

Camp Fisk, Vicksburg Miss

April 15th 1865

To Anxious Friends.

I Endorse thoes few lines:

I was a prisoner of War and I am Still one, but

that has Nothing to do with what I am about

to Say; I was under Lt. E.F. Nixon. at the

time he Surrendered up his Small Command, I See

he has been dismissed from the

Service of the United States, for cowardice. Allow me to State

to you, that it was not cowardice that caused him

to Surrender; it Was ~~not~~ the want of amunition!

Which he tried to get three times, to the best of

My knowledge. he had a very small amount of Amunition,

and two thirds of it damaged. after General Forest

Recd. the Arms, out 20 guns 15 Missed fire.

I Pen thoes few lines to clear him of any Disgrace

that may rest upon him {E.F. Nixon} As far

as this will go among his friends.

From a well wisher Anonymous

If you will oblige the writer of this by not showing

this to Lt E F Nixon for he will know my handwriting

Camp Pick Vicksburg Miss
April 15th 1863

To Anxious Friends.

I enclose these few lines!

I was a prisoner of War but I am still one, but
that has nothing to do with what I am about
to say; I was under St. E. F. Vicksburg at the
time he surrendered up his small command, & for
he had been dismissed from the Service of the
United States, for cowardice. Now you do state
to you, that it was not cowardice that caused him
to surrender it was not the want of Ammunition,
which he tried to get three times, to the best of
my knowledge. he had a very ^{small} amount of Ammunition,
and two thirds of it damaged after General Forrest
lost the Arms, but 20 guns & 15 injured men.
I enclose these few lines to clear him of any Disgrace
that may rest upon him } E. F. Vicksburg } At first
as this will go among his friends

I am a well wisher Anonymous

As you will oblige the writer of this by not showing
this to St. E. F. Vicksburg for he will know my hand writing,