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Camp near Dalton Ga Mar 16th 64

Dear Ma

as I have once
more the opportunity of sending
you a letter knowing that you
would like very much to hear
from me I have no news of interest
to write there is a great many of the
Boys getting parlours now three
of our company have drawn
parlours and have sent them up
They are looking for them back
every day Dick Light and Jimmie
Doyle are the best of them.
There is no appearance of a fight
here soon every thing is still
in front I do not think that
there is any Yankees nearer than
Chattanooga if there is it is
but a few. The Boys have all
gone out on Corps drill to day

I heard that they were a going
to have a spane fight to day
I do not know whether it is
so or not I seem that it is they
They would not let them carry
any loaded guns out with them
I am on guard to day is the reason
that I am not on drill ~~they~~
we have had a protracted meeting
going on in the barracks for the last
week but it has broken up
now as the Chaplain of the Regt
had to go home on account
of his family I was ^{sorry} very
sue him we have been
having preaching every second
night for the last month
the army seems to be in better
spirits now than they have for
a long time I think that they
would do better fighting now than

They were down there before. Now
I have not ~~but~~ received a letter
from home since I left there. I
I know that some of you ^{have} written
to me long ago now but I have
not got them. Some of you must
write to me soon and let me
know how you are getting along
and if the Boys furlows should
happen to get back at right and
get home they expect to bring
a box of provisions and if they
do you and Pa must send
me something. Now the boys are
the Boys furlows are not got
back yet but they are looking
for them. Look this evening they do
not know whether they will come
back approved or not. We are now
in Gen Wood's Corps Highlanders Division
Gen Watthert is in command of

the Brigade now. I tell father
that he had better stay with
his old regiment. That he will
not fare as well in any other
as well as he has in his old one
tell him that he must write
to me soon. I have nothing more
to write at present. I am still
well and in fine health your
affectionate son
B. F. Bentley