

JOHN FARQUER TO MACK

January 9 1862

My friend hank I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am enjoying myself furstrate and hope these few lines will find you the same hank you must excuse me for not writing before for I had forgot all a boutit I spose you are haveing lots of fun out there this winter hank they hant much news here we hant got our arms yet nor I see as we ever shal They hant any more sines of it than when we first enlisted we have been orderd to march three times and hant gone yet nor I guess we never shall till we start for home Rob macdogle says he is all right and is wating for a leter from you hank give my respects to the girls around there write as soon asyou get this direct to Camp Benton St louis Mo Co G 2an mich Cavelry from your friend John farquer to henry ewing

Note: Except that he is mentioned in Robert McDougall's letters, nothing is known about Farquer. Although the letter is dated January 9, it is post marked January 30. The paper is imprinted with the American eagle and the words "STATE SOVEREIGNTY/NATIONAL UNITY," with a background of commercial and agricultural abundance and the letters "U" and "S" more or less hidden in the scene. The envelope also has an interesting scene, showing a cannon, presumably at Fort Sumter, close to the American flag, and with large ships with sails in the distance. Included in the imprint is the phrase, "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER," and at the bottom are the words, "S.C.--OUR FLAG IS STILL THERE!" Farquer was about 21 years old when he enlisted.

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