

Head-Quarters, Dept of the Ohio

Knoxville, Jan 21. 1864.

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Respectfully returned to
Majr Gen Halleck, General in
Chief. No reference, is found
in Col Patton's letter to an
"expedition in favour of East
Tennessee". Col Patton is
now and has been for some ^{time} at
Camp Nelson, Kentucky. His
opportunities are therefore small
for learning the actual condition
of affairs in East Tenn.

The most liberal terms have been
extended to deserters, and there
is no reason to think, that any
loyal Tennesseans are suffering
in prison as Col. Patton states

By Command of Maj Gen Foster

Edward E. Potter
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