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Knopville May 13 1863

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My Brother is camped on the Clinton road. We are about two miles from town.

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The first being under Col. Palmer who has several Regts in his Brigade. The second is for now, for he has resigned & his resignation been accepted & Col. Kinley now commands Brigadier Gen. Davis's

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I am now of course under the immediate command of Col. Kinley. An order has been issued temporarily attaching me to the

second Brigade & ordering me to report to Col. Kinley.

Gen. Gracie commands the third Brigade.

All these as well as Humphrey, Morrell & Peggren also Brig. Gen. Jackson are

are under the command of Maj. Gen. Dabney H. Murray ~~Chief~~ Dept. East, Tenn.

Gen. Buckner will take Murray's place. It is thought by many that there will be fighting before a great while brought on either by Burnside's attacking us or else our attacking him. I don't know what to think. We are all very much dispirited by Stonewall Jackson's death. It does seem as if we are truly unfortunate in losing our best officers.

This place I fear will not be supplied. I see that Follondigham has been arrested. I think that will close the mouths of anti-war men South. I never have hoped anything from that quarter. The English are always pretending to know of the U. States but we have ceased to regard her pretensions. I am of opinion that though the present is certainly a gloomy hour & things do look desperate yet we shall triumph. That opinion is fixed & scarcely any reverse will shake me utterly despair. I suppose our friends at home still are willing to see the war through & do not wish to give up.

My Battalion is being fed very well now which makes the men much more cheerful. I hear the crops are fine all over the South especially wheat. How is your? If this is so I will continue good we ought certainly to succeed.

Please get <sup>2</sup> <sup>large</sup> Hines to look & see if they

can find the authority given me by the Sec. of war  
to raise my commission. I cannot recollect what  
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How is sister? Give her my love & tell  
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Remember me to Laura & all the  
children. Tell Henry he does not write at all nor  
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that the <sup>old</sup> revolution could have brought on  
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bitter. It seems to me impossible ever to  
reconcile myself to favor any treaty of friend-  
ship with our enemies at all. When the  
war is over I desire them to stay in their own  
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