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Colonel, Lieut Colonel, Major and Adjutant are all wounded out of our Regt.

Division Hospital near Gattiesburg, Pa

July 4th, 1863

Dear Mother,

(1) We have engaged the enemy again but this time in a free country, and our company as well as the regt has suffered much. (2) Ely and myself are bothe wounded. (3) Ely through the side and myself through the leg and shoulder. (4) I do not know where Ely is this morning . . . very dangerous. (5) I am not dangerously wounded, feel first rate and I would like you to give yourself no uneasiness on my account, nor do I think there is any need of Mrs Ely worrying about her son I have not seen him for I am not able to help myself on account of my leg or I would have gone to his assistance, he was fetched off the field and brought to the hospital where I was and then the hospital was moved again and I have not seen him since. (6) Capt J. Periam is wounded badly Sargt Marvin, Corp Kiely, Durfee, Eaton Hanson Behr, Einfeldt and Sargt Carpenter slightly. (7) I Durr badly. (8) Killed Corp L P Gore, Private Taylor, Geisritter, Smith, Winters, Vosz, These I know of how many more I dont know.

(9) Well mother good bye dont be so foolish as to come down here and worry about me for I am getting along fine dont let anybody see this letter but if they want to know if any of there friends are wounded you can tell them. (10) The Chaplain will make out an official report and then the people of Minn will know the true story.

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