

Camp Stanton West Penn. Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 1862

My Dear Sister Mary

I rec'd your welcome letter and was glad to hear once more from home although it brought some sorrowful news. I have been looking for a letter from Julia anxious to hear from ~~Wm~~ but have rec'd none yet.

Why don't she write?

You have no doubt heard long since of what a terrible time we have had here and the most of the particulars of the fight &c. through the papers.

I should have written to you immediately after, - but there was so little dependence to be put in the mail that I thought it useless. I wrote to Mr & Mrs Ginnig and sent it by a citizen to ~~Stanton~~ have they received it or not.

Our Division has changed its position since I wrote I which places us about 3 or 4 miles nearer Corinth and about four miles from Pittsburg Landings. The troops are reported to be generally in pretty good health and so far as I know in good spirits.

not particularly anxious for a fight but willing to meet it if it comes.

All has been quiet here since the battle except an occasional skirmish between the pickets.

But the prospect is that there will be a move before long. But it is hard to tell which will be the attacking party. We occasionally make a move towards them, and it is credibly reported that they are gradually advancing on us. All necessary preparations are being made for a fight at this place.

Batteries of artillery are being planted behind heavy breast works, and rifle pits are being made for the infantry &c &c. Gen. McClelland says a Ft. Donelson that ~~the~~ the fight that would take place <sup>probably</sup> between this and Corinth would decide whether we were to stay in the service three yrs. or not, and that while there was a rebel flag floating that his brigade would be in the thickest and hottest of the fight. We are now under Gen. Logan formerly Col. of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ills.

Apr 29<sup>th</sup> I have not heard any thing from Salvamus yet I suppose he is with Gen. Mitchell I wrote to him before we left Ft. Donelson but have not heard from him yet.

Our Lieut. has just given us orders.

To be ready to march by twelve<sup>h</sup>  
and it is almost that time now.

So I shall have to close, though I  
have much more to write.

I hope that this bloody war may  
soon close and if spared that we  
may soon see each other again.

I feel confident that if successful here  
that the war will soon close.

I am ready and willing to try to  
do my duty, and I have not the  
least doubt of our success.

"For right is right since God is God.

And right the day shall win  
To doubt would be disloyalty to father  
To falter would be sin."

I wish you would try and to and  
over a week.

I was glad to hear that you were  
thinking of teaching school, you have  
the talents to make a good teacher.

My love to all inquirers.

Yours very truly

Miss Mary S. Bartlett

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P.S. I am unusually well and in good  
spirits, so also is Charles & Adams.