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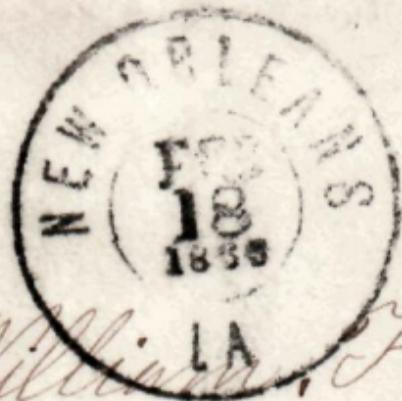
Dear Father and Mother

I think I will write
every time I get a chance, so I will
improve the present opportunity I
have not felt very well the past
two weeks and I will not go
to the hospital because I am
afraid they will get me
a wound I will tell you the
reason our company is
detached as sharpshooters aboard
the sloop Cadmus we
always have to go in the
night and we have to lay
on our arms all night long
we have to guard a post on
the boat says off and then we
place a guard on the boat

the Rebels are pretty sharp
they come down with a flag
of truce on the other side
of the Bayou and see
what is going on we have
caught two or three spies
and a company of the 75th
I've went and got two
Rebel sabres and brought
they treat some of the prisoners
pretty bad some of either a bomb
or a mortar. They were taken
prisoners and the Rebels made
them dig their own graves and
shot them in the back and
they fell in the grave some
with another. Well they were
all killed. I have not seen
a shot at a Rebel yet but
hope to very soon. I have
been expecting for a fight
for the last month and
they way things are shaping

I guess I will have my
wish gratified although I
can not stand a march
I can go on the gunboats
there is more ways than
one to fight them they spy
around every time they get
a chance. Coming down
with a flag of truce about
eleven came down yesterday
and three of the 75th went
over board see what they
wanted there is a flag
of truce up there now
and the Gunboat is going
up to see what they want
There is nothing more to
write about at present
write soon

From your son
Barvin Steel



Mr William F. Steel,
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Dear Father and Mother,

I think I will write every time I get a chance so I will improve the present opportunity. I have not felt very well the past two weeks and I will not go to the hospital because I am afraid they will call me a coward. I will tell you the reason our company is detailed as sharp shooters aboard the gunboat Calhoun we always have to go in the night and we have to lay on our arms all night long we have to guard a fort our boat lays off and then we place a guard on the boat. The Rebels are pretty sharp they come down with a flag of truce on the other side of the Bayou and see what is going on we have caught two or three spies and a company of the 45th NY went and got two Rebel Cavalry and brought they treat some of the prisoners pretty bad some of either a horn or Wornout Regt were taken prisoners and the Rebels made them dig their own graves and shot them in the back and they fell in the grave once after another till they were all killed. I have not had a shot at a Rebel yet but hope to very soon. I have been itching for a fight for the last month and the way things are shaping I guess I will have my wish gratifies although I can not stand a march. I can go on the gunboat there is more ways than one to fight them they spy around every time they get a chance coming down with a flag of truce about eleven came down yesterday and three of the 75 went over to see what they wanted. There is a flag of truce up there now and the gunboat is going up to see what they want. There is nothing more to write at present. Write soon.

From your son,
Edwin Steel