

Camp near Falmouth N. Jan 20th 1863

Dear Wife and Boys

Young of the 15th with some of the band this
morning and I was glad to here from
you once more for it had bin all most
3 weeks since I had heard from you and
that is a long time to me it seemed
all most like an age as you are
constantly in my thoughts by night
as well as by day I think of home
and dream of you and it is strang
that I never dream of the children
they are in my mind all day but
in dream land it is my Katy and
her alone but it is a consolation
to visit in dream land if we can
in no other way you say Dick
has not said any thing more about
the house well I guess that is his
best way for I was getting all most
desperate about it and I shal
be thankfull if he will be quiet
untill you get out of his I shal
you say Danny is up to his Grand Ma
how can you let him go out of your
sight I guess if I was there I would squeeze
him till he would halloo once at
least and then to far that
matter if you might come in for
at least one share if I know
my self you say Crin said
he would take my place if I
would come home God Bless him
it brot the tear to my eye to

read that tell him his Pa is
proud of his brave boy and hope
he is as good as he is brave but
as he cannot take Pa's place here
he must do the best he can
at home till I come I am very
glad of his letter and think
he done well and he must
try again my Dear Wife I cannot
fear the battle when such little
ones as Benny Gallentege to go
in with me his little form will
keep off the leaden hail from
his Father but I must stop for
am getting as babies as a
child altho a warrior. I presume
you have got that order before
this time as I sent it some
time ago our letters are a great
while coming and going but
the most of them come at last.
we expect our pay every day and
as soon as we get it you shall
know all about it if you can
get the house so as to go into it
I think it would be the best
way but I will not dictate to
you about it I did not have a
very hard time with the Onwaps
I was as careful as I could be in
such a place as this and am on
duty again altho rather weak yet
gaining slowly and shall soon be
all rite again if nothing hapens
but I must take another piece of paper