

Morris Island S.C.  
Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dear Emmy,

Your letter dated Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> arrived last night. I have not received any letters from any one but you, for a long time. I should like to hear from some of the rest of my friends, but if they do not write I do not have the letters to answer, which is some consolation. as I have got rather tired of writing I feel very thankfull that you and our dear little ones continue in good health, and when I think of it, there are so many causes for gratitude, that I never feel like complaining at any hadships that come in a soldiers life. I wanted very much to inlist again, as the bounty which is offered would be a nice little sum for us to start with after the war is over. But the greatest temptation was the furlough which those who inlist are to have, but for your sake. alone, I have not done it. You do not have any idea, how much I wish to see you. your discription of the tre<sup>es</sup> in the moonlight I have often wished that I could see the moonlight shining on the snow.

There is a man in the tent, who has just come in. who lives in Hill N.H. if this letter is rather mixed up, you may put the fault to his account.

We are having some very unpleasant weather, it has been cold and rainy for quite a long time, and our camp is in the poorest place that we have ever camped in.

There is not a tree on the island, and all the wood that we have to use is brought from a considerable distance and we only get barely enough for the purpose of cooking. I wanted very much to send some kind of present for Annie & Josie. for Christmass or New Year, but could not get anything to send from here, so they must wait till I get home and I will try and make it all square

There is but little to write about, and you will not be likely to get a very interesting letter this time, but it will let you know that I am well.

I am glad you have writen to Haynes, if I have not. I have not answered his last letter yet.

Perhaps I had better put this by and try again, but I guess, it is as well as I can do this time, and I will close now, and write again soon.

If I do not mail this right off, it will not go by this mail.

That is the reason that I do not write more.

Yours as ever,  
Leander