

Head Quarters

Forttown Va

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Dear Maria

It is nearly a week  
since I last wrote you but when you  
know I have been quite unwell you  
will excuse me I have no doubt  
Last Thursday I went out to Lees Mills  
with Sergeant and a few other officers  
and got very tired on returning I sat  
quite hoarse of course and the  
consequence was I have been keeled  
up ever since with a bad Stomach  
I am now however coming out all  
right and my appetite is coming to  
me by degrees I shall be more  
carefull in future what I eat and  
when I eat it, I was quite fine one  
day took Calomel, Quinine &c and  
kept Mustard paste on my bowells  
all day - I have had two letters  
from you since I wrote and one you  
wrote last Sun. which has just arrived  
To day we muster for pay and I hope  
to get paid soon I am considerably in  
debt here in the regiment or here &c  
but now have I mos pay due me so  
I will get enough to pay that and some  
more say so now "I have just bought  
me a military dictionary which is a very  
fine thing Cost \$5.00 also a copy of  
Heavy Artillery Tactics I heard from  
Whisper a day or two since he was  
enjoying himself in N. York he had