

Headquarters Feb 25

My dear Sister,

I am on guard to night at headquarters & as I have a stand & chair will write you a few lines. There is nothing unusual going on, nearly all Gen Soring's force has left. The rest will leave in a day or so. The Yankees are within 12 miles of this place & as we have a very small force here they could easily take the place but the very name (Jackson) has its terrors to them. We have had several skirmishes with them in which some were killed on both sides but neither gained any advantage.

Col Ashby gave them rather a severe drubbing the other day killed & captured a good many. I wrote you a letter acknowledging the receipt of the box, but forgot to state that I also received your letter, with a check for \$15 enclosed, I had no trouble in having it cashed, we have not been paid off yet, so if you had not been so kind as to have sent me the money I don't know what I should have done, they are paying out all the money to those who recult. & I do

we expect to get any for some time, but
when I do I will return yours immedi-
ately - I have not heard from Watson
for several days, unless I last heard
he was quite sick, but I suppose not
seriously, I succeeded to-day in
getting a cook for our mess he came from
Nockbridge with coffee but left that
individual in Sturton.

There is nothing of interest

Good bye

Yours