Dear Father

I suppose you will be surprised to hear that I had the misfortune to be captured in the battle at Winchester Va. On the 19th inst. I am quite well & hope to stick it out until exchanged. Our destination I do not know but will probably be allowed to write after we arrive at our stopping place. There are 16 other officers with me among whom are Lt. Col. Sprague & Lt. Gardner of the 13th Conn. They are both well. We are all in good spirits & enjoy ourselves as well as we can under the circumstances.

I remain Your Affectionate son W. Frank Tiemann Capt. 159th N.Y.S.Vols.