



It may be of interest to <sup>you</sup> know some of the experiences I went through in the civil war. My first services were with the 98 New York infantry. With this regiment I was in the Peninsula Campaign on the Potomac under McClellan. At Yorktown ~~on the advance~~ from Yorktown, I was ordered to collect the sick into General Hospital at Yorktown. I was then kept in Yorktown General Hospital. Among other duties I was assigned to loading vessels with sick to be brought North. Among other vessels I loaded the Steamer State of Maine with over 400. After loading her and sending my report to Medical Director Wheaton; and without a moment's warning I was ordered to take her to Baltimore which I did being the only Medical officer. On arriving at Baltimore and reporting to Medical Director Simpson who asked me if I could not keep the men on board 24 hours longer. I told him I could provided he gave me soft food coffee shower etc. He told me to make out my requisition which