

Levy County Fla., July 2nd 1862

Dear Wife

After my love to you this leaves me Well at present, I hope this will find you and Daughter the Same. I got back to camps Safe on Thursday after I left you. It did not cost me Anything. I am not satisfied with this place. The insects are wor [worse] than I ever saw them any where. I was on guard the next day After I got here and I could grab the mosquitos by hand fulls. I thought they would Kill me before day. Our company is nearly All Sick and gone home together. Wee have a Blockade lying about 4 miles from us but There is more talk of peace now then then [sic] there has bin before. Dear Wife I will send you Some money in a few days. I have not Received my money yet. I will get it as Soon as lieutenant Coffee [Hill Bryan Coffee] gets back to camp. Wee Are looking for him every day. He has got my money in persession. I wold send you something but there is nothing kept to sell in Twenty miles of us So in a few days I send you money and you can chuse for your Self. My Dear love do not uneasy your Self about me my health is improving vary fast indeed. Wee get a plenty of fish and oysters here. Wee are Station right on the bay. I think wee will Be able to return home by fall. I Stayed all knight with george on monday after I left home. He was well. My Dear I want you to get me a Coat and Send to me when i Send you the money as Soon as you can. Tell Salley I could not get those things She told me but I will send her the money next weeke. Tell your farther and mother to take this letter for theirs as well as yours as I have not time to wright mutch now. Tell them to wright to me. Also tell the children to do the same as I wold Be glad to here from you all at any time. Pleas dont forget me becaus I am not present. I am 200 miles from home by raleroad. I do not Know when i will come home again but as soon as i can. Take good care of my baby until I Come back again and dont whip it. My dear love I must winde up my letter By saying to you that my mind is ever on you. No man knowes the good of kind wife until he is seperated from her but I hope The time is fast approaching when wee will join to part no more. As i am drousey from Standing guard all night I must close By giveing you my cincere [sincere] love and remain Your affecttionate husband til death, farewell for this time., wright soon and often

C.B. Bellamy

[Written at the bottom of this letter]

Mrs. Sarah Morgan

Dear Sister after my respects to you and family this leaves me in better health than common and I hope may reach you and family all the Same. Sister I have nothing of importance to wright you. Wee have a hard time here. The insects are terable [terrible]. Wee can hardly live. Wee are Station right on the marsh. Wee get A plenty to eat So far of everything bean flour syrup sugar coffee and lard but I dont now how long it will last. I could not get the things you told me But I will Send you the money in a few Days. Pleas wright to me and dont forget becaus i am gawn [gone]. Tell Isaac to wright to me also for you maybe Sure I Shal want to see you all before I will get the chance to Come again. Write to me as Soo[n] as you get this and give me all the newes you can. Give my love to all the family connection at large also to Mr Smiths and family. I must close by Assribing

my love to you all and remain you[r] friend until Death. Direct your letter number four
East Fla. care of Capt. A.J. Lea [Andrew Jackson Lea].

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