Montgomery Jan.[y] 1st 1865

My Dear Brother

Where in the world are you? for we at home have no idea where you are, but are very uneasy thinking you may be in a cold northern prison. We have every reason for thinking so as your whole division with commanders were captured, as stated by the papers. We have all said that we could only hope you had met with your usual good luck. Brother Elmore has written, and wants to know where you are, he says the same thing, he only wishes that you may as lucky as usual. We all want to hear from you very much. It is supposed that a great many from Montgomery are prisoners. Col. Hodgson's regiment is thought to have been captured. Theresa Cooper has a brother in Capt. Stout's company Hodgson's regt. Col. C— is here leaves tomorrow however and will carry this on to you if you are still in "Dixie" which we all hope you are.

Christmas you see has come and gone and today the sun rises on the bright new year of 1865. another year, how many of you will be left. It seems to be taking all and no good news, all bad, bad, gloomy, a darker day the Confederacy never has seen. I hear the Georgians are whipping

conquered. I understand that the Georgians (S. Carolinians) would not cross to the S. Carolina (Georgia) side of the river at Savannah, and the S. Cs. (Georgians) are down on them about it. But they (the Georgians) would hardly cross to Ala. side at West Point when that raid came down here so they have no right to complain. They people of Savannah are going to take the oath of allegiance. We hear that Hood has lost one or two thirds of his army. That Forrest is killed, and enough other disasters to whip an Alabamian. Sherman told the S. Carolinians he had done nothing in Georgia but he was going to turn loose on them though. The yankees visited aunt Sarah Sassnett on their way too; took all the mules and horses, burned (30) thirty bales of cotton, and made cousin Laura sing for them, and passed on with some others damages.

Rhodes division is at Petersburg. Brother Elmore says Boly Hall came up and staid some with him. He saw all of his old company too. He (brother E) was sick in the hospital the last time we heard from him not very sick however. Brother C. in fine health. Brother Bolling at home, has been very unwell but is got [illegible]. He has his artificial leg, it does not work well, but will in time. He has been home some time now. We did not have a very pleasant.

Christmas. I have bin home all the time, no one scarcely has bin out here. Theresa staid all night with me last night. I am going in to spend the day with them tomorrow, the last day of our holidays. There have been a good many parties this winter, mostly childrens' though.

Ginny is having a little soldiering to do down at Mobile; I suppose you have heard of their being ordered off.

Aunt Mary Hall's little Ella is dead. Cousin Sallie and the rest well though.

We are very anxious to hear from you, don't forget it and write.

All the "home folks" well.

Your affectionate sister

Laura

P. S. Brother Bolling says it has bin a long time since you wrote to him that he has written last since you wrote to any of them up there.

L. H.

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