

Beaufort SC  
Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862

Mrs Harris -

I will scribble you a hasty note this morning by your Husband request and in the first place excuse the half sheet of paper as it is all I can get hold of this morn

The Regt ha sudden orders last evening to be all on board of the transports at 7 oclock this morn and all of the night has been spent in making ready for an expected battle, and I assure you its no small thing to get the Surgeons arrangements complete for such an event Mr Harris had not a minute to write you, and I will do so for him God only knows where, they have gone, for no one knew when they left here what the destination was, though it surmised an attack on Charleston or Savannah, perhaps both – The rebels are well fortified and prospects of a fearful battle –

The post man is waiting to take this to the office – but just as soon as we hear from our Regt I will write you again – Dont you worry for Mr Harris. as he still retains his old position with credit too – and is safe even in time of action The good people of NH are suffering more for the Soldiers here, than the Soldiers suffer themselves –

I have never seen you Mrs Harris, but know you well because your Husband talks so much of you and I hope sometime to be personally acquainted Be assured that if any sickness or accident befalls your Husband he shall be well cared, for, and I will write you all particulars as soon as we get tidings from them.

Excuse me from writing more this time as I have several letters to write to the wives and friends of those connected with the Hospital

yours in haste

Mrs J A Sawyer  
Hospital Matron  
4<sup>th</sup> NH Regt

[written sideway along the left side of the letter]

Mr Harris desires his love to you &, the babies – cant you send them out here for play things for the Camp?