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Douglas Hospital.

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My Dear Wife:

I have not rec'd
a word from you since we
crossed the Rapid Arrow, except
the dispatch from Mr F. This is a
long time to be without news
and I am getting very anxious to
receive a letter. This I don't
expect to do for some time, be-
cause you probably put 12th
day on the address. This will
most likely send the letter to the Army
notwithstanding I have done what
I could to let them know
that I am home in Hospi-
tal and not in the Army.

The lady to whom I gave
the violet, came to see me
again yesterday and I found
out her name. She is a Miss

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Ransom of Colonel and
and a portrait painter. He
has painted Gen. Garfield's
portrait and is now engaged
as our Secretary Chase's. He
has ~~just~~ had a study fitted
up for ^{her} in the Treasury Build-
ing and gives her as many
sittings as she wants. Edmund
Kirk, author of Among the Pines
is here & has quite taken the
fancy of Gen. Garfield.

My leg was better yesterday
morning when the doctors exam-
ined it than it had been. The
wound is so close to the joint that
they appear to be very anx-
ious about it, but on what
account I do not know.
Should the wound let loose the
juices of the knee joint, I should
have a stiff knee, and perhaps
may have that any how.

Should inflammation set in it
might become necessary to ampu-
tate. As every thing appears to be
going on smoothly & without
any constitutional disturbance,
we will not borrow trouble that
may never come to us.

Luther & Mary B. are
going to New York this evening
to return on Monday.

Mother came to see me yester-
day & promised to come to-day
& bring me some flowers.

Love to you all, par-
ticularly the children.

Thine as ever

L. B. Benson



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Mrs. A. F. Brown

Dayton

Ohio

Care of

T. Forney

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