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Antietam Genl Hospital
Dear Mother
I received Sarah's [Sarah C. Fulton] Letter last evening. I had no idea that it was so long since I wrote to you. Time goes faster now than it used to,
I am still in bed but I might be up if the weather was fine but ast it is I would rather be in bed, besides I can sit up and work, so the time passes along first rate,, the men have been building all kinds of things and they do some nice work, but they all say my ship beats everything about the place, and the fame of it has gone abroad
Some men have come miles to look at it, and they can't see how it can be built with a nife and gimbelit. I am going to make a sterascope but the Ship is not near finished yet. I got a letter a few weeks ago with a Dollar in it. They were going to make out my Discharge a while ago but my Descriptive List was not right and they had to send to Washington for one. The Lieutenanant of my Company ought to have sent me a correct one long ago.
but did not attend to it I wrote to him several times for it and at last I sent him a Letter telling him what I thought of him! I got a Letter from the only Officer left of the Company and he told me that the Lieftennant was discharged Co-N no longer exists They are all killed or discharged but about 6 and They are in another company, and there is only 1 officer left Our company was unfortunate and lost more men than any other company,, I suppose it will take about 2 weeks to get a Descriptive List from Washington,
The Doctor said He would report the Lieutenant of my Company for neglect of duty. to the adjutant General in Washington We have been moved into ward B. that is 4 of us were, We were moved to let that man have a tent to himself, He was shot through the Lungs and it was bad for us to be in the tent, it seems that He will live after all. but his case must be one of a thousand. They are sending off men all the time and the place is pretty well reduced.
I should like to be home but there is no use to be uneasy about it I am doing well but the weather will be getting finer every day and when I leave here I want to go to Washington,, My Leg is not healed up yet where they cut out the led nor where the Ball entered but it is doing well,, When I do start home I will write and let you know, I think they are going to put the war through and I wish I was able to take part in it again,, I hope John Steptoe will come out unhurt. He is as brave a Boy as there is in the Army and his family ought to be proud of him.
Anna [Anna R. Fulton] might wright sometime and I should like a Letter from her, I wish you send me a Paper or 2 a week
Yours affectionately
Edward A Fulton [Edward A. Fulton]