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2^d Division Hospital

Brooks Station Va.

May 18th 1863

Mrs. Southern

At the request of your Husband I send you these few lines. Mr. Southern was brought in from the battle field last Friday. He was wounded near the hip the ball passing in on the left side and coming out on the right but so near the surface that we are in hopes it will not prove fatal. He says he feels much more comfortable than when he first came into the Hospital. He suffered very much on the field and in riding ~~for~~ in the ambulance but we hope the worst is now over. He has good care and everything done for his comfort that can be under the circumstances. He says that in all his suffering Jesus has been a friend that sticketh

Closer than a brother and
has comforted him in all
his trials Never he said
did his promises appear
so precious and you not be
assured by me that he will
stand by him to the end
Hoping that the same Sovereign
will comfort and sustain
in this time of sorrow I remain
your friend

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