



of 500,000 men. That's the way to do it. I hope the War powers have determined to have enough men to finish up the rebellion this summer. It can be done if the ranks of our regiments are all full, but not without. We are beginning to think the job is too easy, but we shall undoubtedly find some hard places before the war is over. If we all think the task a hard one, and treat ourselves accordingly, I ~~do~~ guess it will all come right.

We have had just such weather as you describe, but it is pretty much forgotten in the past two or three days of rain & fog & mud. It rained all last night and most of the day, but cleared away at sunset. It is foggy to-night. — Bad weather keeps us close at home, and going about is rather dangerous on account of the guerrillas. I shall have some

alry under my command to-morrow and then we can take care of ourselves when we take a ride. My Head Quarters is on hill which the work much elevated above the land near me, still commands a very fine view of the surrounding country. I have not ridden over it yet but shall in a few days. — I have very pleasant times with my officers generally. At present Capt. S. is on a big drunk. He went to Alexandria to attend a Court martial as a witness and came back in two or three days on a high old bust. I have him shut up in his tent to prevent scandal. When he gets rational again I mean to tell him such conduct won't answer, and if he transgresses in like manner again I shall send him back to his regiment. You know he is Genl Meade's brother in law, and would no doubt have been on his staff but for his disgusting