

Beaufort S.C. Aug 21/63

Dear Cousin

The "Arrago" has [sic] arrived again, bring the mail as usual, but nothing from you this time. So I have concluded to write you again, and thus bring you doubly in debt. I have at last concluded to have my photograph take, and this is the reason I write now so as to send one to you before they get damaged, for I have no convenient place for keeping them. I also inclose [sic] one for Auntie Pine. which you will please send to her. with my compliments. I am very well at heart. but my head is a little sore . in consequence of being knocked down (yesterday) by a horse. I will try to explain the circumstances under which the accident happened. There was to be a general "review" of all the troops on the Island. and the place where they were to meet for the purpose. was over one mile from our Camp. The weather was very warm, and the march there fatigued us very much. and one of the boys in the company to which I belong. was overcome by the heat. and fainted. I caught him as he was falling and took care of him. thereby. escaping the "review." We found that he wasn't going to be able to walk back to camp. So I started down town after an ambulance. to carry him there. had gone about half mile. when I was overtaken by about one dozen horsemen. (Officers) who were riding at full speed. and before I had time to get out of the way. one of the horses struck me in the back and knocked me down. I fell against the sharp corner of a fence post. and cut a little gash in my head. I went into one of the Hospitals. and had it washed and dressed. I think it will be well in a day or two. If you have any more photographs (of yourself) and you think they are better than the one I have. you may. if you please . send me one and I will examine them and see which it will be best to send back. It may be so difficult for me to decide that I shall have to keep both. Give my love to Aunt Caroline and Cousins , and write soon. Yours Affectionately L.M. Loper