

Harrison W. Owens (Company C, Sixth South Carolina Infantry Regiment) to "My Affectionate Friend,"  
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Camp Near Petersburg, Va.

My Affectionate Friend

I write you a line in haste this morning. We are all under orders to March we will go through Winnsboro in a day or two I guess you will hear when we will go along there. I wish if you get this in time & you get a chance you would send me my overcoat & flannell shirt which I left when I was home. We have orders to report at Atlanta Georgia We are going West. I Suppose we will have a big fight out there. We had two men shot for desertion in our Brigade yesterday. They belonged to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rifle Regt. [end page 1]

They were from Pickens District. Oh! One of them hated to die so bad. Six balls were driven through his breast, five through the other. one died without moving, the other said, "Oh! Lord have mercy on me" & died. Jammie is gone over to Petersburg. I saw Capt. Whitemen yesterday he told me your Pa was very sick again. I told Jammie of it he seemed to be very much distressed about it. He is in good health now You must come out and see us as we go along. Remember me kindly to Mitchell & Mrs. Owings and the children.

I remain yours truly

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> '63

J.W. Owens