

Yorktown, Va.

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Dear Maria

When I last wrote you I was feeling rather poorly but I now feel well and in fact better than I did before I was sick. I continue to take about 10 grains of quinine per day and think it has a good effect on me. The truth is this is a very unhealthy country and a person who can stand it through the summer and not get sick is as tough as iron. About 150 of our Regt are on the sick list and although our sickness is extensive the deaths are very few we having lost but one man for a month past. I expect we will remain here this winter but there is nothing certain as to that. I am glad Gr Sewell has called on you. He no doubt gave you an idea of how we are here much better than I have done on paper. I had a letter from him today. He did not say anything about having his wife come with him and I don't believe he thinks of it for this would be a poor place to bring a woman to and in fact the Army and