



Action

St. Banks ford May 6th 63

Dear Parents

I have passed through one of the worse battles I ever saw in my life with only a skin flesh wound Oh my Parents how my companions did suffer out of about 150 men in our regiment that made a charge on Sunday morning on the farm stone wall. I was either wounded or killed only for my Haversack I would have got a very bad wound as the ball that struck me knocked my tin up in to three pieces and then passed through my haversack then through my coat pants and every thing and gave me a wound about a 1/4 of an in deep in my leg. This happened early in the morning our Regiment being the only regiment that made the attack we having no support we were repulsed. The fight was taking in the afternoon by our men and retreating again by the Rebs the

next-morning. Our Division has
loped about. I can not tell yet-but-
they got a fearfull cutting up
I do not know what to think of
this battle as in the commencement
every thing seemed to favor us. but-
now in the end we have been drove
back across the river defeated
and disheartened Oh my God how
my heart aches for my Country and
men could fight-better but we were
overpowered by the cursed rebels
I do not know but what we will
have to fight-our way to Washington
if we do there will be fearfull
slaughters. I hope this will
reach you as you may feel
anxious about me

I have had no sleep for 4 nights
and it has rained all night - has not
and to day and I can tell you I do
not feel very good

Yours With respect
M^r P. Allen

Excuse this and
write soon