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Dear Father

We have received no letter from home since Jno left there. Since writing home last, reenlistment has been proposed to this Brigade. It is a matter of triumph to us of this Regiment that it reenlisted unanimously and was the first to do so. - The genl order of Genl Longstreets offering five per cent of furloughs of 30 days to reenlisting organizations was read to each Regiment But the question was not directly put to any Regt immediately -
The other Regiments of the Brigade - thought they would lead off - and be the first to reenlist - the test was put & none of them were unanimous - some had non commd officers to reduce for not reenlisting

others had difficulties of other kinds. Some of our special friends were delighted with our slowness and when finally we marched out to make a decision on the subject after the others had decided these special friends came out as spectators they said to see the Regiment that wouldn't secede of course it was matter of gratification anyhow but more so under the circumstances that when the colors of the 54. were moved six paces to the front that wholly they moved up by the side of them declaring themselves in for the war. The Regiment did itself more credit than any in the Brigade and I expect than any in the Army or perhaps Confederacy — no special pleading was need. Thirty of our men leave tomorrow for home under the privilege of 5 per cent of furloughs for 30 days —

Genl Longstreet has kept up a liberal system of furloughing and it has had a good effect, we have no desertions at all from our command,
Three of Capt Wise company who were sentenced to carry rails for 4 hours a day for 60 consecutive days for absence "without leave" have had their sentences suspended by Bolling until he can hear from Genl Longstreet - he has asked a pardon for them - as the enlistment was entirely volunteered on their part and not proposed to them - they had asked the guard to carry them out with the Reg. and when it marched to the colors they marched with it. - Genl Gracie says that a stand of colors will in six weeks be presented to the best drilled Regiment of his Brigade - we will work for it.
There is a possibility that the 44 ala Col Perry (W F) of Laws Brigade will be transferred to Genl Gracie -
I think it is understood he waives rank for Col Moody of the 43. ala but no other

It is also possible that we may get Laws Brigade in our Division and Buckner for comdr of the Division. I hope it may be so.
Johnson now commands this Division composed of Graceys and his own Brigades, His does not number more than 800 or 1000 men so that the Division can scarcely win a good name except through Graceys Brigade –
Genl Law has five Regiments in his Brigade but they are much thinned by Battle – He and Col Perry are not on good terms so Perry desires a transfer.
I am anxious for this month to be gone – I have found it ~~the~~ most disagreeable – the wind blows harder I imagine than on a stormy sea. –

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