Camp 24th Ala Regt
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Near Dalton Ga Apr 5d

Dear Laura.

As yet I have heard nothing from home since I left. I have written home twice once to father and once to Uncle. Myself and Ben are in good health. This is the first pretty day we have had in April and it was quite cool this morning. The weather has cold, rainy & windy ~~and rainy~~ since my return to camp. And But now it is beautiful and we may revel in the luxuries of "grand reviews and "Sham Battles" not to speak of the drills and roll calls & dress-

parades which luxuries consume two thirds of our time.
Or perhaps the Yankees may furnish us with the means of enjoying ourselves in shooting and being shot at.
A great many are anxious that the Spring campaign should be delayed as long as possible — but I am of opinion that ~~we~~ as we are now in good fighting trim it would be best for the campaign to open right away as we may possibly get out of trim. Providence seems to smile on us. For notwithstanding the little reverse we have sustained west of the Mississippi (capture of fort DeRuary) our cause is in the ascendant. L.e.e.s. army. Longstreets Johnstons Beauregard's and the army in Florida

have now the finest "morale" and this makes them doubly formidable. It is still thought here I believe that the grand campaign of the Spring will be opened in Virginia, and that Grant himself will assume command. I see from the papers that Grant has already reached the army of the Potomac, I reckon Johnston regrets that he will not have the pleasure of breaking Grant's neck. But Lee is accustomed to that kind of work and therefore perhaps will make a neater job of it than Johnston would. It may however be that Grant may return and open on us, at any rate he will be warmly received. I mentioned in my last letter a report that reinforcements -

were being sent from Chattanooga
to Virginia by the enemy.
I hardly know whether that report
was true or not I have heard
nothing since only "All quiet in
Front". The yankees are fol-
lowing the example of Hardee
and Hood ~~and~~ in having
"Sham Battles" One of these
sham battles of the yanks gave
rise to a "reliable report" that
Gen Roddy had met and whipped
a force of the enemy which relia-
ble rumor I wrote home to Hines —
in my last letter. Remember
me to "Our Set," particularly to my favorite
Love to all at home. How did
Carrie come out at the examinations.
Write a long letter soon.

Your Affec^t Brother
Cames A Hall

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