

Port Royal, June 23rd 1862

Dear father

I must write a few lines to you since it is now a long time since I have heard from you and you from me. I wrote to you and to brother Ole when I was in D.C. and I got an answer back from Ole but not from you and the reason probably because we were called from New York in such a hurry and since then there has not been a chance for an answer. I am now aboard a ship called Onward and we have been anchored at a place called \*Bjupora, South Carolina to keep the enemy in check and to not come ashore and now we have got orders to sail to Charleston where it is expected every day to be hard battle, so you must excuse my poor hand writing for it is written in a hurry and we are sailing now.

Best wishes, live well, your devoted son

Sivert Salveson

Write soon, the address is:

Sam Baker

U.S. Ship Onward, Port Royal, South Carolina  
4 miles from Charleston    Captain Nielsen