

Camp John Manly

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Dear wife I recieved your kind letter last night and was glad to hear that you was well and that the children was the same It is a cold stormy day the ground is all coverd with snow I would like to be at home with you to day what a pleasant time we would have but that can not be at present but I hope the time is not far distent when we shall be together again but when it will be god only nows but one thing is sure this war cannot always last I have no news to write as I no of My health is good I was musterd for extra pay last week and shall get it soon and will send it to you as soon as I get it there is \$40.00[?] extry pay due me and that will help me a good eal Hellen you must write often give my love to the children and here is a kiss for you good by your husband

Frank Patterson

Helen you will excuse me for not writing eny better or eny more this time for I am sick I have been unwell for a number of days but I hope I shall get better soo Charle