

William was taken Prisoner at Gettysburg July 1st & gone to Richmond we heard from him as late as the 13th & he was all right then alive & well & probably will be in Parole Camp Annapolis Md as many that were taken at the same time that belong to this Regt have got to Annapolis But None of this company as I Know of. The Capt & both Lieuts. & all of the Company but 13 were taken with him

Yours affectionately

B. B. Fitch

[Pvt. Blackmon B. Fitch, Co. E]

Courtesy of: Chuck Rhodes