



Camp Douglas

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Dear Maria

I will try and write you a few lines though I hardly know how or when to commence as there is scarcely any thing of interest that has transpired since I last wrote.

I have been excused from the Court Martial to day in order to finish out my Quarterly Returns and as I am all through I will now occupy a little time in writing my thoughts to You. I tell you it is quite a job to keep the accounts of a company all right and my mans clothing account to book but I have got so that it does not puzzle me as much as it used to because I have found out the Crooks and turns. We have not as yet received any orders and do not know what is to be done with us yet, but we all expect to be sent West before long. We have news from Fredericksburgh and the report is that a ~~the~~ heavy battle is now raging and that Gen Hooker is mortally wounded.