

tions in the Artillery drill. We are under many obligations to Lieuts. Waties, Carroll and Alexander, of the Columbia Artillery, for their instructions. We drill at the Abbeville battery. I like it very much. We may have a chance to test our skill in this line very soon.

It is said that Maj. Anderson's supplies from the city have been cut off at last. It is getting high time to stop his provisions if we are to starve him out. I can suggest no other plan.

Two new batteries have been erected at Vinegar Hill, about a quarter of a mile above the "Dahlgren" and "Star of the West" batteries. They command both the channel and land approaches. One of the batteries is on the top of this hill about twenty feet high, which gives it great advantages over the other batteries in commanding the channel. We never got the guns mounted there until last Thursday.

It is hoped, that since our entrance into the Southern Confederacy, a most vigorous course of measures will be adopted. Let us know whether we are to have war or peace.

The present warlike appearance of things, has banished all thoughts or inclinations from our minds of being disbanded and returning home.

Yours truly,

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A dispatch from Augusta, April 9, says the Mississippi Brigade, numbering eighteen hundred men, arrived at Pensacola on the 7th. More than four hundred Georgia troops passed through Montgomery for Pensacola during the last two days.

From Montgomery we learn that dispatches have been sent to Georgia and Louisiana, calling for additional troops.

Offers of volunteers from the border States and the Confederate States continue to pour in—about 7,000 from the former, and from the West about 2,000 Indian warriors. From the Confederate States the offers are overwhelming.