

moment regretted the day that I became a
soldier, I should certainly feel out of place
as a civilian in these times of war and
when our country is in so great peril, I
believe it to be my duty to my friends, my-
self and above all to our country to be in
the Army that is fighting for our National
Union and the principles of Liberty & Freedom
to all, I and every Union man are allied
to our Country and now that it is assailed
by traitors by whom it is plain to see that
the duty we owe to our Country and the
Government that has ever protected us is to
take up arms for its defence and to fight
and die for it if we are called on to
do.

The news from Genl. Rosecrans Army
is not so favorable as we should like
to hear, but I see nothing to discourage us,
We must not expect at all times victory.

The best Generals and Armies meet with reverses
Sometimes, I am confident of our ultimate
success and all we have got to do is
to be true to the cause we are fighting for.

I am glad to hear that my men
write so favorable of me, Hope I am
worthy of it, I am and Capt. of Co. G
and hope with the assistance of Him
to do my duty.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any
time, Letters from my friends are always
acceptable, My kind regards to your
wife and all your family,
Your friend &c
E. J. Patee,

My address,
No 415th Ave. W.,
New Orleans La.

Oct 12/63
E. J. Farrow
from La

Wicketts Landing La.
Lake Fortchartrain
Oct 12th 1863,

My dear Friend

Mr. Richards,

Your kind and most
welcome letter of Aug 14th came to hand
some time since and would have had a
earlier reply had time permitted,

I can assure you
that your letter was very acceptable, I have
frequently heard from you by the way of father
and others, but to hear from you direct
is much more pleasing.

It has now been nearly
two years since I became a soldier, there
many things that have transpired to me I
cannot write you, but when I meet you again
you shall have a full account of matters
if you wish it.

The most of my time has been
spent in this state and Florida, We was at
Fla. all last winter and in fact for nine
months. Of course I have seen some pleasant and
some rough times, of this I will tell you
some future time, I have nothing to complain
of as a whole and have never for a

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