

Hospital No. 1
Beaufort, S.C.
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Dear Cousin

Here I am again all "safe and sound." Had a pleasant passage, arrived at Hilton Head, eight o'clock yesterday (Thursday) morning, having been ninety two hours making the trip. We passed Cape Hatteras ten o'clock Tuesday night, and would have reached the "Head" Wednesday afternoon but for a strong "Head Wind" after we passed the Cape. By the way Gen Foster was on board with us. I was informed that he was to take Command of this Department, but don't know how true it is. Yesterdat I had the pleasure of taking my first ride in a Sail boat (or Yatch). I will tell you how it happened. The Steamer that was to bring me here came off and left me at the dock at the "Head." I won't say she did it purposly, but this much I will say. I felt "cheap" to find I was behind time, but it could not be helped. I had one consolation. I was not alone there were nine of the 56 boys in the same predicament. Til one of them happened to find a man who was coming to Beaufort and bargained with him to bring us for fifty cents apiece. So we had a pleasant Sail, and I for one enjoyed it very much and did not begrudge the fifty cents. The Yatch was small, and only had seats for about eight. So you may imagine that twelve men surely filled it. The Bay was quite rough and the waves would sometimes break or wash over the sides of the boat, So we had to dodge the water and "look out for breakers." I liked it better than riding on a steamer. Well "so much for so much", and move for something else. I found a letter there for me from Theodore, which surprised me somewhat. It was written the 2nd of April. He was well at the time. I also received a letter from My Capt. Informing me that he had recommended me to Col Sammens .for the position of 2nd Lieut in the Co. So you see everything is coming out right after all. At least it looks quite favorable. I am the only one of the five who left this Hospital on furlough, who has returned. The others of course will be too late. Remember me to Aunt Caroline, to all of my Cousins and believe me as ever, Your affectionate Cousin Milton