

Civil War Letter, March 10, 1863

This letter was written on the back of the propaganda letter.

Baton Rouge La, Mar. 10 1863

Dear Juliette,

I am in the happy possession of yours of Feby. 17th. Have been occupied with Regimental Business to the fullest extent of time & capacity that my constitution would permit. Have moved camp to the distance of ½ mile since my last letter. We are now under marching orders. The morning sun is just beginning to shine & by 8 o'clock our grand army will be on the move towards Port Hudson, I presume.

Our noble leader Banks is here & will go with the fleet while Genl. Auger will command the land force. The number of our force is without doubt enough for the end in view. Our division, under Genl. Gover, will move in the rear. This is favorable, yet we may engage in battle. Col. M. & Lt. Coe will be with us. Lt. Gart will march behind without his sword. My pay from my enlistment to 20th Oct. date of commission will be collected from the state. Col. Star could assist you to collect it, should I lose my life here. Judge Ansilb's [?] receipt for that Fulton business is with my papers in the little box.

I feel brave & hopeful: I wish you might feel so too. Try to be like our sister Maria in this respect.

Sold my horse for \$200. Sent you \$125. yesterday by express. I owe Rev. Mr. Russell for use of horse. Pay him; also Dr. Edgerton. Have bought a Creole pony for \$25.00 which I shall make answer my purpose. I hope to live to take it home for Lewis. My health is good. I write in great haste. My love to all the friends & especially to father, mother & Maria. Tell Lewis it does his papa a great deal of good to hear he is a good boy.

Truly & faithfully.

Clark

Note:

This letter, mailed from New Orleans and addressed to Mrs. Juliette A, Strong, East Hampton Connecticut, was written by her husband, Clark Strong, related to the Strongs of Winsted, owners of the Strong Mfg. Co., located where SCASCO's offices are now located.

The battle of Port Hudson is mentioned on Winsted's memorial statue at the East End Park. It took place March 14, 1863. The Union forces consisted of Maj.-Gen. Banks' troops and Admiral Farragut's fleet. It was a Union victory in which the Union forces suffered 65 wounded.