

1864
East Montpelier 26 of 6th mo

My dear sis. Ann

I received thy letter
gladly - but fear thy care of the sick &
other increased duties will be too much
for thee, this extreme warm weather -
I sincerely hope the invalids are better,
could Mary Cobb hear any of her classes,
or what did you do - Oh! I long to see thee
& hear all about every thing - I suppose
of course thou has seen ~~that~~ that our
precious Willie is among the wounded,
it came to us first in the Boston dai-
ly of the 18th by W. B. Stevens Co. I. 4th Vi-
lip - then in Walton's daily ^{Serjt.} B. Stevens
the same - but on sixth day the 24th an
official list from L. A. Grant Brig. Gen. -
in Walton's, "Sergt. Wm B. Stevens Co. I. 4th Vi-
lip June 9th leg slight." - I got a letter from him
dated the 8th he arrived at 10 the evening

before & they were then on jacket - the
minnie balls were flying about them
"semi-occasionally" - & 3 shells had been
thrown rather nearer than was pleasant -
one only did them injury - that cut about
50 feet off of a large pine tree that was 14 inches
through - & it fell within 3 feet of his head
~~where~~ where he was sitting at the time & also when
he was writing - this is all we have heard
& it seems very hard to know no more and
be so powerless to do any thing for him, I
have written to him twice - but this seems
very meagre - The war news seems not to
be much, but of the "dead & dying," in thousands
fearful numbers -

Mary & I rode

up home on 6th day - I did not feel quite
so well as common that day - Janie's
mother & Lemantha were there - I did
not then hear but that Dorcas was as
well as common, but yesterday Charley
said that she had a scrofulous sore gath-
ering on her neck - & was feeling rather
down - I don't know what they can do, if

