

Headquarters  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 68

Dear Sister,

I received a letter from you & Mother by Nancy Myers & I would have answered sooner but one thing & another has prevented until now.

Our company was filled up with Militia two days ago, we required 50 but got only 33 the first day & were to get the rest on the next day & reorganize immediately. Had as we knew they had for such a plot to elect their officers over ours, we let Col. Rowell (the Lt. of our Reg) know our wish & he ordered an election to be held before the rest came down & they released the Sentinels at Headquarters so we had one on the majority.

We elected Hugh White Capt, Owens Strickler 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut (I am Sgt. out Guard) & (Galtman one of the Militia 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieut) the

The Militia put him up as their candidate & Raymond also was announced by Guy of the Militia, we nominated Chester & Arnold J, by the first ballot there was no election, when we saw there was no possibility of electing Chester or Arnold they both withdrew when it lay between Raymond of our Company & Galtman of the Militia. Had we preferred Galtman to Raymond for this reason when the list of Militia was given to us Raymond got a copy & went to the Militia Camp & told all who were drafted & among themselves had determined to elect officers over us & Raymond was to have been one of their Lieutenants consequently we would not vote for him since he did such a trick. He certainly would have been elected had he not done it.

To day the militia with Sheppard  
Serg't Arnold Syle & Corp Chester  
were sent back to Stanton as  
Provoit Guard of the town & we  
are still retained as guard at  
Headquarters. Hays White is in  
command of this part of the Company  
My Dear Sister I have had a con-  
versation with Hays White on the  
subject of religion I Trust that  
I have found the way to Heaven  
I am willing to Trust myself in  
the arms of my Savior relying on  
his saving power I know that he  
came into the world to Turn  
sinners not the righteous to repen-  
tance. I Trust I have not deceived  
my self I pray that I may not fall  
back. And now my Dear Sister  
Good bye Yours in love  
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