

Head Quarters
Fort Stevens Va

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Dear Maria

I have just got out of bed and am now waiting for breakfast so will write you a little and finish some other time. This is a splendid morning the cool breeze that comes in at my window is very refreshing, but before noon the sun will be very warm. I shall be glad when we get frosty nights. Then I expect our sickness will decrease and those who are well will feel much better, have more life and vigor. For a few days past our men have been very busy repairing up this barracks and getting them ready for cold weather. we intend to have them all whitewashed so as will present quite a nice and clean appearance. Yesterday Dr Carpenter and I went down and had our horses pictures taken and I will send you one. I do not think it very good but I shall try and get a better one taken some cool eve when the flu does not bother him so much. Tho Jefferson dont present a very fine appearance but in the next I shall advise him to have his pants buttoned up, I am still in command of the Regt and have a plenty to do this forenoon I am going out with Dr C