

I will send you an envelope that I took
out of a Rebels knapsack that we drove
out of the rifle pit,

Head Quarters 8th Regt
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Camp. Stephen, La.

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Kind Sister,

I take this opportunity
on this pleasant Sabbath day
to write you a few lines to let
you know that I am in the land
of the living - and enjoying comf-
ortable good health - and hope these
lines will find you much improved
from what you was when you last
wrote to me; I am well except a
little cold - and my old sore paw
that doesnt get well yet; it is
just sore enough so that I cant use
the musket or do other duty;
the sore is about as large as the
thick of your thumb; I can use it
to good advantage yet at meal time
and that time is the most consequence

I havint got a letter from Syman for a good while,

to soldier,