

Did Robert get my pay rolls
for April carded, if not, why not?
If he didn't, have you done it?
Please answer this question.

You had better learn the 12th
by off of the address of your letters
for the future - for if you do
not soon will be going down to the
Army.

Luther & Mark Bray left for
New York last night, they expect to
return on Monday or Tuesday.

Carberry Lay was charged with cowardice
on the Peninsula, but was not dismissed the
service on that account. He was afterwards
appointed a Second Lieut. in the 17th Reg. He was
taken with a fit, on patrol, the first night
we were over the river & has not been in a
single fight.

Love to all my dear friends
Yours in the Bond
L. B. B.

Douglas Hospital
May 21 1864 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M.

My Dear Wife:

Yours of the 17th
which reached me last night &
right glad was I to see the pen
marking writing once more. I
have written to you every day I
have been here - I also wrote three
times which across the Rapid Run
Once on the 3rd or 4th day of the fight,
again, ^{twice} on the day I was wounded, one
before, which was sent off by mail
immediately, the other, after, & mailed
when I had reached this hospital.

The Hospital we are in con-
sists of three large dwelling-houses,
owned by Douglas, Rice, & Brecken-
ridge, all made to accommodate
military by opening doors. The
rooms are all large & airy & the

place quite as comfortable
as could be expected. Surgery
is all in a room about
twenty feet square - 4 regu-
lar officers + two others. Capt
Keyes of the 15th was worn quite
dry - He was shot thro' the lungs
Capt. Stone was shot in the up-
per part of the leg, or hip, the ball
going downwards + coming out
about mid-way between the knee
and the hip. He appears to be
getting along well, but will
probably have a tedious time of it.

Capt Anderson was shot thro'
the right leg just above the
ankle. His wound is quite pain-
ful, but will give him no great
trouble.

It is now nearly a week since
I reached here, and more than a week
since I was wounded, and my progress
has been so slow that I begin to doubt

that I shall get home in two
months as I telegraphed. Officers
who are not seriously wounded are
ordered to report to Annapolis to be
sent to join their regiments as
soon as they are able.

My leg continues to do well
but has pained me some the past
two nights. The Doctors have so far
refrained from probing it almost
entirely - what they have done has
been entirely painless. I sus-
pect they will give me fits yet.

Mrs. Douglas sent us some
strawberries + ice-cream last
evening - the day before she sent a
large bowl of egg-nogg + some
nicely prepared lettuce.

Capt Pease was not in any of
the fights down to the time I came
away. He was at Belle Plaine on
his way to join as I passed thro'.
Capt Dallas + Putnam were also there