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Frederick Hecht Correspondence #09

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To the family of Frederick Hecht:

Yesterday we received a letter from my brother, Captain

Frank H. Sympson, and it was the saddest letter I have ever read, he had lost "Hecht" as he called him. He undoubtedly has written to you, but in case you haven't heard from him, I am sure you will. He said they had been in a terrific battle for twelve days and that in all the dangerous mission that Hecht took part in the two nights before he had not received a scratch. Then two nights before, on April 17 he was manning a phone that must have been hit by a shell. He said a shell hit his fox hole and that during the entire battle they had not been ten feet apart and that Hecht was the bravest of the brave. He said he loved him like a brother and his faith in the best qualities of men.

Last September, my sister and I visited my brother at Fort Craig and my brother was always singing about his grand pal, Hecht. And it seems Hecht was the one whom we depended on. He must have felt like to look after London. I'm sure Hecht felt like he knew all of us, for in almost every letter we would hear from him and my brother paid the people some work to have and my brother paid the people some work to have...
"I told them I would take care of you."

I know there is not much one can say to comfort for the loss of a loved one, for only God in his own way can soothe the grief. You may know he was one of the nation's heroes and served his country with honor.

Will you pray with us that our Winter may be spared. He has a baby boy born in December and of course he has never seen him.

Sincerely,

Bulamce Sympson Hammond

Mrs. J.W. Hammond - Bardstown, Ky.

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