

New Orleans July 3 1863

CJ Hardaway,

Dr Sir

I think that I have rec'd all your favours. From the 9th of Apl until 25th May we were in the field between Brashear City & Alexandria & our mail was not rec'd but once during that time.

As soon as we ret'd to Brashear City I wrote you & also for'd Col. E B Smiths Cirtificate as you requested.

In your last favour (7th June) I noticed that you require in the Cirtificate the Strength of our Rgt. I do not now recollect that you mentioned that particular in your first Letter & consequently I fear was omitted. The Cirtificate was mailed from here about 1st June & I presume that before this you have red'd it & that it will answer all purposes. The Company needs your Serving very much. Bull has resigned & Thurbur will take his place. You are safe for yours. You onley loose pay. If possible you should get Mustered in (as 2nd Lieut) to the Service of the U.S. before you come here as your pay will then commence. I do not know that it can be done before you get here, but you can try.

You will probably go to N.Y. & the Qr. Master there will give you transportation to N.O. when you get here. You had better stop at the St. Charles Hotel as all the 114 Officers stop there when in the City. Our Regt. is 800 strong & over I think.

During 50 days almost continual marching back & forth in April & May between Brashear City & Alexandria. I issued rations for over 600 men & we have a goodly number in the Hospital & detailed for spicial duty. The Regt. is now before Port Hudson & stand A No.1. Five Cos. were in the assault on the Rebel Works early in the month and suffered terribly but they showed their pluck. Co. F. came out of the conflict with only one half of its men Sound that went into the charge. Col. Smith killed, the Maj. wounded, Genl. W. Roberts & John C. Tallman killed. Clinton H. Medbury Ltt & since died - D. Putnam I suppose is dead - Charley Brown, Chas T. White, John Spurr, Wm Mumbalo, (Capt. Fitts) wounded - Three or four of Sherburne boys in our company was killed & a number wounded.

They charged up to the backs of the Rebels, but their supports did not come up as they generally do & our boys had to fall back, Capt. Fitts is only about 22 years of age but he has the pluck of a lion & the boys would follow him to the end of the world it that thing could be done. He has now gone to N.Y. in charge of a lot of Prisoners, but to return immediatly.

Our Rgt. left Brashear City for Port Hudson in light marching order. Officers leaving all their Baggage, Privates all their knapsacks & clothes except our extra shirt & stockings. All our Cos. - Regimental - Jr. Master, Books & papers of every discription, Tents, My private papers clothes, sword, Belt & sash in fact all I had except what was on my back and old dirty fatigue suit I left there, & since then the Rebels have taken the place by the carelessness of there troops left to protect it, & we are completely cleaned out. Chas. Fairchild, Don Babcock, Austen White are prisoners I suppose as they were left to take care of our traps. Our 50 days marching used me up & when our Regt. left for Port Hudson, I came to N.Y. & for 4

weeks past have not been of the bed but today. I can walk about our Room a little & improving daily. You had better get a sword sask & Belt in N.Y. If you cannot get one 2nd handed, also a dress coat - then I would get a Flannel fatigue sack coat and vest if you think but have the change but the last things are not necessary as the common private Pants & Blouse are mostly warn here. Yet the Flannel Sack Coat is very handy to put on in the warm climate instead of the more heavy dress coat. You have been soldier long enough to learn that the less one has in the army the better he is off - The traps (personal) that the rebel d__ls have taken from me I could not replace for less than \$200. I regret the loss of my Sword Belt & sash very much as it was presented to me by the citizens of New Berlin.

Hoping that I may see you soon as we need you very much.

I remain Yours very truly

Adrian Foote Lt.
& Qtr Master 114 Rgt.

C.F. Thomas with Halstead Haines and Co will assist you in N.Y. if you wish.

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