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the male go out at

two o'clock I must draw
these few lines to a close

Mary Ellen these lines leave

me in tolerable good health
hope they will find you
in the best of health

tell Malvina and the baby that
I am comen home this summer to
see them the time seems longe
to me but it will come after
whill then I will stay at home
From your father to Mary Ellen
E. J. Gorham

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Goldsboro North Carolina

Darling I take this opportunity
to inform you that I am amongst
the living yet, and have tolerable
health, hope when these lines come
to your hands, you will be in the
best of health, we left Savannah
the 2 day of January and landed
in Goldsboro, N. C. on the 24 of this
month, we had alonge hard march
we had some hard fighten round
here, on the 10 of this month we
had a hard fight, lost killed and
wounded some five hundred, my com-
pany lost six, one killed five, wounded
the 79 lost 21 six of them out of
my company, on the 19 heavy fighten
oll day till way in the night
we have only drawn three days ra-
tions in fifty six days

We are all tired and wore out
need rest our campaign is over
for this time, we left Savannah
on the 2 day of January, we have
traveled over five hundred miles,
we traveled all over South Carolina
burnt every thing before us, S. C.
is no more, we cross rivers and
swamps in every course. bad weather
and bad roads still we went
on till we got through, Darling
I am looking ahead for the time to
come when I will come home

This is a very poor part of the
world, white sand, and pine trees
we burn pine wood all the time
we are smoked blacked as negroes,
the peach trees and plum trees are
in full bloom here now, last
night we had some frost, I have
seen but a few flakes of snow this
winter, at two different times

St. Botolph

Mary Ellen I say to you
three years ago to day your
poor mother died. she is better
off than you or I. little did I
think then that I would be
where I am to day, in the four
and a half past months we have
traveled about one thousand miles,
I have walked it in one pair
of shoes, they are nearly worn
out now, Goldsboro is an beauti-
ful facest piece of ground the
houses are scaterd over the ground
not in solid blocks, like our
Northern towns, this after noon we
leave town, move some four miles to
the regiment. our long and dan-
gerous campaign is over for a short time
Sherman says we shall have rest and
the supplies the rich ~~governors~~ ~~governors~~
can afford, we are tired and