

## Appendix

taking effect in many a reb caused him to give up the ghost, besides wounding a large number. We were reinforced by the 111th N.Y. Vol., and after about half an hour's firing we drove the enemy back with slight loss on our part, but we killed about 500 rebels and took 450 prisoners besides about 100 that were left wounded on the field. We also took five pieces of rifled cannon, and there was another piece of artillery which our batteries had dismounted but we could not get it off the field. I never had a better chance to pay them off on the old account, and I did the best I could, as did all the boys. The loss of our regiment was one man killed in Co.F and thirteen mounded, among whom was Merrill Benson (of Morristown), who received a bad though probably not dangerous wound in the side. Many of the boys narrowly escaped, but that is getting to be such an old story that we do not think anything of it if we get off without a wound or with our lives. The rebels fought desperately, as they always do. Those with whom we were engaged belonged to A.P. Hill's corps and were mostly North Carolina troops. As our regiment was the rear guard of the army we were the last to leave the field, which was about 11 o'clock at night, and we fell back across Bull Run and before morning all but a few cavalry, were safe and in position on this side. Thus we got through with another bloody battle. Yesterday the enemy opened some batteries on us, but their attention was soon called in another direction, for two divisions of our cavalry were in their rear and on their right flank. Since about 2 P.M. yesterday we have not been disturbed. It is only about two miles from here to Centerville where we have good fortifications."

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*After giving an account of the battle, as above the writer concluded his letter by saying that there was not anything of particular interest to write, but proceeded to tell of the shooting of a deserter in camp that after noon, and also mentioned, as if it had been forgotten in the beginning of his letter that he had been hit on the side of his head in the Bristow fight with a ball which bruised the scalp and made him dizzy for quite a while, but he did not leave the field. He had four bullet holes in his hat and one in his knapsack. He had received a letter from home several days before but as they had been marching day and night, had not time to write.*