Beaufort, S.C.
July 13th, 1862

Dear Sisin,

Your letter of June 16th. I received.

Received one from Mother dated June 24th, one from Father June 29th and one from June 30th.

I wrote to you June 22nd and to Mother July 6th.

I was quite sick at that time both have got well again. The health of the Regt is steadily but slowly improving here. I lost one man by death the day before we left Hilton Head and
night before last—Leander Martin died. He died suddenly from the effects of a sunstroke. He fell asleep in the sun, and while asleep his cap came off his head. All of the people were excepting corporals Dunlap and Hollow and one duty. Neither of these are much sick.

Our Rev. attended divine service at the Baptist Church today. It is a spacious building and with our Band to furnish the music we had a very pleasant time. This is a grand place. There are a great many large and splendid buildings. Such as you would among the best in a city of 5000 inhabitants. The streets were lined and the dwellings...
are surrounded with long magnificent shade trees. There were many fine gardens here.

We now have plenty of green corn, squash, and cucumbers cheap. We can get chicken eggs and milk by paying an enormous price from 20 to 30 cents each for chicken and very small at that, 40 cents a dozen for eggs. We paid 50 cents at Milton Head, and we can occasionally get a little milk at 12 cents a quart. Apples, peaches, and pears are ripe but I have seen very few. Figs are nearly ripe. I saw water lilies larger than those that grow in Maine but not so fragrant. We know steady heat.

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It ranges from 90 to 98 about 8 hours of the day. This is to every day. The evenings and generally cool and it is very pleasant how thin moonlight nights.

I presume you know tolerably hot weather in Maine and am in the midst of hopping. Tell Ed. Cowe that I would like to have him out here.

I do not much to be at home to help him hay. I am inclined to think that I prefer my present mode of life to sweding all day in the hay field. Young people no arts or care to donils and turning grind stone does not present any very brilliant attractions to my circumstan..
The Ed. is pretty hard to follow round. Who does the know let hug away at the root of our old barn — I do not will discourage them they make but they will get through or nearly through before this reaches its destination.

We are very comfortably situated here. Drill about 3/4 of an hour in the morning and 3/4 an hour at night of 37 commissioned officers in the Regt only 21 are present and 6 of them are on the sick list.

Stone Ed. 1st