

Richmond Va., March 25<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Father and Mother

This will informe you that I have bin vary Sick indeed for Some time but thank god I am on the mend once more. I am able once more to walk about the house. I could walk out but am not allowed to go out yet. I feel vary well to day considering I am vary weak yet though I am emproving [improving] as fast I can my appatite [appetite] is getting So Sharp thay hardly can find as mutch as I can eat. I do not know whether I can get the chance to come home or not. I applied to the Doctor. He Said he wold do all he could but he said that furloughing was Stopt for 60 days. I have no newes at present. Wee had another fight. Fredricks Burg [Fredericksburg]. We floged them Hansomly one more. Pleas write to me and not wait for me to write. Paper and ink are vary Scarce in camp and hard to get even at a high price. I have paid twenty five cts for one Sheet of corse [coarse] paper and glad to get it at that So you must not wait for me to write every time but write every chance you get. I wold be glad to hear from you all every day if I cold [could] have it So. Its getting late. I must come to a close. Mother pleas take good care of my baby and also my old darling until I get back if it pleas god I ever Should be So luckey as to get back. I heard this Evening that our Brigade was gone to TenneSee [Tennessee] but cant Say for certin whether it is true or not though I expect its true. As Soon as I find out the certinty of it I will write again. Pleas write to me Just as Soon as you get this. I dont know how long I will be here. Just as Soon as I get able for duty I Shal leave for the Regt unless I am luckey enough to get a furlough. Direct your letter General Hospital No. 1 Ward H in care of Doctor Simpkins Richmond Va. I remain your affecttionate Son until Death. Write Soon and write ofton

C.B. Bellamy

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