



Bound for the front

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Dear child I received a letter from you the 29 of January it told me you was well. I was very glad to here of you being well. the last letter I got from gran paps they said the to little ones was well I was much pleas to here of them being well I am well as common but very tired. my feet is galled on the 24 of this month we started to march through to the front. we have march = ed two days, it is about 180 miles, we have to cross the mountains. the boys is tired. many has all ready give out

I dont no how I will
stand it, there is ^{about}
five thousand goen through
in one bunch, our train
is about two miles longe
Child I am to tired to
wright. I will wright
you a few lines to let you
no how I am. I am well
but tired, I hope this
cursed thing will be over
after while. so I can come
home to se you all
I wont you to do the
best you can for your
self, and I will
be a good girl
I will wright to you soon
as I get through, so no more
but remain your affection
ate father fare well child
E. J. Gorham
to Mary Ellen Gorham

When you get this
letter I will be in
the mountains

This is a hard road to
travel

away away down in the
land of cotton synamon
seeds and rocky bottom
cursed is the land of
dicksey

evry house is burnt
so far as we have gon
that was early a count
not a fence to be seen

no more at this time

I will wright soon
to you again
fare well darling