

Goldsborough N.C.

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Dear Brother not having anything  
to do this Afternoon I thought I would write  
a few lines to you I received a letter  
from you about 4 days ago directed to  
Savannah Ga also had a letter from Emma  
dated about the last of January saying that  
she had sent those notes to you for collection  
but had not received no answer from them  
I went down to the Regt Camp after I got  
back from Wilmington and got my letters  
I read yours and put it in my pocket  
packet as I thought it being a rainy day  
I had my jacket buttoned so as to hold  
my Newspapers but it seems I made some  
mistake for it slipt out unbeknown to  
me and ~~Charley~~ Charley found it and  
read it thinking it would be all  
wright for I sometimes let him read  
your letters but this I did not want  
him to read so I slipt it in to my pocket  
packet as I thought I am sorry you said



what you did about his wife in my  
your letter but Charley dont let on that  
he cares anything about what you said  
but I know he does I am expecting an  
answer from you now every day from  
the letter I sent you from Wilmington  
about how you have succeeded in getting  
my money together so that I will know  
where it is so that I can lay my hand  
on it when I come home if the Lords is  
willing I think the fighting of this war will  
be over in a few weeks more Sherman  
Army is ordered to be ready to march the  
first of next week then you will hear  
some news for Sherman makes things tremble  
when his Army moves his Army has had  
so many fights and never I suspect that they  
go in to action the same as they would  
to a dance our Division has turned over our  
Ambulances to the 23<sup>d</sup> Corps allso all waggon  
teams except one to each Regt and I  
hear that one Division of the 23<sup>d</sup> Corps  
has done the same I am thinking that  
we are a going to have a soft thing  
of it some time it will be the first if  
we do I hope so for I am tired of  
marching

In the next letter you direct to me it  
will be best say <sup>the</sup> Division Hospital  
15<sup>th</sup> Army Corps Goldsborough N.C.  
The Cars are bringing lots of hardtack  
meat and Ammunition enough for a hun  
dred thousand men sometime to eat if  
they did not like it any better than I  
do Newspapers are twenty cts a piece here  
and sutch a rush to get hold of one  
that you have to be smart to get hold  
of one at all I have my doubts about  
our being paid of this spring untill the  
war is over thair is several months pay  
due the Soldiers now by what I can  
hear horses & battle have almost double  
d since I in price <sup>since I printed</sup> I would rate to you  
that I would pay for two heffers about  
two years ago I think and you could  
have all of the milk but I wanted to  
raise the calves I think it would be  
better for both of us for I expect cows  
are high now you know that I cant live  
without milk when I am at home for  
I never got weped yet so as to be without  
it I suppose that money is flush in Dixon  
now but thair will be hard times a com  
ing



after this war is over you may depend  
upon it when heavy taxes and low wages  
come along than money is worth some-  
ing to a man I think with what money  
I shall have when I come home with  
economy if I should live I wont be com-  
peled to work quite so hard as I have  
some have you got your pay yet that  
I was owing you I told you to take  
it out of the money that Laddington  
was to pay me if you did not get that  
to take your pay out of that Petre  
was owing me at Oregon I want  
you to write oftener so that I can keep  
posted about what is going on in Dixon  
how is farther's health now I suppose  
soon as warm wether comes up north he  
will go to work and make himself sick  
I hope he wont for he is not abhidge to  
work I wish farther was able to write to  
me how does Sally get along this spring  
and how is mary and the little ones  
does he show his Bones now but I must  
close from your Brother

C. H. Hatch