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Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 26, 1865

Dear Barbary

I once more am permitted to write you a few lines to let you know that I am in the land of the living and enjoying the best of health hoping this will reach you safely and find you and Johny well and doing well. I wrote to you the 29th of Jan. but the letter came back to me the other day so I expect you think I am gone up the spout. Well Barbary I have seen all kinds of times on this trip. It has been 56 day since we left communication and I hope that I may never be shut out from gods land so long again. The boys is all well them that is with the company and we have never heard one word from none of the sick that has been left behind. I have news enough to write a month right along.

I received some letters at Midway on the Charlestown and Augusta R. R. but none from you. Sherman's army has marched all through South Carolina and apart of N. C. We have taken all the principle towns burned Columbia destroyed all the rialroad in the state and fought several hard fights and drove the rebs nearly to Maleigh the 20 and 21 of March was done some of the hardest fighting that I ever have seen. I hardly expected ever to come out alive though none of our co. was hurt though several was killed out of the brigade. We are camped around Goldsboro. Schofield has formed a junction with Shermans Army. There is 7 full corpses here now in camp. I see Conly every few days. The 80 Ind. passed here on its way to Kinston and I expect Uncle Absalom was along. Lieut. Jeff Walker died the 25 of Dec. James Ewing is dead also. Co. G has lost 3 men on this march out of 63 men. There is but 18 men for duty. We are seeing very hard service though. I am a better man

now than e ver in my life before. My average weight is 165 lbs. 3
I have not drew one stitch of clotheing since I come to the Reg.
I like the service very well. My time is half out tomorrow. I
would be glad to hear from you though you must not get discouraged
but do the best you can. Dont undertake to large a task. Take
good care of yourself and babe. I would give anything to see you and
John. Tell all the connection that I am right side up with care.
John H. Deen is commanding the co. so I must bring my letter to a close
this minute I received a letter from A. C. Miller. I was glad to
hear from home once more. So no more. I will write all the time
now. Remaining your husband as ever

J. C. Searey

Direct Goldsboro North Carolina. Write soon and often. Goodby.