



Mr. D. Cadz,
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N. Y.

Today about 1 o'clock, I went again to see him, accompanied by Mr. D. G. Leavitt, formerly our Quartermaster, but now sutler. We thought he might have been taken in an ambulance to the depot, to go to Washington, before we reached there, but he was not gone, - expected to go tomorrow. He was still feeling pretty well; said his wounds were somewhat painful - looked "raw", but were doing nicely; thought it would be some time before he would get around all right again. He had his valise & blankets with him, & gave me some necessary directions about Co. Affairs, read some letters, & we had a good visit together. He thought likely that our Brigade, having become so reduced in no. would not have

any more fighting to do, for some time. Mr. Leavitt remained with him, to take care of him & see him safely to Washington. He is very kind. Gustavus has his servant Rufus still with him, & intends to take him home. I think he will be a good boy to take care of the Janies & do chores, & may be some very useful to you. He is intelligent & active.

This morning there were great fears that the Hospital, of which I have spoken, would be shelled by the rebels, as it is on the flat just this side of the river, within rifle range; & a good many of the patients were sent off, in anticipation of the danger, but they have now given assurances that it will not be disturbed. Our batteries are planted all along on the heights - above the

flat, this side the river. But there has been no firing across, except
occasionally between the pickets, since Sunday & before.
I want to see Gustavus again in the morning, to take
letters to him, & bid him good bye, & send this by him
to Washington, for that purpose having written it tonight,
while the camp is still. I intended to have written
another letter for the Citizen today, but with visiting Gus-
tavus, making out descriptive lists & attending to other du-
ties, I have been unable to do so. Will try to write to mor-
row, so it may be in time for next week's issue,
The articles you have sent to Washington, which you con-
siderate, will be exceedingly welcome. Mrs. Leavitt, who is
to return to the Reg. as soon as possible, will bring the package.

I have not been able to write to Eliza for some time, - more
than a week, & as it is such a long story, you might if you
choose, send this & my other letter to her, though I shall write
in two or three days, giving main points. - Will write to Fella
& the rest, very soon. - Love to Mother, Grandmother & the
children; how I would like to be with you all now. But
I must bid my time, I like very much to have you write to
me, & hope you will when convenient. Let all write of-
ten; as I shall be more lonely than ever, now that Gus-
tavus is to be absent, & if possible, more than ever anxious to
hear from home.

Your son

Rush P. Ledy.