

Headquarters Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sister

As I am on guard tonight  
at headquarters, & have plenty of Confederate  
stationary at my disposal I feel like writing.  
I will incite a few lines to  
your most respected personage.

I have just been listening to some  
of the most delightful music I ever  
heard, the band of The Stone Wall is  
out serenading to night, & came around  
& gave us a call, they played the Mock-  
ing Bird Annie Laurie &c &c, it  
was truly a treat to hear them exactly  
true. & back on one of the most  
beautiful nights, it really seemed as  
if the moon had clothed itself in  
new garments & was endeavoring to  
rival in brightness the older brother the  
Sun, truly music has charms to soothe  
the Savage breast - &c &c

We received a telegraphic  
dispatch here today which gave an  
account of another glorious Confederate  
victory by the unflinching hero the  
Heros of the War for Southern Inde-  
pendence -

The victory came just in time as every one was despondent owing to the late arrival of our arms on Knob Island, that was indeed a misfortune though I believe it has helped along greatly the cause for I think we have had a morning for we were fast sinking into a lethargy from which we have been aroused to new vigor & energies.

The band has again struck up better in the City, we are situated on a high hill which over looks the whole town & can hear & see everything plainly. Every thing is <sup>again</sup> quiet as night can be at no more Blair Jackson's that has opened & is in full cry, not as sweet music as the band but quite as exhilarating.

I am getting acquainted for have been invited to two new places, the aristocrats of the town, but I will wait until I get my clothes before I call on them.

I have just read the new bill passed by the Legislature so the I & V's will have to come back into service, I would not care a bit, if they only would let me have a horse, the companies will be filled up with Malish shortly by a draft, I suppose Rockbridge counted our company in her

quota of troops, it will be filled up by  
a draft upon the county, some hoped  
that as the Company was not from any  
county in particular the bill would  
not enclose us, but aseline Rock-  
bridge counted us in her quota.

The object of the company was to  
reform as a cavalry company & come  
out but the Reg is entire has decided  
that she would rather have them  
as infantry, "So mote it be" I am  
coming a cent, & reckon one place  
is no good to fight in as another  
& I suppose all of us have to fight  
before the thing is over,

Good bye

Geo