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### Letter, Jim M. Jackson to Cynthia Jackson Boswell; 5/22/1862

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Little Rock, Ark May the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862

Dear Sister

I received your letter of the fifth of March, the seventeenth inst It was sent to me from Houston Texas. I am not very well at present but am able to be on duty I have been suffering from a severe cold and cough but I am better now I wrote to Papa & Mama the other day that a portion of our regt was going out on a scouting expedition they went and fell in with a detachment of the enemy had a skirmish and lost one I lost killed two privates wounded, none of our company hurt, the enemy's loss, from fifty to seventy five as near as we could ascertain our advance guard of one hundred and fifty men done the fighting the main body not getting up in time, they charged two hundred and fifty infantry at a cross lane and had to throw down the fence to make the charge, the Feds had the advantage in position but they made a very poor fight of it the enemy were reinforced and our force had to retreat we took about as many guns and horses from the enemy as we lost in the action, probably a few more. I was suffering so much with cold and had such a severe cough that I could not leave camp, We have a great many cases of measles in camp now nearly one half of our company being sick with them. You want to know the number of our regt, when we were in the state service we were the fourth now we are in C S service we have no number our Regt is known as Parsons Regt - of Texas Cavalry you will therefore direct your letters to James Mc Jackson Little Rock Ark care of Capt J P Wier Parsons Regiment Texas Cavalry



Our forces are organizing at this place and I think  
soon be ready to make an advance upon the ex-  
write soon and give me all the news you can, give my  
love to all the family from your affectionate brother  
Jim McEachern

Our Regiment will have to  
reorganize in a few days in accordance  
with the conscript act of the Confederate  
Congress which will force me to serve  
two years longer or during the war in  
a Texas regiment which I do not like.  
I shall rather be in a company and  
regiment from my own State; had  
it not been for this conscript  
law I intended to come home when  
my twelve months term of service  
was out and joined the company  
that brother Henry is in. but it  
may all be for the best which I  
hope it is, your devoted brother  
Jim