

Camp of the 97th Reg. I. Y. A.
Feb. 12th 1863.

Dear Gentlemen,

Gardner Clarke has just received his furlough, & will either start tonight, or early tomorrow morning, as the boat leaves the Landing at 6 a. c. AM. He will write a few lines, to send you, as he will call to see you on his way home. I need not say anything in regard to his pay for cooking, as he can speak for himself. I paid him \$2.

I wrote about all the news, to Mother, last Monday; nothing of much importance has transpired since then.

Two or three days ago I received a letter from Capt. Hutchinson, who was absent. Joe Warren wrote me a good letter, from Wilkes Barre Pa. on the 6th was enjoying himself; - expected to be in New York again by the 15th. Until yesterday, the weather has, for some time been very pleasant; but then it rained again, & tonight the sky is completely overcast, the wind blowing, with a strong prospect of more rain.

Pt. Carpenter was discharged from the service, today, his resignation coming back accepted. He starts for home on Monday. Of course he is greatly elated at his good fortune. He says he will go to see you. He takes Shedd with him. Your Sayors has been promoted to 1st Lieut. & Adj. Quart. of the Reg. Morrison was discharged a short time ago & also H^{on}. Hampage, I understand, though we have not yet rec'd official notice of the same. Capt. Dawson paid the whole of the amt due from him, to the Mess, (\$2.95) to Gardner, so that I think he is pretty well remunerated for cooking.

Received a letter from Edward Palmer, a few days ago,
who was still in the Hosp. at 4th St. acting as nurse,
Wrote to him to attend to that matter of the watch, also
to Mr. Johnson the Jeweller, inclosing an order for
the watch, giving its description, signed by Leander,
This I hope will prove a final disposal of this needless
unt-Business.

I wrote to Mrs. Mendenhall today;
she very kindly sent me some nice apples, & rolls,
& dried fruit, in my last box, which Mrs. Hill brought.

As for those new boots of yours I bought them of
Gardner Clarke, for 7.00, as he said you told him he
might have them. He requests me to settle with you
for them, so that I will do so. - I take it for granted
that the account which I sent you, was correct
in all particulars, as you said nothing to the contrary.

I will send you a letter for Mr. Sand-
ford, containing \$1.00, & a list of the Officers of the Reg.
Please have it delivered to him immediately.
But I must close, as Gardner starts in a few min.
I will write you again soon. Hoping you will
continue to improve in health, I am, as ever,

Yours affectionately,
Rush P. Ledy.