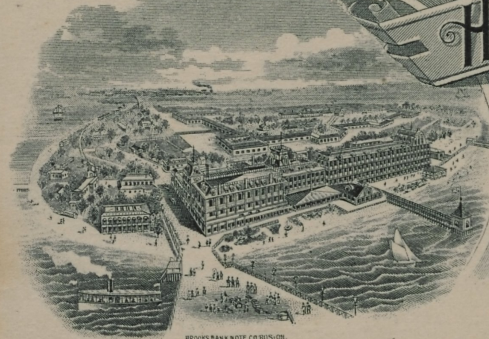


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Dear Mama

We arrived here yesterday & have been taking in the sights around Old Point, Hampton and Newport News ever since, and have ~~seen~~ seen more soldiers and warships than I thought the Government had, you can not look out anywhere without seeing a dozen or more military men. We stopped in Norfolk yesterday and went to see Cousin Lucy and found her right well and she said she was writing to you then. We went over to the Navy Yard but they do not allow visitors during these war times, so we did not see much. Only a few ships we hope to get permission to go in the fort this evening, but am not certain that they

will allow us ^{to} do so. We will leave
tomorrow morning for Boylston and will
reach home about Saturday. Papa and I have
enjoyed this trip very much & both of us
are feeling well and wish you were with us
to enjoy the good meals and seabreeze.

We hope you all are well and little
budy has entirely recovered. Papa sends
love and kisses. good bye Mama
Your devoted son
Richard.

This is the nicest Hotel I ever stopped at.