



Yorktown Va

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Dear Maria

I will now devote a little time to you for I know you will be glad to hear from me. ^{althing} But two days have passed since I last wrote. To day is Sunday and the wind is blowing real cold and I doubt if it is any colder in S to day than here. Lester is here with me but as yet I have not furnished him with much to do.

We are expecting orders to leave here any day and I presume by two or three days we will be down in North Carolina at Beaufort or Newbern. The reason of our going is on account of the great amount of sickness in the Regiment and it is thought we will be better by a change of climate. For the last few days we have had one or two deaths per day but with all our sickness we have not suffered from it as much as any other Regt in this vicinity.