[Letter is written in pencil and difficult to read]

Petersburg Va. May 24th 1864

# Dr. Parents

It has been my misfortune to be taken a prisoner by our enemy’s Calvary on the 16th of May on the Railroad between Chester Station and Petersburg. Co F being one of the left wing Co.s of the Regt went out to relieve the right wing Co.s on Sunday night as Skirmishers, on Monday morning it being very foggy our whole line of skirmishers were driven in …….. (the next few lines appear to have been erased – censored?)

We are in a Tobacco Factory on Washington Street with about 200 others of various Regiments. We fare a great deal better than I could expect. Plenty of cornbread and bacon, once in a while beans and rice. But we lay (?) rather thick for warm weather. Do not know when we shall be exchanged but hope to before long.

(The rest of the letter is faded and indecipherable).

## This from your Son Ed