

Officers Hospital

Beaufort S.C.

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Dear Friends,

So not to be surprised at my being in the place above named, I caught the chills and fever on our expedition and came here to be comfortable and get cured quick. The expedition returned on Saturday last. We were perfectly successful and met with glorious results. We drove the Rebels out of Seven Camps and one Fort and captured \$200,000 worth of arms, cannon stores ammunition. Also one Steamboat, We penetrated the middle of Florida, by the St. John River. I will give you a full description when I get better. Our Regt did not lose a man. I got a letter from home the day we started.

The box came to land Nothing in it was good but the sausage. Uncle P and Ms. P sent the preserved plums and the onions. The wine had worked and had all run out but about half pint in both bottles. The blackberries were full of little worms. One bottle was broken. On the whole I don't think it pays to send anything here unless it is well secured in tin vessels.

I got a letter from Abbie yesterday. Was glad to hear from her. Will send her some money pay day.

The fever is broken in me and I will soon be able to be out of here. A lady from Boston has charge of this Hospital. She is very kind. I am in a house with a fine room all to myself. This morning the Matron put some flowers in my room. They make it look quite cheerful. None of my men were affected by the trip. They all stood it first rate but the travelling through the swamp up to my knees was too much for me.

I got five recruits and my company is again full – up to 100. I do not want any more.  
However I don't think there is any there that wants to come.

I am somewhat weak and feel as if I have written enough. I hope Grandmother is better.  
Give my love to her. Another expedition is being organized. I hope to be able to go with it.  
With love to all friends

I remain

Yours

Shindel