[MARY LOUISA]

Camp 24th Ala Regt
May 10th 1862

My dear Sister,

I have not been as punctual in my correspondence of late as I would be. But I have been very busy. Captain Sawyer has been promoted Major. I have stood my examination in order to promotion to Captaincy but have not yet been assigned to duty. Major Sawyer has seen the report of the board on my examination, - says that I stood a fine examination. The President of the Board also has assured me that I stood a very satisfactory ~~examination~~ examination. I will be assigned to duty as Captain in

a few days. It is now almost certain that Col^n Buck will resign. Capt Pierce will then be Major. Sawyer Lt Col and Davis Coln.

We have just rec^d news that Lee has captured ten thousand more yanks in Va. But the news is not so cheering from Vixburg. I think that the war is drawing to a close.

A few more hard struggles and the day will be ours. Then we all can go home and be happy together once more. Give my love to all. Tell Father I rec^d his letter acknowledging the receipt of $6-00 I sent

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Your Affec Bro
Jas. H Hall

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