

Camp John Manly

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Dear rhoda i am back again at our old camd and very anchious to get a chance to write to you as there hath no mail leaf our regement since the 12th of April i cent one letter to washington but do not know whither you will ever get it or not we have had a hard time the last three weeks we crosed the rapahamic at kolliers ford and went down river tel we got within 8 mill of fredricksbirg we got the friday morning one oclock was on the line of battle wensday morning but our regement was not under fire only about half an hour and saterday when the enemy drove back ~~xxx~~ our rite wing and surounded our regement on three sides and every one had to run get get out the best we could we do not know as there air any of our company killed there air a number wounded and missing or takeing presenors wedsday morning we crossed the river and came back to our old camp since i commened writing i recieved a letter from you i expect to get my pay in a day or two send this to elisabeth as soon as you can i will write to her as soon as i can i must conclude the mail will lave soon be of good cheer we air working hard and with gods blessing we will soon get through I will write as often as the mail leaves camp

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