

Camp John Manly VA

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Dear Rhoda

I received yours of the 15th to day i was glad to here from you but sorry to here that you was not well i am afraid that you air worrying about me to much it can do you no good and may do a great deal of harm i do not blame you for woshing that i was at home i want to come home as bad as you want me to but i think how much better it is for us to come here and defiind our homes then it would be to stay at home and let them come and distroy every thing that we have i know it is very bad for man to stay a lone especaly when you air not well but i am thankful tha nour house hath not been birnd by an envading eneny as i have known and you left to loock out for your self i hope that you will not think i am finding falt with you i only want to tell you how much better of you air then many thousands of your folow beings i hope that you will that the lord will give you grace to endure with pations what ever trials may be befre you ind thank hin for all his goodnes to you

you seem to be very much discouraged about my comming home i do not feel so i think that there is a better prospect of the war being closed this sumer then ever and there is a general expectation among the army that they will be to home nex wenter kep up good courage and trust in god he will do all things well

Judge not the Lord by feblecince but trust hom for his grace be hinds a frounding providence he hides a smiling face you say that i wrote you a scolding letter and finding fault i do not see what i sayed that you could understand in that way i am sthur i did not have any thing to find fault about i only ment to tel you just how i was for i was afraid that you hed unnecesary trubble about my being sick when i was well i think it would be folish in me to get a forlow now for they do not give them

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for but 10 days and it will take six days to con and go and cost about
20 dollars we expect 4 month pay before long remember me in prayer

James D Quilliam