

Officer Hospital

Beaufort S.C. Oct 14 1862

Dear Friends

Do not be surprised at my being in the place above named. I caught the Chills & 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 Johns 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 hand, Nothing in it was good but the Sausage, Uncle & Mrs. present 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
receptacles.

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

The fever is broken on me
and I will soon be able to be out I
hope. 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 just rate but
the travelling through the swamps up to
my knees were 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 some what weak, and feel
as if I had 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 friends I remain

Yours
J. M. Del
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