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My dear rhoda

It is time that I should recieve another letter from you but I dont wate for your letters but write whin the time comes rown when i can the past weak hath been one of the many changes with us monday morning we had orders to march we started and went down to the boat landing 4 miles and went into camp where another redgt just leaf and nex dan teusday we went on deyty guarding suplyes and diging a roud up the mountan to to slide coal down from a mine on top of the mountan. we thaught that we had a jub that would last sone time and save marching but nex day we had orders to march one oclock and we started back for the valley and got to Generall Hookers hed quarters and went into camp about 1/2 mile from camp Tinkens and went to work to building shantins again it is sposed that our buisnes now will be to take cair of old fighting. Joe he of course wants a few guards to selute him and take care of priseners when nesenary but he do not put on half the stile that some Colonels do but how long we shall stay here I know not I enclose a rings of my own make for you and Ida they cost many days work dont luse them they air shell James D

Quilliam

exscuse a short letter as i have to send 2 to gsther to save stamps one stanp leaf almost out of threade pants wants minding