

Beaufort S.C. Aug 2/63

Dear Cousin

Yours of the 22nd Ult. Came to hand yesterday. I am obliged to you for sending Theodore's address. I think I shall write to him. I should judge from your account of how you spent the fourth that you enjoyed yourself. I am glad of it. We have moved our camp again and are now more pleasantly situated than ever. The Col has a large house to live in, surrounded by beautiful shade trees, and we are nearer town, besides all this we have grass to drill on instead of sand as we did at Hilton Head. I had heard of the riot in New York, it was a shameful affair. I hope however it will not be the means of breaking up the draft. I do indeed think, you had "a time of it" in setting to your Uncle's.

Tell Auntie Pine that I am exceedingly obliged to her for sending me Theodore's likeness, and that as soon as I can get some good ones taken I will send her mine. I can't think of anything interesting to write, and am afraid I shall not be able to fill this sheet of paper. How in the name of common sense, Rogers could think of enough to fill nine pages, I can't see. By the way, I received a letter from Helen, in which she stated that Rogers, wrote that his Regt was ordered to march on to Gettysburgh[sic]. I had not heard from him since. So of course did not know whether he survived to battle or not. She wrote that the papers state that his Regt lost in killed -45. I am quite anxious to hear from him .

Our troops have been at work on Morris Island for some time past, trying to gain so strong a foothold that the enemy could not drive them back. I think they have about accomplished their object. From Rebel accounts, we learn that they "tremble" for Charleston thinking that without doubt it will fall into our hands. This looks encouraging and I hope the day will not be too far distant when peace will be declared and the poor soldier be permitted to return to his home. I am tired of soldiering and long to be free. I admit that "Uncle Sam" is a good pay master, but the principal reason why I do not like to work for him is because I can't "quit" just when I please.

Please give my love to Aunt and Owens and believe me ever your affectionate cousin Milton