Port Royal, Apr. 22nd, 1864

Dr Sister

In the last letter home that I wrote I said that our Regt was expecting to go north but we have not started yet. The Colonel says he shall try to pay us before we go. It may be that we shall not leave the Island at all, but we have had orders from Washington to go with several other Regts from this Department and I suppose we shall go if they are not countermanded. The Election turned out well for Connecticut as it should. Capt. Allen of Co F is dead. He died Wednesday of Intermittant fever. A set of resolutions were drawn up by some one in the company and presented to his wife, also a copy to the Palmetto Herald and N. Haven Palladium to be published. He was 26 yrs of age. Mrs Allen expects to go north to day in the Fulton, also Chaplain Woodruff who has resigned week before last. The Provost Guard were relieved by the 9th U.S. Colored, also the Patrol and dock guard. It does not suit the prisoners to be guarded by the blacks. Some of them have run the guard and got outside and been up to camp. The other night the 100th N.Y. Regt or some of the Roughs in it got into a muss with the Patrol. They insulted the nigs and the Patrol were ordered to arrest them. When the 100th began to throw clubs and bricks then the nigs were ordered to fire on them. Several shots were fired and one or two of the 100th were wounded. It would have been quite a serious affair if the 100th had had their arms, they being locked up in a building. They were awaiting transportation north. Last Sunday two deserters from this Regt were shot. Stark of Co E and Shumaker of Co. C. Shumaker was a fine looking man. They both died game. I was present at the execution. I send a paper with this with an acct of the affair. You can write as soon as you receive this if convenient. I do not think we shall move right off.

Yours, H.E.H