[JAMES]

Hd Qrs 24 Regt Ala Vols
Near Chattanooga Sept 26 1863

Capt -

I would be unjust to my feelings were I to refrain from giving you, and through you, your gal lant commands, an assurance of my high appreciation of your services on the bloody field of Chickamauga, & to utter my warm admiration of the brave and gallant manner in which ~~you~~ you conducted ~~that~~ yourselves throughout that terrible fight.

To say, you demanded yourselves as Alabamians allowing, should, would not be saying enough - you did more than this, you fought as now

but Co K could fight,
The Fields of Belmont, Shiloh
Murfordville and Murfreesboro
bear witness to your bravery
but it remained for Chicka
=mauga to develope the brightness
of your glory -
As your Col I thank you,
as your friend I may God to
bless you, while my greatest
boast as a man is, that I
once had the honor to com
mand Co K =
Sympathyzing with you for
the loss of your noble brother, &
the brave of your company I
am, capt your friend
Bruce Sawyer
Lt Col Comdg
24 Ala Vols

Capt J. A. Hall
Comdg Co K 24 Ala =

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