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Camps Mitchell's Brig. of Foot
Near Baton Rouge

Dear Ma

I take the

pleasure of assuring you of writing
you a letter knowing that you would
like to hear from me I have received
the letter that you recd by Dick
Teige I was very glad to hear from
you but was very sorry to hear
that you was sick but am in hope
that these few lines will find
you well I am very glad that the
children are going to school and that
they are so well pleased with their
teacher I am in hope they will be
just. I am very much pleased with
my jacket you sent me it fits
me very well I am very glad that
it is so light it will not be so
much weight to carry on a march we
have had orders to send our extra
baggage to the rear me and cousin James

are going to send over to cousin
James Fatters. well I have no news
of interest to write I was in Town
today and heard that the Yankees
were falling back to Chastanooga
I do not think that we will
have a fight here soon they have
had a fight in northern Georgia
lately our men wiped them
out last they captured our
guns and one Brigade of
cavalry the negroes they are
looking for a fight in Virginia
I do not think that they will
fight here until that
fight is over there. I think
that our men are on the
camp on the camp the
Brigade was moving today
5 miles above Dalton in
Georgia. On the 1st and 2nd
they say that they are moving
out of their winter quarters

To hand on these few the
spring campaign I think
that it is a very good
idea and the word was getting
very scarce around our camp.
The Boys are all well and in
high spirits. we have 15 or
more very slight in the
regiment for Littleton has
proposed religion and a great
many others in the regt.
The Boys take a great deal
of interest in the making
and don't mind I mean you
and Pat's paper but we
while I try to pay for
myself on you with that
I must get the brass buttons
I will get them and send
them by Mr. Tabber's he
will get a six months paper
I have nothing else to write
your affectionate son

3rd 7/13/64

Camp near Dallas Ga et/ed

Dear Pa

I will again
attempt to write you a letter
although I have not received a
letter from you since I left the
Cassim [unclear] [unclear]
to you all