

March the 25 / 1862

Goldsbrow Northcarlina

Dear Father Mother

I take ^{will} in to write a few lines to let
you now that I am well & harty
& I hope you are all in goyng the
good health I have ben on a very long
March & have stood it first rate
we have Marched a bout five hundred
Miles we marched through
South Carolina & we swept things
as we went had plenty to eat &
General Sherman burnt every thing
as we went through & had every
thing to the Commanrs Colusmba
the Capatal of Southcarlina we burnt
it we have ben on the march 2.
Months we are ragged & lousey
we look & ack like a lot of engies
we are in camp now in goldsbrow
& we will here about a month &
& have some clothes & cashions

we have not had much fighting
the army get be fore we got to
goldsboro, General Sherman put hard
one half day be fore they drove them back
we was ^{well} safe in site of the fight our
Men throwd up breast works & we
Remained in them 2 days put up
our tents but we did not have much
to eat 2 day or 3 day but pop corn
& meat, the Rebels are about
plase out I think, we cant
stay here long then we are
going ^{Richmond} to ~~Richmond~~ Virginia Genl Grant
is there, & Sherman is going to
help him, the 20, Core 15, Core
17, Core 14, Core they go through the
state in 3 columns eat up & destroy
every thing & burn buildins fences
to Fayetteville we tore down some
large brick bildins & some of the way
tore up Railrode, General Sherman
says this war will end in fore
four Months from now. I hope
soon er

Father you may ~~have~~ have
the wool of the sheep & give me
the increase. & for I may have to
stay my time out, if the war
should last, you must write
as soon as you get this &
write all of the & how you are
getting along & how things
are, doctor R King is here he is
one of our doctors, now I shall
to stop writing & fix up my
tent a little the weather
is warm the peach trees are in
full bloom Northcarlina and
Southcarlina ^{are} low flat wet
stumpy land, I thought that home
^{was} ^{one} is ^{one} of the poorest places
in the world but I have found
out that our land is just as good
as any in the South I have
made up my mind to be content
with my one home if I ever get
home, Now then excuse me

fore this time & had biting
do good by for this time
Write soon yours
Harry. Mother. Clarence
Direct. Co. A. 1st Mich-
Eng & Mech.

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Northcarlina
Goldboro