

South Carolina
Deserts

May 17th 1863

I take this opportunity
to let you no that we
are all well at present
and hoping these few
lines will find you
all the same we are
on sea brook island
about twenty miles
from charleston we left
hilton head about a month
ago and left all our clothing
and things onley wat we
wanted and i left my paper
at the head this is the reason
that i didnt write sooner
This is the first letter
that i have wrote for about
two months our regt has
bin on picket for a week

We are in now and cutting
timber and building breast
works the rebels is thunders
Sassy here for they no we
hant aloud to shoot at them
they come rider out and
shaken their sabers within
gun shot of us i understand
that the hundred and twenty
forth regt wouldnt stand fire
it is reported down here that
they run like wite heads
we have bin drilled for nearly
two years and they hant hurt
us that yet it is hard to
tell what we may do but
we have the first time to
turn our tales to the rebels
without orders the reason i
didnt send any money home
the last payment was because

I bought a revolver and
cotrages write soon and
let me no how you are getin
along with your ofice and
how the crops looks they are
given out furlows now for
thirty days their is five out
of our company now and
mabeey i may git one in a
month or to they have six or
eight pets more to send first
we have a better name for them
but i hant tell hit now you
nodent looke for me before two
or three months no more
at present

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