

Camp John Manly

May 11th 1863

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Dear Rhoda

It is a pleasant morning the sun shines warm the trees are turning green every thing is still what a change compared with one week ago yesterday we had a very suitable sermon for the occasion from 1st Corinthians 2 verse when but a week before we were amidst the roar of cannon you can have no idea of the roar of battle but it is over now and I hope there will never be another such it is said that it was the heaviest and most constant firing of any battle of the war but it is no well for me to tell you about it for you can read more in the papers than I know about it

April 12th

Dear Rhoda

I meant to send this letter yesterday but it was too late before I got my money to send it I received 4 month pay there is 2 month coming to me yet but I do not know when I will get it I send you a 40 dollar check and wish you good morning

J D Quilliam

write as soon as you get this