

teen thousand dollars. One of our companies is stationed here. The flag of the Confederate States floats from a staff at its base.

The Rhett Guards have removed to Secessionville, a few miles west of us. We know not how soon it may be our fortune to follow suit. This summary mode of transferring us from pillar to post, has reduced our baggage to a very small compass. I hope that we will be allowed a permanent place at the Abbeville Battery. It is located about thirty yards from the battery which was fired into the *Star of the West*.

The *Catawba* came over Saturday, crowded with a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen, visiting their friends at the various posts. Some of the dignitaries of the land were aboard, and a salute in their honor was fired from all the batteries. We love to see these visits of the fair. Our gallant officers and soldiers make their visits as agreeable as possible. They readily mount our bread-carts and take a ride on the beach, seeming to enjoy it much. One of our gallant youngsters was so much taken as to get a delicate track from the sand and carry it to his tent. He was then so selfish as to ask a quarter for a peep at his booty.

We now have an excellent band of music to play for the Regiment. Further additions have been promised. It adds much in giving uniformity to our evolutions.

Our tents are pitched at the pest house, on the quarantine ground. The Marion Volunteers are our nearest neighbors. We miss our capacious rooms of the Maultrie House, and live here as thick as three in a bed, though thriving all the time. Our whole Regiment is enjoying remarkably good health.

Yours truly,

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CHARLESTON, S. C., March 14, 1861.

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