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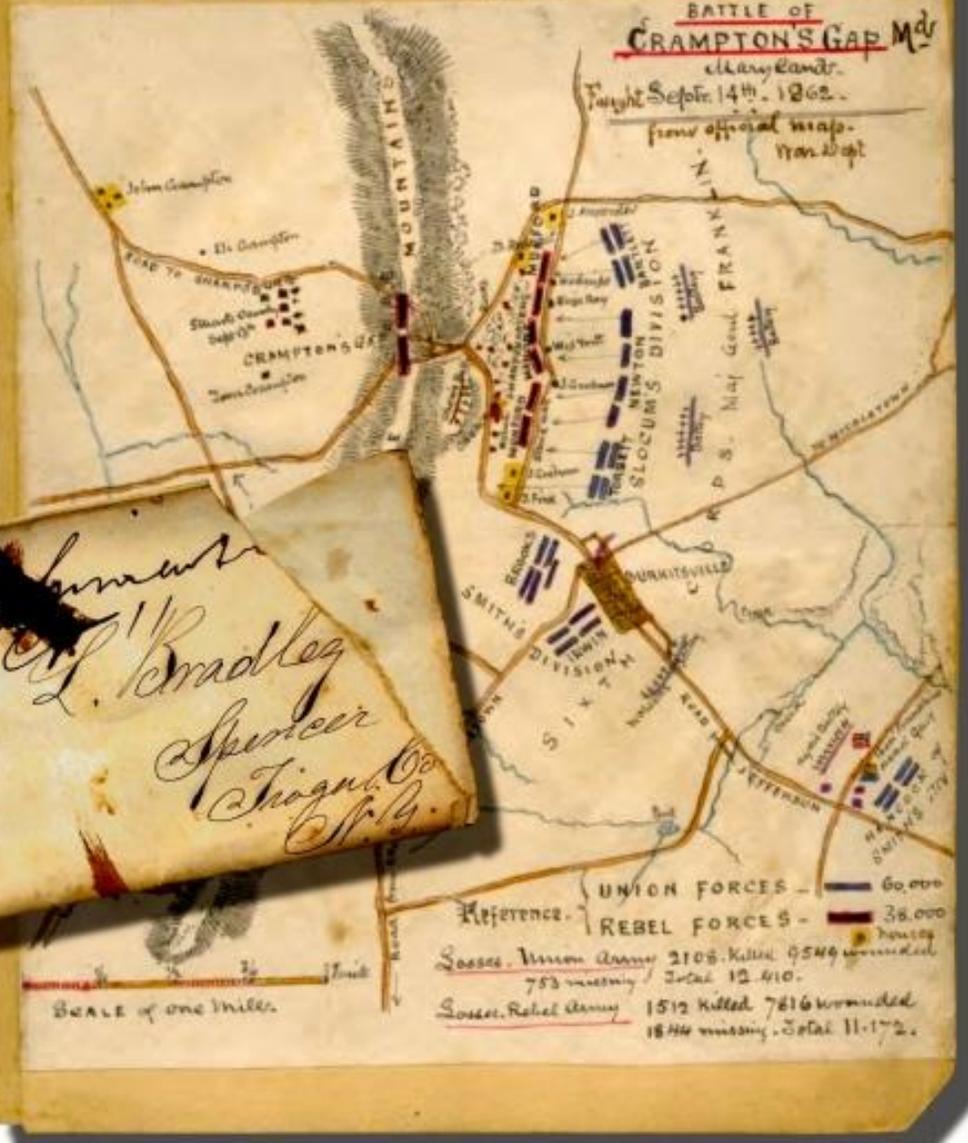
# M<sup>o</sup>. Clellan's Maryland Campaign.

## BATTLE OF CRAMPTON'S GAP Md

Maryland.

Fought Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. 1862.

from official maps.



  
 L. Bradley  
 Spencer  
 Triang. Co  
 S. C.

Map of Maryland Campaign  
 Front of envelope from letter

I intend to always behave myself like a gentleman where ever I may be at home or abroad. You did not write any thing about Camp I hear that he is a young as a soldier in every respect. You have sent me some intending to write to you to come to the Spenser camp all get sent for blankets while they could be had. You are about 15 miles from here some of the best were ever here to day it is a nice little walk we are about a mile east west of Baker's Hill. I do not think that you will get an answer from your letter, he is not much of a hand to write I am not sure as to what it is out there. I am not appointed as yet but there are those that come out of the Sabins is high & low in a heap.

Camp near Baker's Hill  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Dear Father  
I rec<sup>d</sup> your letters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> inst this evening & if you have a chance to send us our letters do so as soon as you can for I think that we shall soon leave here & that we shall not see much rest this winter if you can not send them before we stop for winter quarters we shall try if we can provide and we get you may send if you send the box send all kind of fruit you can, send

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me a pair of suspenders & some camphor gum I have an old rubber blanket but wanted like a new one A. P. is here but has none. he looked rather poorly when he got here but ~~that~~ with that one Delle I bought a few pounds of flour at 4 cts & we have had cakes he is improving & so am I. I never felt so well as I do now I am every much obliged to you for the stamps you can call on Mary for the pay or rubber if you have some money of mine I believe take out the \$5. & stamps I guess that \$1. will go I think that this will

last one until pay day speaking of "it shackle" no difference how <sup>ah</sup> or how little I had. it does with one. I am 20 years old this fall & I shall soon take my side stand by the side of other men to take life as a man & now that I have a chance to save a little I will try & do it. There will be enough others to look after your pile & that too where you are though with it but I am not one I wish to know the master of my own fortune if it was safe I should not send home so much money but keep it with me but it is out

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John Pierce the boy  
that worked for Mayberry  
was killed at Centerville,  
I think I do not know where  
the Post is. I will answer  
Edwins letter soon.  
I had saw what was said  
by one of the Gov. I think we  
are going to have a long  
rain. We have the tents  
but they are poor. Write  
soon. Resp  
C. C. Bradley  
P.S. Part of our Corps is

Martin Beers is Orderly Sgt but  
would not trade. It is not much  
to be put in as officer at home  
but where you get it in active  
service it shows. I would not  
write any more to him unless  
he answers you. Capt. Cole  
is dead our Capt. is Col. of the  
31. Reg. our Major is wounded.  
The Senior Capt. is gone to  
Hagerstown

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acquainted with me met on the  
battle field at Crosspoint Gap  
& had a good talk he seemed  
very glad that I was home  
I got through safe. Tired  
Harrand got some a certificate  
of every I gave him a book  
when he gets to be more than  
a Capt I shall try my best  
but before it is new. We have  
got some 80 odd new recruits

for three years we have <sup>about</sup> 3 or 29  
men I think that they will  
be discharged when their time  
is out & the others kept to  
keeping up the Reg. There are  
no chances for a private  
soldier to be promoted in  
the service of the Reg. &  
that is one thing that  
makes the men so discontented  
there are no encouragements  
shown. Rainy  
Resp. C. C. Bradley

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Camp near Bakersville [Maryland]

October 10, 1862

Dear Father,

I received your letters of the 3rd & 6th inst. this evening & if you have a chance to send us our boots, do so as soon as you can for I think that we shall soon leave here & that we shall not see much rest this winter. If you cannot send them before we stop for winter quarters, we shall try if we can, providing we get our pay. If you send the box, send all dried fruit you can. Send me a pair of suspenders & some camphor gum. I have an old rubber blanket but would like a new one.

A. P. [Jones] is here but he has none. He looked rather poorly when he got here but with one dollar I bought a few pounds of flour at 4 cents & we have had cakes, He is improving & so am I. I never felt so well as I do now.

I am very much obliged to you for the stamps. You can call on Mary for the pay or rather you have some money of mine. I believe take out the \$5 & stamps I guess that \$1 will go. I think that this will me until pay day. Speaking of "it made no difference how much or how little I had," it does with me. I am 20 years old this fall & I shall soon take stand by the side of men to take life as a man & now that I have a chance to save a little, I will try & do it. There will be enough others to look after your pile & that too before you are through with it. But I am not one. I wish to know & be master of my own fortune. If it was safe, I should not send home so much money but keep it with me but it is not. I intend to always behave myself like a gentleman wherever I may be—at home or abroad.

You did not write anything about Camp. I hear that he is a going as sutler in a new regiment. I have received all the money you have sent. I was intending to write to you to have the Spencer boys all get rubber blankets while they could for they are a good thing.

The 137th Regiment are about 15 miles from here. Some of them were over here today. It is a nice little walk. We are about a mile west of Bakersville.

I do not think that you will get an answer from your letter. He is not much of a hand to write. I am acting as Sgt. but am not appointed as yet. But there are those that came out sergeant that the same now & George Sabins [26th New York] is high private in a hospital but say nothing. Martin Beers is Orderly Sergt. but would not trade. It is not much here to be put in as officer at home but where you get it in active service, it shows. I would not write any more to the —-unless he answers yours.

Our Colonel [Matheson] is dead. Our Lt. Colonel is colonel of the 37th Regiment and Major is wounded. The Senior Captain is gone to Hagerstown. I am acquainted with [him]. We met in the battlefield at Crampton's Gap & had a good talk. He seemed very glad that I got through safe. Lieut. [John W.] Farrand got me a canteen of cider. I gave him a drink. When he gets to be more than a Captain, I shall try my luck but before it is useless now.

We have got some 80 odd new recruits for three years. We have about as many 3 as 2-year men. I think that the 2 [year men] will be discharged when their time is up & the others kept so keeping up the regiment.

There are no chances for a private soldier to be promoted in the service of the U. S. & that is one thing that makes the men so discontented. There are no encouragements shown.

John Pierce, the boy that worked for Maybee, was killed at Centerville, I think. I do not know where H. Post is. I will answer Edwin's letter soon. I had seen what was said by one of the G\_\_\_\_. I think we are going to have a long rain. We have shelter tents but they are poor. Write soon.

Respectfully, — Chas. E. Bradley

P. S. Part of our Corps have gone to Hagerstown. The rebs are crossing up the river.

# Bio of Charles. E. Bradley

Charles Ellery Bradley (1842-1915) was born 13 November 1842 in Danby, New York. He was the son of Lyman Bradley (1808-1884) and his wife Mary Ann Hill (1808 -). Charles E. Bradley served with Co. I, 32nd New York Volunteers. He enlisted on 7 May 1861 at Ithaca serving two years. He mustered in as private on 31 May 1861, was promoted to Corporal on 17 March 1862, and then promoted again to Sergeant on 7 October 1862. He mustered out on 9 June 1863 as a Sergeant with his company in New York City.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant on 9 May 1863. After the Civil War, Charles E. Bradley moved to Spencer, New York. He went into business with his father and took it over after his father retired. He is listed as a dry goods merchant in the 1875 New York State Census.