

the time, for when either side see one of the opposite, a bullet is sent as a compliment and request to keep out of sight.

We were relieved this morning about four o'clock, and have been engaged in drying our things, for everything was soaking wet. It has been quite pleasant to-day. By getting up into a tall tree, one can see Marietta and a considerable portion of the rebel lines. The rebels run their cars into Marietta yet. I hope by the next time I write that we shall hold it. Atlanta is twenty miles from here. If the rebels fall back from here, it is thought that they will make the next stand on the Chattahoochee River, where they have fortified. It is about eight miles from the river to Atlanta. I am very much obliged for the envelopes and stamps and paper that you sent. We have no means of getting any now. I should like to have you send me a couple of bunches of envelopes, as I have run out my supply and don't know when I shall be where I can get any in this part of the country. But I must stop as the mail is going out directly. I was very sorry to hear of the death of James E. Marshall.\* I had not heard of it before; it will be a hard blow for his father. He will have the consolation of knowing that he died in a *glorious cause*. Give love to Aunt Lizzie, Cousin Ruth, and Jeanie.

Truly yours, WM. A. BURRAGE.

## XI.

### LETTER FROM SERGT. WM. A. BURRAGE.

NEAR GOLDSBORO', March 28, 1865.

*Dear Uncle,*—We have made port at last, and have a fair prospect of resting awhile. I am glad that we have opened communication once more with the outside world. We have been here four days. Gen. Schofield occupied the place a short time before we did. Gen. Terry came up from Wilmington, and occupied Cox's Bridge, and laid poutoons for us to cross on over the Neuse River.

On the 19th we fought Gen. Johnston on his own ground, and most everlastingly beat him; he saw fits for a while, I guess. I think it was

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\* A son by a former wife of James H. Marshall, who married Almira Burrage; a very promising young man, killed in one of the battles of the Wilderness.