My dear Rhoda

I recieved a letter from you last Sunday week and another this morning and this is the first opertunity which I had to write as we have been raley buisey marching and fighting all the time tell last nite we went back from the front and lay down where the rebs could not fire over us we have been under fire for the last 8 days our Regt have had a few wounded but our Co hath lost more to day and some say the rebs air leaving

I am sory that you have had the measels but hope that you may soon get well and have good helth I hope that the whildren will not be very sick and you must bee cairfull not to expose your self and take coal I am afraid that you will be short on for money be fore we eill be paied again but I hope that you will mot have to suffer for any thing that you may need I hope that the lord will provide for all your wants and he will rase up friends for you if you may need them I am not afraid that you cannot live on what I can send you but it may bee several month before I can get my pay I under stand that we get 16 dollers per month from the first of May but don't know serten whither it is so or

Rhoda I have been writeing while the rest of the boys have been getting new potoes they air very small about the sise of hickery nuts in a few weeks they will be large and blackberies will soon be ripe peaches air quite large strawberies and rasberies do not grow here give my love to all my frinds and may gods blessing be with you yours

J D Quilliam