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CAMP "JO N MANLEY," 154 TH REG'T N.Y. VOL.,  
1st Brigade, 2d Division, 11th Corps, Army Potomac

Near Stafford C.H., Va., Apr 11th 1863

Dear Rhoda I received yours of the 4th last nite but did not get any paper nor i have not had any for several weeks I am well and still in Camp you see that there is a little extry on the hed of this sheet it is a present from Mr. Manley the man that this camp was named after he gave every man in Co E 2 sheets like this We had a reveu on the 9 and 10th on the 9 the 2d Divison was reveued by Gen Howard who hath comand of the 11th Corps in place of Gen Segle and on the 10th the 11th Corps wa consisting of 32 Regements was reveued by old Abe him self I wash you could have been here to have seen it it was the grand est sight i aver saw and i could not see half of it for i had to keep my place in the ranks Just before the Precedent came in site the canon began to roar and as he came up the bands began to play then he road by the Regements one after another takeind of his hat and every man seluting him by precent arms we then past the precedent in line 2 Companies at a time and came of to Camp.

I have heard about that spring in fredricksbirg and other such things but the best signs of peace that i can se is the strenght of our army and the want and destitution of the South i think i will be at home be fore next wenter if hay is as scarce as you say I think you can spar to som one that will give you anought to keep the cow next wenter but be shure to keep anought to feed tell the 1st of June you must do the best way you can about plant ing potates i think it will not pay for you to plant any exept a few early potatoes i you can boy then in the fall cheaper then you can hier the work dun and i may be

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at home to get them my self I hope that you can get that peace in the orchard soded down if it cost 5 dollers i think that they pay master will be here soon and i can send you 4 month pay there will be 6 month pay 78 dolers coming to me on the first of May if i knew how long before i could come home i could tell you more about what to do but you must do what yoy think best remember me to all is unkle to work at Hardfied this spring good day yours tell deth

J D Quilliam

pleace tell me how the sunday school gets along