

Camp of the Reserve Brigade
Strat Suffolk Va

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My dear Maria

To day is Sunday and it is almost too warm to write or do anything but I will write you a few lines. Gen Sherman has gone over to Church and Lt Snout is stretched out here on the ground beside me studying tactics. We have just got through inspection and my Co, got complimented for their good looks and appearance. We got orders yesterday to be ready to march with three days rations immediately, we got ready but have as yet got no further orders. There is a move being made out to the Black River R. and probably this was ^{the} direction we were to go in but I presume we will not go now. I got a letter from you yesterday but it was an old one and written the 7th you spoke of getting the Choest I presume you will get the other soon for \$240 - and you can get them both cashed at the same time. After paying my debts here in the Regt I had on hand abt \$100 - I have bought me some shirts cost \$8.00 abt \$6.00