

Beaufort S.C. Sept 15/63

Dear Cousin

I received your letter of the 1st Inst. a few days ago and was glad to hear from you again. I sent two of my photographs in the letter, one of which I of course intended for you. the other was for Auntie Pine. I hope you will get yours all right. I did receive the letter in which you requested me to direct to Staten Island, but forgot to do so. I will try to direct this one right. You may tell Josie that I have no more photographs. or she might have one in welcome. The Artist who took the others. is at Morris Island. and intends to operate in Charleston. after we take it. so I cannot have anymore taken. One year ago to day. the 115th surrendered to Genl Jackson. at harpers Ferry. Since that time. we have encamped in 18 different places. some of which were quite pleasant. and others. quite the contrary. but the pleasantest of all camps we have had. is the one we now occupy. There are a great many large shade-trees around. and the Col quarters is situated in the midst of a large cluster of them. He has a house to live in, so he is quite fortunate in that respect. heretofore. he has had to put up with a tent. though of course it was larger than those we poor Soldiers have to occupy. I just received a letter from Gertie. She wrote that she had had considerable company this summer, and with the rest, Aunt Charlott and Uncle Tales [?] Our forces now occupy the whole of Morris Island. You directed your letter there which was not right. Our Regt has never been there. You will please direct to Beaufort S.C. until further notice. It rained very hard night before last, and most of the time yesterday -- To day it is very pleasant. You must excuse my poor writing. for I am sleepy having spent last night without sleep. I was in charge of the Camp Guard. My heart is all right now. and I am in very good health. Give my compliments to Uncle and Aunt and to all enquiring friends and believe me as ever Yours sincerely L. M. Loper