

Camp 124th P.M. Enfs
Near Blakely Ala. Apr. 10th / 65

Cousin Phoebe

It has been some time since I wrote to you and it may surprise you to see the heading of this letter - but we are "going for Mobile," as far as we can or at least I suppose we shall see the fortifications of that stronghold, though there is a rumor through Camp that our Division has been detached for some special duty though no one says what that duty is. We have already had thirteen days siege at the Spanish Post just below there and night before last our Brigade charged on the works and the rebels scodaddled that is what could get away - we took over six hundred prisoners nearly fifty pieces of artillery and three battle flags, our loss was less than fifty killed and wounded.

Since then the fortifications around
Blakely have been taken with all the
artillery and two thousand prisoners -
and it is said two or three gunboats,
so now the way is clear to Mobile if
we were only across the river - it is
only some ten miles distant, I guess
we shall move some where soon for
we are having four days rations
issued to us which looks like marching.

To day we have heard in a way
that is considered reliable that Rich-
mond has at last fallen I hope it
is true for I think the war will not
last long perhaps before my time is
out that is just five months from
to-day. I have not heard from Old
Dutcher except from Mother for a
long time, not since I wrote to you
before. Mother however keeps me
pretty well posted as to the local
news.

I hope that the next letter I write

to you will be from Mobile, but as likely as not we shall be ordered in some other direction. We are in the 3rd Brigade (Comd by Col. Gotta) of the 3rd Division (Comd by Gen. Carr) of the 16th Army Corps. I write the above so that you can see by the papers where we are, and what we are doing.

Rebel prisoners have been passing all day they seem the best provided with clothing &c. if any I have ever seen most seemed in very good spirits though some looked sullen enough many are the same that we took at Vicksburg, it surprised me to see the number of little boys among them, they did not seem to like "Steell's niggers" as they called the Colored troops which composed part of the force that fought them.

Tom must excuse the writing this for you can see the ink and pen both are miserable,

We are having fine warm weather
here but this is a dismal place,
a continual pitch pine forest.

Give my best respects to all
friends. ~~Direct to the 15th Army~~

I was going to tell you to direct to
the 16th A.C. but I guess it would be
better not to, for fear we are detached.

My health is very fair, Good night

Your sincere friend & comrade

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