

Head Quarters Co 47th Reg

Beaufort, SC

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Dear Friends,

I just learned that a mail leaves for the North tomorrow morning and although I have nothing particular to write about and there is no telling where you will get it as I understand vessels from here are now guaranteed ten days at New York, still I suppose you will be anxious to hear from me.

I have not heard from Sgt. Haupt today. Yesterday he was still living and improving, and I now have hopes of his recovery. I was down on Saturday last and both nurses and doctor promised me to do everything in their power to save him. If money or attention can save him, it must be done. The rest of the wounded of my company are doing very well. All will recover I think, and lose no limbs, but how many will be unfit for service I cannot yet tell. Billington Riehe, Barton, Sgt Haupt and Leffler are yet at Hilton Head. Billington is on crutches and attending to Haupt is helping. Barton and Leffler are also out on crutches. Riehe is walking about, but his jaw is badly shattered. Corp. S.Y. Haupt is on duty. Haas's wound is healing up nicely, Corp. Finck is about on crutches. O'Rourke, Holman, Southard, Rine and Larkins are in camp getting along finely. Those who were wounded in the body, face and legs all get along much better. Master Sgt Haught who was wounded in the foot. His jaws were tightly locked the last time I saw him.

The yellow fever is pretty bad at the Head, and I do not like to send anyone down. I am holding a Court Martial and keeps very busy. The fever creates no alarm whatever here. No cases at all have occurred save those brought from Hilton Head. We have had two frosts and all feel satisfied that will settle the fever. Some good men have fallen victims to it. Gen Mitchell is much respected here.

Sixty of my men are on junket under Leuit. Oyster thus Rees having been on the sick list. However, he is well again. The balance of the men are getting along finely. Warren McEwen had been sick but is well again. My health is excellent, spirits ditto. I suppose however by the looks of things I will be kept in Court Martials for a month longer, the trial list being very large. The men begin to look on me as a kind of an executioner as it seems I must be upon every court held in the Dep't.

We are waiting patiently and anxiously for a mail, not having had any news from the month since the 24th of last month. Three weeks without news seems a terrible time when you come to realize it.

I wrote home from the head the last time I was down. Was my cash received. Write soon and give me all the news.

With love to all, I remain

Yours,

JPSG