

Palmouth Feb. December 3 / 1862  
to Bridgett Tallis

Dear wife and children  
I sit down to write those few lines to you hoping it will find you in good health as this leaves me in at present thank be to God for his blessing to me  
Dear wife you must excuse me for not writing to you before this for we are on the March this last 15 days and this is the only day which I had for my self for that time I also inform you that I got the box you sent me last night which was of great service to me for the meat was very good indeed the boots was all right and there was one bottle broken that was all the difficulty I hope you will not be uneasy about me for my health is very good thanks be to God and take good care of your self and the children for the winter for I hope that providence will prove him that I will buy you once more from my love to Mary and Martha and Margaret and Johnny and from Margaret the little cross.

In Remembrance of you for I made it  
Out of a piece sent to me as soon  
as you rec'd this and let me know  
how you are getting along and  
give my love to Martin Klegan  
and John which I hope the two  
worshipping this winter and not for  
getting the girls gave my best respects  
to Mary Klegan and Ellen and Maggie  
and Catharine and let me know if  
any of them got married as yet  
I hope that I will have the time  
of this before we will have a battle  
for this so long since I have had from  
you and the children I feel uneasy  
about it for fear that I might  
met with any mischances but  
God is good

I have no more to say  
at present but I wish you all a  
Happy Christmas

To more &  
from your loving husband

Michael Lally

Don't go this

Michael Lally  
11 Regt Mass. Cavalry

there is three months  
day owing to us now and  
I do not think that we  
will be paid until the  
first of January and  
then get ~~4~~ months to gather

