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Dear Parents

I take this opportunity to
let you no that i am well
at present i cant say wat
has become of enos the
last i can learn from him
was that he went into
the charge with us but
he might have got wounded
on the first part of the charge
and sent off to the rear and
from there to fort mowbray
i have bin inquiring of nearly
every body about him and
cant find any body that
can tell mee any thing about
him if he and the rest
is dead in the rebels lines
or wounded and a prisoner
but i think he must be
dead our regiment is all

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But to please nearly all of
the officers is rather killed or
wounded we have no staff
officers only the colonel and he
is in command of a brigade
and captain mendenhall is in
command of the regt or wat
there is left of it i cant see
how any of us made our escape
for we charged right into two
or three brigades of rebels and
six pieces of artillery they was
lying hid in the bushes and
when we got within about fifty
yards of them they ris up and
pored in volley after volley
i never saw it hale faster
then the bullets fell around
us and grape and canister ferly
howled threw our ranks and
cut men on the right and

Left their was five men
shot with the flag and the
Sixth man brought it off
but it was nearly all shot
to peades but the boys would
leave a peace of hit on the field
i have a small peade wich i
want you to keep for mee for
it was pecked up wen the balls
was flying in all directions
this is the first time i have
had to write for the last five
days i must bring my scribbling
to a close this pen is so bad
that i cant write if i can
learn eny thing of Enos i
will write and let you know
no more at present write
Soon

G H Pierce