



Camp 9th W. Suffolk Va,
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Dear Maria

I have to begin with the same old story of "nothing new", the fact is it is awful dull here, and I am getting tired of the monotony, but perhaps in time we will have something to do more exciting than drill. I don't seem as though we would be allowed to remain here idle all summer with no money any where near us, there are some 20 thousand men here and I can't see why so many are kept here. I see by the papers that the Regiment 1st Projaco are on the Av. side of the river again and must withdraw some. Cox is getting there. I don't hardly think Hooker intends advancing yet but perhaps is making a feint only. I got your letter yesterday written Sunday it was only 2 1/2 days on the road. do mind go through as quiet. We expect here every day to hear of some promotion in our Regt. but no one knows who are to be the lucky ones. As I wrote before I don't have any idea of getting a promotion