

Levy Co. Fla., July 9th 1862

Dear father and mother

This leavs me tolerable only but hopeing this may find you both well. I have nothing of importance to write to you only I am vary tyred of camps. Wee thought on monday Last that we wold have Some fun with the Yankees. They threw two or three Bombs at us did Reach us by a mile. They ware about 4 miles from us, they cant damage us where we are. Wee can here ther Shooting almost every day. You must not Think hard of me about money. I will Send it to you Just as Soon as I can. Got 50 dollars but had to Send it right off to get it change as I was compel to Keep Some my Self. I will Send you 30 or 40 Dollars in A few days. Our company is nearly all Sick and gone Home. Wee have about 40 men in camps and one third of them with the mumps, the last account there Was 83 absent from the company

Dear Mother I wold give my bounty to be with you all again and think it wont be long before I Shal come to Stay . It is Said that lincoln [Lincoln's] army is badly Routed. If it be true wee will soon be home. I want you all to write to me as soon and oftan as you can. I am not Satisfied with this country, the Insects are so bad that they almost kill a man in one night. I had rather go to Vagina [Virginia] than Stay here or any Where elce. Give my love to Sally & family also to zack and fanny, tell them all to write to me and Mrs. Smiths and family to write also for I would be glad to here you all at any time. Direct your letter nomber four cedar keys [Cedar Key] East Florida Care of capt A.J. Lea [Andrew Jackson Lea]. I remain yours truly until Death

C.B. Bellamy

To Lemuel May and Martha May

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