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HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT NO. 2,

SPARTA, TENN., September 5th, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 128. }

I. The signal triumph of our arms in Virginia, over the combined forces of McClellan and Pope, had hardly been announced to the whole of this command, before we are again called upon to rejoice and give thanks to God for a victory as brilliant and complete, achieved in our own campaign, by the troops under Maj. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, at Richmond, Kentucky, on the 30th ultimo. The enemy under Maj. Gen. Nelson, was completely routed, with the commander wounded, one General killed and one captured, with 3,000 other prisoners. Not the least important of the fruits secured was the whole of the enemy's artillery, small arms and transportation.

II. Comrades! our campaign opens most auspiciously and promises complete success. Your General is happy and proud to witness the tone and conduct of his army, contented and cheerful under privations and strictly regardful of the rights of citizens, you have achieved a victory over yourselves which ensures success against every foe.

The enemy is in full retreat with consternation and demoralization devastating his ranks. To secure the full fruits of this condition, we must press on vigorously and unceasingly. You will be called on to make greater sacrifices still — to suffer other, perhaps greater privations, but your Generals will share them and a grateful people will reward you.

Alabamians! your State is redeemed. An arrogant foe no longer treads her soil.

Tennesseans! the restoration of your Capital and State Government is almost accomplished without firing a gun. You return to your invaded homes conquerors and heroes.

Kentuckians! the first great blow has been struck for your freedom. The manacles will soon fall from your limbs, when we know you will arise and strike for your freedom, your women and your altars.

Soldiers from the Gulf, South Carolina, Georgia and Arkansas! we share the happiness of our more fortunate brothers and will press on with them rejoicing in the hope that a brighter future is in store for the fruitful fields, happy homes and fair daughters of our own sunny South.

BRANTON BRÁGG,

General Commanding.

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