

Office Pro. Mar. Genl.
Army of Potomac
Aug. 12. 1864

My dear Mrs. Brewster,

When the sad news
came to the regiment of the death
of the Major, I longed to write you
and express my great sympathy
and sorrow for you. Not only
mine, my dear Madam but
that of the whole regiment.

The Major had been
so long with us that he had
become a part of us; and we felt
in losing him we had lost an el-
der brother. For myself, I assure
you, I felt his death deeply, for
from my rank I was thrown so
much with him, that I learned
to love him - But indeed the
whole regiment came in for a
share of his great heart.

How can I pretend

to offer you consolation, for
your great loss? I feel it
would be as useless as intrusion
but I can say, that as it was
the will of Almighty God, that
he should be taken, you have
a proud lesson to teach his
children, and a proud thought
to rest your wounded heart
upon — he died gloriously
and for his country — Brave
Coul, and unconcerned under
fire, he has the admiration of
all who ~~know~~^{saw} him, and
when struck down by the
enemies fire, never blanched
or changed, but left the field
as calmly as he entered it.

For such a man you
have a right to mourn, but

for such an one a still greater
right to be proud.

Believe me, to be,

My dear madam
Yours very sincerely

A. J. Dallas.

12th Sept.

Mrs. Brown