

Sumner Island S.C. June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Dear Brother and Sister

I thought I would  
write on halve rote w short letter see halve  
had a very hard battle on this Island  
the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> we were ordered to march  
at one o'clock all of our troops on this Island  
was under marching orders. Co. C. Co. H. was in  
the Advance of all our Brigades our object  
was to take a fort by surprise we got near  
the fort and took four Rebel Pickets  
our orders was not to fire a musket it was  
charge Bayonet we got within a bout forty  
Yards of the fort and they commensed  
Firing in there Grape and Canister and Rifle  
and musket forward we went at a charge  
Bayonet our men falling on the right and  
left I was in the Advance of my Company  
I climb up on the fort followed by my Brave  
Boys we Picked off there Sumners when they  
mounted there Fort to fire there Guns  
I Received a Ball threw my left thigh and  
hip no Bones Broken Capt Ely Received a spent  
Ball on his lip no damage our second lieutenant  
was killed 14 wounded and two killed and Prisoner