

Camp of the 94<sup>th</sup> Reg. H. B. V.  
Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Dear Mother,

I have but a few moments to write, before the mail will go out, & as it is so long since I have written, I will now drop a few lines, & write a longer letter tomorrow or next day. I intended to have written this afternoon, but as often happens, the business of the Co. interfered to prevent. I had to copy a lot of the final statements of deceased soldiers (since the organizing a new of the Reg.) & send them to the Adj. Gen. at Washington.

On Tuesday last, Mrs. Hill arrived from Washington, bringing the box of articles, for which I had sent to Mrs. Mendenhall. It contained a sword belt for St. Alex. a pair of shoulder straps for me, a mess kit large enough for three or four, & also dried apples, rolls, chocolate apples, &c, which Mrs. Mendenhall sent. It was an welcome box indeed, & the articles were purchased at a very reasonable rate. Yesterday morning Alex & I started our mess, & are like it first rate. Have had our barrels to do our cooking, washing &c. and are living nicely, & I think it will prove cheaper than before. At any rate we are highly pleased. - This morn we had some of those tomatoes, opening the can for the first time. They were quite fresh, & excellently cooked, according to the directions you gave (except that we had no butter) so that it was a "dainty dish" fit "to eat before the King". We had also Ham, (fried), apple sauce (with lemon flavored), soft

Bread & chocolate of the finest flavor. - Do you see that  
our letter is not nearly spread, - But we can fix  
as well as one could wish, having a great variety.  
I have not yet found that pound of tea.

The weather has been exceedingly bad for the last  
few days. A week ago (Wednesday night (as I quote to Grand-  
mother) about there was a hard snow storm, which continued  
throughout Thursday, afterwards turning to rain.

On Sat. last I visited Belle Plain Landing, about 3 miles  
from here. I can give you no adequate idea of the con-  
dition of the roads. Hundreds of Army wagons were  
going to & from the Landing, drawing rations & supplies,  
for their respective Regts. The scenery in the vicinity of  
the Landing is very picturesque. The whole country  
intervening between here & there is covered with  
camps, & netted all over with new roads.

Yesterday considerable snow fell again, completely  
covering the ground, but at night it changed to  
rain, & has continued, with some intermission since.

We are anticipating the arrival of our box  
from home, as it is about time for it to come.

It is getting late & I must close. Yours &  
Gustavus' letters were received a day or two since.  
You had not then received any letters written  
just after we were paid. - <sup>It takes</sup> It takes a longer  
time for letters to go from here to Rome, than from there  
here. My letters from home are generally 5 days after  
their date, & from N. Y. 4 days. I have been writing a  
letter to the Citizen, but from some interruption, was un-  
able to finish & send it this week; will send it next.  
Love to all. & write soon. Excuse haste & blots.

Your son,

Rush P. Ledy

P.S. Books are being shipped to Hester Moore & front  
to North Carolina.