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Since the discovery of oil in Louisiana in 1901, she has become fifth in its production in the nation. Prior to that time King Cotton, sugar cane, and other agricultural commodities were her chief products. Now the numerous steel derricks rising from her land have made oil and its refining her chief industry. Most of the oil is found in the northwestern part of the state where there are extensive fields and in the Gulf Coast region, where they occur in connection with the salt domes.

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Dear sweetheart Mary
tonight I received your letter of 21
very happy to hear you in a good
health so far I feel the same
Now honey what you mean ice cream
city Soda Water state we have
everything here but I don't have
my love with me so I don't have
nothing but some day I will be with
my honey all time.

Bye the way darling your going
back to school its good but honey
when you going back to school be
good girl don't go with bad girls
because they teach you bad things
I don't like that because when

when I come home then I can
teach you everything you want to
know but don't get me wrong
now yes honey try to finish your
school

Now darling about me going with
this company yes we are on alert for
72 hours we can't go no place we are
already to leave but honey I told you
before I'm going to be sick man but
I don't know yet I let you
know but honey don't tell anybody
about this keep to yourself.

Well about it you girl friend
husband so his home discharge good
for him I wish I could get one
Yes darling about my paper
I have to go back Monday again
then I belong to this old U.S.A.
what do you think about it that
yes I didn't ask for this paper they
want it to give to me

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[[image of large tree, statue that reads EVANGELINE]]
According to legend the Acadian maid, Emmeline Labiche
of St. Martinsville, Louisiana was the original maid of Longfellow's
immortal "Evangeline." The Evangeline oak marks
the landing place of the Acadians on their arrival from Nova
Scotia and tradition claims it was also the appointed meeting
place of Evangeline and Gabriel. Emmeline Labiche died of
a broken heart and was buried in the church yard of St. Martinsville
Catholic Church; over her grave there is a monument to
"Evangeline" posed by Dolores Del Rio, the actress, who
portrayed the Acadian maid in the screen version of the poem.
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Now darling you says your love sick
I been love sick since I came in
this army oh well some day this
war will be over then we can get
married and be happy like two
love birds

Bye the way darling you says
my sister in law working that good
I wish her good luck in
world because she's good girl for
my brother because my brother
been sick [and took ca] and she
take good care for him I know
some people are very jealous that
no good but I wish my brother
good luck I know my brothers

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they worry about me
Yes honey I know you can't
wait to see me anyways honey
I feel the way since I came in
army I don't like to stay away
from you I can't really wait
to marry you and stay with
you I wish the day could be tomorrow

Bye the way honey you want
to know if I'm in woods yet yes we
going to be here until we move out
anyway honey don't worry about
me I'll be fine I feel very good
only I know little to much about
this army they do to many things
I can't see but if I get chance to come
home then ;; I sent your kiss back kiss me honey

Also I don't have much more
to tell you wishing you best luck in
world God Bless You
Always your
Sweetheart
P. Centofanti

tomorrow I will
write another letter
I love you honey
very much