

Officers Hospital  
Annapolis, Md.  
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My dear Jane,

I write you once more without having any news to communicate. I am about in the usual way, and have become accustomed to it that I get along pretty well. I do not however gain any flesh, but my moustache is beginning to assume a good size.

I received a letter from Willie to day from the front. He is with the company and is acting as clerk for them. He says that he is well. He also states that they daily have company and regimental drill, and sometimes Brigade. I well know the object of this. It is preparatory to the great struggle to overcome Lee. There have been too many new troops sent down there lately to venture on using them without some preparatory discipline. He also states that Critchlow has resigned and gone home. None of the old officers are left now except Pentecost and Maxwell. Maxwell is major, or will be as soon as his commission comes.

We had a new man sent into our room yesterday a Lt. Smith of 7th N.Y. Heavy. He has gone before the board of examiners & has not returned yet. A large number of men were sent off from here yesterday to the front. I suppose an effort is being made to collect all available forces and bring them to bear soon and try to finish the war this winter. Hope they will succeed.

The weather becomes cooler.

I enclose \$10.

Yours affectionately  
William