Letter A to his father from his Commander

Chattanooga Sept 28th 1863

Mr Moses Long.

It becomes my painful duty as Commander of Co. E. 79 Penn. Vol's, to inform you of the death of your son Reuben C. Long, who was instantly killed in the engagement of Sunday the 20th inst. He fell fighting like a true patriot, the ball penetrating the head just above the eye. By his death the service has lost a good soldier and the Company a cheerful Companion. His final statements will be made out and forwarded to the authorities at Washington, when you can proceed to secure his pay due him and bounty.

Very Truly

Your most Obt. Servant Edward. McCaffrey . . Leiut. Co. A Comdy Co. E.