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Description: Horatio N. Jose wrote a statement to his former commander and friend, George F. Shepley, about paperwork concerning ordnance issued to the 12th Maine.

Portland Jan^y 20th/65 Brig Genl G. F. Shepley Norfolk

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Dear Sir,

Your

favor of 7th inst was duly rec^d but on the eve of my departure from home hence the delay in answering.

I regret to say that the Invoices & vouchers of Ordnance stores were all lost or destroyed by the Enemy with all the regimental Books & papers at "Bayou Boeuf" by the

You will recollect that we rec^d no ordnance stores until just before our departure from Portland, and from that time until our arriver at 8 hil Island we were in no econdition to render an account leng on found the steamer about forty days, loha I feft Ship Island the Invois I vou chers connectice with the broknam stores low retained by my Successor It Cho D lucke to furnish you with there papers as before specific I cem most they of well HNOose

that time until our arrival at Ship Island we were in no condition to render an account – being on board the steamer about forty days.

When I left
Ship Island the Invoices
& vouchers connected
with the ordnance stores
were retained by my
successor Lt Cha^s D Webb
regretting my inability
to furnish you with these
papers as before specified
I am most
truly yours

H.N. Jose