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Sallillo Sunday the 12th 1864

Dear Pa I take

my seat to write you a few
lines to let you know that I
am well I received your
letter Thursday evening I
was ~~very~~ very glad to hear from
you all I am very sorry to hear
that your boys have been dying
I hope they will not ^{my} more of
them by you do not know how
bad I want to see you all
and get home so that I can
get something good to eat part
of the time we do not get any
thing but hard Baked without
salt or lard you know that
is very hard living & food

The march fine from Tuzelo
to Ripley when we got there
had left they said that
they left in double quick time
when they heard that we were
coming we sayed there No or three
days then went to Sabillo
6 miles on the Railroad above
Tuzelo 35 miles from Ripley
we march it in 10 days and
a half we left on Saturday
and Sunday we marchd 18
miles ~~to~~ by ~~the~~ ~~road~~
you never seen ~~in~~
so in your life there will
a great many of the men
that ~~perished~~ on the Road
I had to fall out of Rank

To keep from getting overcast
you must not let Father
Some say cannot stand it
Tell him that he will
be married after a while worse
than he is now ^{him} Tell that
he must not get married
before I get back etc I let him
know that Pappay Dear one
I ^{your} ~~good~~ better this same way
that I got I was you do not
know how glad I was to
to hear from you & how
kind I want to see you I
can not feel satisfied
here I do not know how long
will stay here not long I
think I am well I have

nothing more right

your affectionate

son B F Century

Via Grenada Miss.



H. W. R. Gentry

Tillatoba

Please forward in haste. Miss W.