

Lynch Burg [Lynchburg] Va., Sept 8th 1862

My Dear Wife

I once more attempt To give you a hearing from me. I am not well though not confined to my bed. I am at the hospital at in [sic] Lynch burg. I have not Seen my Redgment in three Weeks. There is five or Six of our boys here with me also. I think my Health is better Some than it was when I wrote to you last. I was then in culpeper [Culpepper]. I was Sent from there to this place. Wm English [William English, Company D] was left there, he was not considerd Vary Sick. I am a hundred miles above Richmond. Our army is in maryland about 8 or 10 miles from Washington 3 days ago. I have not heard Since. Wee have had a nother great victory on The old Battle field at manassas and Drove the yankees back with grate Slaughter and drov back to Washington and the citazens are leaving washington to escape the attact. My Dear there is the gratest Stir here I ever Saw. There is no doubt but wee will have Washington in less than one weeak. Our redgment is there, also the 2th and 8th Redgments. I have not Seen or Heard from Richard [Richard C. Bellamy] in 2 or 3 weeks. He may be killed for what I know But I hope not. As Soon as I get able To march I Shal make my [way?] to the Redgment. I expect to [see?] them at Washington for the word is Take it or die. Wee have 4 hundred Thousand men now in redines [readiness]for the attact. The isure [issue?] is wee now quanqer [conquer] Them or die. I dont know how long I Shal Stay here. It may be a week or two longer before I am able to Stand to march. I Saw Jack Wood [possibly Liet. John Woods, Company G] last Week. He told me you ware all well When he left home which was the only time I have heard from you Since I left home. I dont know whether marsden [Marsden D. Bellamy] is here or not. Wee left him at home. Turn to the other Side there is more.

My Dear Wife I hope this will find and family all well. My Dear There is nothing in life that wold Be So grattifying as to meet with you again for I never new what a good family and home was before though I have a faith that wee will Meet again let it be long or Short for god will provide. Dont give your Self any trouble [trouble] about me at al. Put your trust in god for all Things for he will work for the best. Pleas write to me every chance. Give my love to Fanney Sally Elen and nan Bill & Shade Issac & Zack. Tel them to Write to me. Give george my love. Tel him I will write to him as Soon as i can. Give my love to Mrs Smith and family. I must close by giving you my Cincer love and remain your Affecttionate husband until Death

C.B. Bellamy

The Same Day

Dear Mother after my love to you this leaves me unwell at present though on the mend but I hope this will find you well. Mother I dont kow [know] What to write to you for I want to See you all wrst [worse] than to here from you. My Health has not bin good. Since we bin here the time Seems long indeed to me between furloughs. It Seems to me that it has bin 12 months Since I left home. Let father not think That I had forgotten him. I will write to him another time. Mother write to me and let me know whether you are all going to move or not and whin and ware. Give my love to all and Receive the Same your

Self. Nothing more from you affectionate Son. Direct your letter to Richmond VA in care of Col. J.C. Hateley [John Carroll Hately] Company D 5th Fla. Regt. Pryors brigade

C.B. Bellamy

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