

CW/VFM-111 (Oversize): *F. M. Stoke*

- Letter by F. M. Stoke to his brother describing conditions after the Battle of Gettysburg. Stoke discusses the set up and operation of the General Hospital, the location at which he wrote the letter. He notes that as many as 17 men die there each day, and describes burial of the dead and the disposal of amputated limbs. The letter describes important landmarks on the battlefield and the damage done to the land as the result of the fighting. Stoke also describes, in gruesome detail, the hasty burials of men who died on the field. 26 Oct. 1863. ALS-4pp.
- 3 typed transcripts of the letter, 12pp, and 3 photocopies, 12pp.
- Also includes correspondence between E. W. Stoke, nephew of the author of the letter and son of the recipient, and John H. Knickerbocker about the letter. Two letters by Stoke: 3 Feb. 1961 ALS-1p; and 15 Feb. 1961, ALS-1p. Two copies of letters by Knickerbocker: 10 Feb. 1961 and 24 Feb. 1961.

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