

Camp of the 11 Regt Mass vol  
 Fort Falmouth Va  
 December 22 1862

Dear wife and children  
 I sit down to write those  
 few lines to ye hoping  
 that it will find ye in good  
 health as this leaves me in  
 it presnt thanks be to God  
 for His blessing to me Dear  
 wife I recd letter from you  
 on the 18<sup>th</sup> which gave me  
 great pleasure to hear that  
 ye were in good health  
 and also that you could  
 maintain your self and the  
 children for the winter and  
 if I live until the next month  
 I will send you 50 dollars  
 to help you along also I feel  
 very much pleased that Mary  
 and Martha is very good girls

Dear wife I will let you  
now a little about the last  
two week what we had to suffer  
The day before the Battle come  
off our Division was ordered  
and we had to guard 3 pontoon  
Bridges under the shell and  
shot of the both armies for  
40 Guns untill the Chieft the  
City of Fredericksburgh and  
Drove the Enemy back in to  
woods where they had their  
fortification which then the  
Battle come off and in  
the whole time that we  
have being out under arms  
was 7 days and 7 nights untill  
we returned to the old camp  
I do not wish to say much  
about the War but our  
Division lost 3000 Men  
but thank the Lord I am  
safe as yet

Dear wife writ and  
let me know if the City  
of Dorbury pay you money  
but the Star said I hear  
Some of them get more than  
the Star said and if the  
do you are able to it to  
writ as soon as you get  
this and let me know  
If the winter is cold or  
is there any snow as yet  
Give my love to the  
children and all  
Enquiry from, and  
Yours

No more at  
Present from your  
Husband Michael Lally

To Bridget Lally  
66 Davis Street Boston  
Mass

Since I've some  
postage stamp in  
the ans. of this far  
I hope now and no  
money to get my