

Camp Bellefleur St. Martins Parish La. Jan the 22 1863

Dear wife I again seat my self to write you a few lines which leaves me in a low state of health though able to be up at this time I was very sick for about ten days and it seams that I cannot recover my health soon I hope this may come safe to hand and find you all well Dear wife this is the third time I have wrote to you and have not received a letter from you yet nor I have not heard a word from you sine I left home I have no interesting inuse to write to you there was a gun boat come up the river within a half <sup>mile</sup> of us on the fifth of this month and threw a few shells at us and our battery fired on them and it is said wounded her and killed three or four men on her she got away quickly no harm done on our side we hear the other part of our Reg. has been in a battle below here and lost some men but we do not know the certaintly of it Jerry Holland is here with us he is in the Crescent Regiment and they Stationed now at this place Jerry is well and hearty

Dear wife I missed your kind attention and home comforts  
 very much in my sickness I lay for about eight or ten  
 days without eating any thing but a little gruel or soup I  
 could not eat such as we had here till pure hunger  
 drove me to it pickled beef and yellow corn bread

Dear wife I will write but short letter this time I want  
 you to write soon and often I want to see you and the  
 children very bad and I want you to remember one that  
 ever bears you in mind though I should never reach  
 home I will remember you as long as I have life write to  
 me whether Elbert is gone or not they have not paid us our  
 wages yet Direct your letters to Genl. St. Martins

Irish Sa in care of Capt D. Hardy 2<sup>d</sup> Reg Sa vol give my respects  
 to the neighbors and friends so I will close for this time  
 do no more at present but I remain your husband  
 till Death farewell Dear wife Kiss the the children for me

J. M. Brady

Winn To La March 31 18 68

Dear husband I now embrace the present opportunity of answering your kind and most welcome letter that I received this morning. Dear husband I was very glad to hear from you that was very sorry to hear that you was still sick & how it grieves my heart to hear that you are all the times sick this leaves us all well and I do sincerely hope that you may have the good blessing to read them the same Tom George I was very sorry to hear that your Brother was dead I had never heard any thing of his death untill today I see his poor wife is in a great deal of trouble but our God Lords will she done not our poor old Mr Bennett is dead he died last Saturday night was a weak age Dear husband you see that he was a very wicked man that I do hope that she has gone to rest for there was a great charge him before she died he prayed all the time he was sick & evening before he died she called for all his friends and to to pray for him and she prayed the most beautiful pray ever heard and then sung a hymn in fact he was praying a he was sick I was not there when she died but I was late in the evening and she died that night about eleven o'clock night Henry Bennett is getting better now but they all think she would die too but I reckon she will get well now of it but I dont know about his other complaint Mr Evans has been laid off too but he is better too accept them I believe the of the neighbours is tolerable good Dear husband I have someth

Dear wife I dreamed of seeing you and that sweet little Calvira last night just as plain as if I was there with you now and I pray God that we may be spared to meet again on earth and I want you to pray for yourself and children and for me too Jackson is <sup>well</sup> and sends his love and respects to you tell all the children howdy for me all them not to forget you though he is a long ways from them tell the boys they must raise all the pigs they care and cut wood and make good fires and make them obey you when you speak to them

My dear you to you that I am sorry to tell you about I had to  
 trade our mare off for a horse to plow for we could not find  
 her I traded her to old man Hawthorn for a chunk of a pony  
 I was sorry to do it but I couldnt do enny better we scupt  
 even he wouldnt give enny sheet and I was oblige to have  
 something to plow or not make enny crop at all and we had  
 to have a horse to send to mill on I was tired of having to borrow  
 a horse to go send to mill on I hated to see her go so bad I could  
 not help crying for I knew you thought somuch of her you would  
 hate it but I could do no better and you must not think hard  
 about it My Dear husband every body says I ought to have  
 had fifty dollars to sheet but I had to do the best I could for  
 myself. Our husband we have one piece of corn planted the old piece  
 to the cotton patch and commenced plowing in another piece that  
 it look very much like rain and I dont see when we will  
 be plant enny more for the ground is too wet to plow now  
 by moising it will worse I reckon Our husband you said  
 I should be able to cook your victals oh if could only stretch my  
 out to you and cook you some little manishment that you  
 sat how glad I would be but I cannot and I will try  
 and to spare and preserve each of our lives untill we can see  
 other again I want you to try to get a fer law and come  
 so I can have the pleasure of waiting on you when you are not  
 to wait on your self oh what a great satisfaction it would be  
 I will have to close on another piece of paper you see

They have not payed us our wages yet but as soon they do I want  
 to send a part or all of it home by the first chance if you need  
 any thing and can get it upon the strength of my wages do  
 not lack for it I will send you a fine comb in this letter  
 so I must close give my respects to all the connections  
 and friends Tell James Watson to write to me so now  
 at present but I remain your husband until Death  
 G. M. Brady

Camp Buttalarose La February the 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear companion

it is with great pleasure that I send  
my self to address you with a few lines which I hope  
will come safe and find you all in the enjoyment  
of good health I am not in the best of health though  
I am still improving I have not been on any kind of  
duty since the fifth day of January but I hope I will soon  
be able to go on duty again I made a trial to get a discharge  
but I failed if I can not get well they will only have to  
keep me till they get tired I have suffered a great deal  
since I was sick both body and mind and it is a lone through  
the mercies of kind providence that I am thus blessed  
Dear wife I have nothing of interest to write to you there  
is some sickness here we have lost two men out of our  
company at this place George Colly and Mr. Farnell  
we have no late war news atal more than we hear there  
is five or six of the northwestern States have seceded and  
it is thought that if they <sup>hope</sup> seceded the war will not last  
very long and I hope it may only be so

Camp Buttalarose St Martins Parish La January the 28<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear wife through kind providence I am permitted  
to address you with a few lines again which leaves me  
improving in health I have been in a low state of health  
for some time but I am mending very fast for the last  
four or five days and I hope this may come safe to  
hand and find you all well Dear wife this is the fourth  
letter I have written you and have no answer yet I begin  
to feel almost like I am forgotten by you but I want you  
to favor me with a letter by the bearer of this and sooner  
if possible I want to hear from you very bad Stephen  
Walker got here last evening he said he heard from you  
that you was all well I want to know wheather you got  
my letters or not Dear wife I have ~~no~~ good news to write  
to you we have some very cold wet weather in the  
mud and water shoe mouth deep when it rains but  
I think if the enemy does not run us out from here  
very soon the water will fo<sup>re</sup> sure surround us by  
water notv and the River rising rapidly

Jan 9

Dear wife it seems like a long time since I saw you and the children and I have got no letter from you yet we have drew no money yet we drew some clothing today one shirt and one pair of drawers to each man common lowels tell Brother John that the Crescent Reg is here at this place or a portion of it if William is not here they have <sup>sent</sup> for the balance of the Reg and is looking for them Maranda when you write tell me all the news O if I could only get back home once more in life while I am lying on my cold hard bed my mind flies back home to behold your desolate condition I would gladly take all your troubles upon my self if I could but let us try to pray for each other and bear each others burdese so I must close Jack and Perry is both well and hearty Henry Bonnett requested me to say in my letter that he is mending and feels this morning like he will soon be up again Dear wife my paper is too scarce to write half what I could tell you if I could see you give my respects to all so fare well for this time may God all mighty bless you all fare well G. M. Brady

Dear wife I want you to write all the news and <sup>you are</sup> how getting along Tell me how many hogs you killed and how much they weighed and how the hogs is doing in the woods and whether there is any young pigs among them and how the cattle stands the ~~and I wrote to you in some of my letters to try to have~~ some corn made if possible you will have to trade or change Eddy Jane for something you can plow and ride if Albert is not gone get him to instruct you about planting and just plant what they can work well if you can get a gentle horse you must put Robert to the plow and make follow it if he keeps well I would much rather be there to attend to business than to burdese your mind with it but I cannot be there at present so you will have to do the very best you can encourage your little force all you can if life lasts we will want bread for another year and be very saving of what corn you have make it go as far as possible it may be that I shall be at home some time during the spring if I live but it is very uncertain if I was at home you they would not let me stay there

AMNESTY OATH.

I do solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of States thereunder, and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all Laws and Proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion, with reference to the emancipation of slaves.

SO HELP ME GOD.

*C. D. Stovall*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 23

day of Aug A. D., 1865

John L. Walker

Clerk of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, in and for the Parish of Winn La.



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 military authorities.)

H. H. Wells  
 Provost Marshal.