

We had Five Guns killed Brigs
Een Enneth & Keuper & Ten
wounded -

My dear Sister I was differently
I feel now exposed to death &
dangers with God as a pro-
tector, I care not what may
be the privations & dangers
knowing that God can bring
me safely through them all

I will have to close my
letter as we have to go
on inspection, my best love
to my little niece, but don't
dig it for me

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Hagerstown July 8th 1776

Dear Sister -

I have at last received
letters from home, one of the
10th & one of the 27th of June, I was
truly glad to get them as they are
the first for a month the longest
time I have been without letters -

Since I last wrote we have
passed through trying scenes -
through all of which by the
mercy of God I have been
spared whilst others have been
cut down. In the third of
the series of battles around Gettys-
burg our little band of boys
were all killed wounded &
taken prisoners except Sicut
Jones, Williams & myself, truly
I feel thankful that I am spared -

Our Regt has only 66 men left
& the whole division suffered
proportionally, through the folly of
our dread fighting Johnson.

He has none of the qualities of
a Gen but expects to do every
thing by fighting, three or four
times did he throw our gallant
band against puny rebel breast
works & Yankees without number
each time mowing them down

I cannot give you a list of
the killed & wounded as they were
left in the hands of the enemy
except Horace Vinton & Frank
Arnold. I ~~was~~ copied by being
in the rear of the regiment
to prevent men from going
off the field unnecessarily, I
had a very disagreeable position
as I was exposed to the fire of

The Enemy & could not fire
myself, a position I do not
at all covet -

~~If~~ you I will not venture
an opinion on the matter as
you can judge from our
papers, what the result of it
was, we were not whipped,
though we suffered heavily,
the first two days fighting
was entirely in our favor
How unfortunate we attempted
to drive them from an impreg-
nable position -

We are now lying near Hazers
Town Md, whether Lee intends
going across the river or not
I cannot tell, but if we do
have to fight again we will
have our bill & I fear not
the result -