

Fourth Maine Regiment
Near Alexandria Va Sept 10th 1862
Enoch Purvey

Dear Sir

It is with feelings mingled with
pleasure and pain - that I
take this opportunity to write
a few lines to you

Pleasure in announcing that
your son Enock is alive and is
one of the braves of the brave -
a son whom any Father & Mother
might well be proud of - But pain
to be obliged to announce the loss
of his services for the present -
on account of a wound received
at the late engagement on
Monday the 2nd of Sept near
Centerville - He received it in
the shoulder just as we were
coming off the battle field after

using up our ammunition and
receiving orders to retreat -

The ball entered his ^{right} shoulder
from behind and was taken out
in place - if I was rightly informed

The wound was not considered
dangerous - I will probably lay
him up for at least two months

I am not at the present
informed at what hospital he is

But should I learn in the
course of a few days I will
write you again -

Truly Yours Obedt Servt

William L. Petter

Major 4th Regt Me Vol