

Lebanon Jan 3 1863

Camp near Belmont

Dear wife and children

I hope I shall hear from you

often & of better news

Yesterday which gives me

great pleasure to hear that

you are all in good health

and happy. The news was

most welcome to me

and I hope you will also

enjoy the new year.

I have no letters from

you since I arrived in the

army. I hope you are

well & happy. I am

your affectionate father

and mother. I am only

that I could

not write for you

at present. I am

that can be got

Dear wife, I hope
your will writ to
me when ever you feel
like it for I do not have
a chance to writ at all
times and I do feel to Am
when I receive your letter
I also got orders to
move our camp while
I was writing those
few boys and as
known as we get to
our destination I will
write it with brevity
by thinking ye all
my love

No more at present
from your Affection
Husband Michael Latta

Direct as this
Michael Lally
Co. B 11 Regt Mass
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Mrs

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Richard

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