

Manchester N.H. June 10th 1864

Mrs Wilcox

Dear Madam I
have received your letter &
hasten to reply
Your son was in
the battle Thursday May 19th he
was wounded in the leg I
have the impression that - it -
was not considered at the time
a dangerous wound. Hor
Frederick Smith Smyth was
there soon after the fight &
our Surgeon Wm A Webster
told him among others that -
your was wounded I have
seen Mr Smyth & made personal
enquiry & showed him your
letter If he had been badly
wounded we should have

found him out - It was our
duty to find out - and attend to the
worst - cases first - take their dying
message to send to loved ones
far away, to point them to Jesus
and administer to their dying wants

We had 10,000 poor wounded
dying men on our hands in
the most dreadful condition
men could be in I think your
son must have been sent
direct to Washington I don't
understand why he or some
one else don't write I do
hope you will hear soon
Capt - Stone was wounded at the
same time I was with him
Col Bobbitt - ~~or~~ Major Chandler
were wounded before several
days. They were at Frederickburg
and left while we were there
I saw Major Chandler the

day you wrote me and
if it had been sent - one
day before I would made
inquiry of him. He is still
confined to his bed & is
probably the reason he
did not - reply to your
letter. Col Babbitt - is more
feeble than Charvillat as
his wound is more dangerous
I have not - seen him since
he got - home

If I can in any way
find out - anything about
your son I will do so.
I hope you will write me
if you hear from him
as I shall feel anxious
on your account

I make it - my pleasure
to do all I can for our
wounded men on their

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friends, You will excuse
this hasty note in pencil
I am engaged most of
the time in writing to the
friends of the wounded and
necessary calls to answer
questions about husbands &
sons.

I must close hoping and
trusting that - you will
soon hear from your son
and that - he may be restored
again to you

I have written as I
believe the facts to be and
that - if he is alive that he
is in Washington I should
write to Wm A Webster he
is the surgeon in the division
where your son was wounded
Yours with respect -
John B Patterson