

Fort Taylor, Key West, Fla.
February 3, 1863

Dear friends,

This is the last letter I will write you from here as we are again ordered back to Hilton Head. The 90th Reg. NYSI, the Regiment we relieved, are here again by order of Gen. Hunter and six Companies of us will about day after tomorrow start for Hilton Head. The four Companies at Fort Jefferson will remain there some time as they are not relieved yet. I am sorry to see the Regiment separated but hope we wil soon be united. It has caused quite a fuss here as the citizens do not like the 90th. We, however, are all glad to get again where there is something to do and I guess Gen. Hunter thought we had rather be there when he needed us.

Bill Hendricks is with the four Companies at Fort Jefferson and will not go up yet. My men are all in excellent health and I shall take every one with me. Direct your letters to Port Royal, S.C., as heretofore and get the paper to notify the people of the change. I will write again when we reach Beaufort or Hilton Head. Love to all. Write soon.

Yours,

Shindel