

in the hospital. It makes me fairly shudder
some times to see the treatment which the poor
soldiers get it is enough to kill almost any
well man let alone those who are prostrated by
sickness. But it is not in my power to help
them all that I can do is to administer as directed
many times I am tempted to throw the medicine
in the fire and would do so if I had anything
to administer in its place. My mind is
made up to come home. I do not think
that my country needs my services and our
whole Regt I believe to be one grand farce
I have no confidence whatever in Col Jones
he is not a man that can be relied upon
at all. he is a double faced man. a bundle
of self conceit & arrogance. I do not know
as he will grant me a discharge. I have got to approach
him cautiously & use some considerable strategy
in order to get it. There is a perfect volcano
being concealed & forming in our Regt. and if I
am not deceived it will burst forth ere long
and if so it will make some of their dry bones
shout. there will be an overturning of things
Our Major is a self conceited insolent little
puppy. Our wing of the Regt are down upon
all the officers of the Jones wing.

I felt much last evening like being home
sick I cannot hardly wait for the slow sweep
of time to proceed until the proper time for me
to act for my discharge. When I reflect that I
am doing nothing for my country & that there
is not the slightest possibility that we ever
will. (much more to draw our rations & our pay)
it makes me sick of staying for \$13,00 a month
if my country need me & we were in service &
gaining victory after victory I would feel different
but as it is I feel that I might do some good
somewhere else. I believe it is the intention of
Col Jones to brush out all the officers belonging to
the 114 Regt if he can. He represented when he
came to Harrisburgh himself to be a man with
military experience that he had some 600 men &
the facts are that he knows nothing about military
and that he had less men than we had. We had
foiled him in all his plans thus far and
I think that we will be enough for him unless
he comes up to his word & is fair & honest in
all his transactions.

Last evening two of Jones men tried to run
the guard for the purpose of deserting the sentinel
commanded him to shot three times & then fired his