

Camp near
Port Royal Ferry
Port Royal Island
South Carolina
Dec 11th 1963

Dear Cousin

Your letter written the last of November, came to hand last night, after I had gone to “roost”; (I can't call it going to bed) We are again at the Headquarters of the Advanced picket station doing “out line” picket duty. We came out for Twenty days. Half of the time has already expired, and I care not how soon the other half rolls around for our quarters in Camp at Beaufort are somewhat more comfortable than they are here.

You asked me two questions, though you may have designed it for but one: First You wished how I spent Thanksgiving day; 2nd whether I spent it as I do all other days. I answer that, your second question is the answer to the first, with this difference Viz. That I headed a list for processing funds (from members of my Co) for purchasing a Sword Belt and sash for one of our Lieutenants we purchased the articles and presented them on the evening of the same day. I received a letter from Mother, bu the same mail that brought yours. She is well. Says the weather had been very cold there. I think it has been cold enough here. It was so cold on the first night of this month that water froze. What do you think of that for South Carolina?

General Gillmore has removed his Head Quarters to Hilton Head and it is rumored that he is soon to change his base of operations, and that his next move will be against Savannah, but there is probably no truth in the rumor for if such was his intention, it is not at all likely that we would know anything about it, until he had actually established an armed force in that vicinity. I do not hear from Gertrude very often. I have not received a letter from Myra yet and begin to fear I must have written something in my last to her that offended her. If so, it was quite unintentional on my part. And I hope she will forgive me. I think I will write again and see if I can find out what the trouble is. Remember me to her and your Mother and to my friends at North Shore and believe me as ever Your loving cousin Milton