Kinston Head, S.C.
June 21st, 1862

Your letter of May 30th and one of an earlier date has come into my possession. I also received one from Mother 9th inst., a few days ago.

I have had very little time to write lately. More will not expect me to write as often as all my correspondents at home.

I received the packages you sent. I have had the toothache for the past few days. All the boys from Hop and vicinity are well, excepting Jack, who has not got very smart yet.

Corporal E. E. this boy
was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning. He was on
pickett duty at night and was talking with the field officer of the day. It occurred at midnight. The officer of the day was knocked from off his horse but not seriously injured. One of my 60 was thrown down and injured by the lightning that same night. Other men at various points were more or less affected by it. It was a very dark night but for the power of half an hour the flashes were so rapid that a person could read during the whole as well as by daylight. Three different showers from different points of the compass converged on overhead. Few persons ever heard the heavy thunder or so vivid and continuous lightning.
You probably will see in the papers before this reaches you, accounts of the severe losses sustained by our forces on James Island near Charleston. Our made an unsuccessful attack and last as near as I can learn between 600 and 700 men. The B. D. F. lost about 300 or 400 wounded two days ago and they are now at Gen. Hospital where they are receiving excellent care and those who have the best of accommodations though it is somewhat crowded. It is a sad sight to go through the wards and see the poor fellows wounded in all manner of ways. Some have died—Great many operations are being performed as cutting off arms legs &c.
Capt. Bryant has got a 
summons and will leave for 
Maine on the first steamer. He will 
visit Hope.

Now speak of a coal—
I do not want any coal—
I want a pair of boots and 
some suspenders.

You never informed me 
that you had a new 
article of apparel which I 
sent to you at
Rockland in a letter.