

Beaufort So Car
December 14. 1862-

Dear Friends

This is the last letter
you will receive from me dated
as above, for some time. Our Regt
has been ordered to Re. West again
and we leave for there tomorrow. We
are even now all packed up and I
am writing amid the piles of rubbish
accumulated in a five months residence
in Camp. Gen Brammen expects to go
North, and his object evidently is to
get us out of this Department. So that
when he is established in his Command,
he can get us with him. If we remained
here Gen Hunter would not let us go.
as he is as well aware as Brammen is
that we are the best Regiment in the
Department. Although I do not like
the idea of going back there, under the
circumstances we are content. At all

events we will have nice quarters,
easy times, and plenty of fun. But for
my part I would rather have some
fighting to do. Since we have become
initiated I rather like it. At Key West
we will get none, and have a nice rest
after our duties here. I will take
all my men along - not being compelled
to leave any behind. Direct my letters
hereafter to Key West, Fla.

I suppose
the body of Sergt Haupt has arrived
at home long ere this. When we left
Key West Gus Oyster & myself bought
a large quantity of shells, and sent them
to Mrs Oyster. If we got home all right
Haupt was to make boxes for us. He
having died, you and Mrs Oyster divide
the shells, and you can take the box
and give them to our friends. Some to
Uncle Luther, Jacob, Sam, Louis, Shadel
and all friends. I can send some
more when we get to Key West if
they want them.

Arrangements are being made to run a schooner regularly between here and Key West, so your boxes sent to us will follow us. Neither Mrs Wilsons nor yours has been received yet.

I think I will send a box home from here containing a few articles picked up at St Johns Bluff and here. They examine all boxes closely but I think I can get some few articles through. The powder horn bullet pouch & breech sight I got at St Johns Bluff to rest here. I will write as soon as we get to Key West. Let me hear from you often. With love to all I remain

Yours
L. P. Mail Jones

P.S. Get Youngman & Mober to publish
the change of our address