

May?
 Williamsburgh Virginia the 8 1862

My Lolly

Dear wife and children Thanks
 be to God & have the opportunity of writing to
 ye once more Hoping that it will find ye in
 good health as this me in at present Thanks be to
 God for bringing me safe through the battle on
 Sunday the 5 ins which was a hard day before
 blood and rain from 7 in the morning till 7 in the eve
 which I have left a good many of my comrades lying
 in a dissolute condition before night but thank
 the Lord for my safety through it now I
 Instantly Hop that I will have the pleasure
 of seeing my little ones once more for I think
 the back of Sissis is broke now for we have
 drove them some 30 miles through the woods
 what we did not kill or wound and the most
 of our Army is in that present after them
 on to Richmond which I think the will
 make another stand but our Division will
 not be there for the done this part of the
 fighting now and as soon as ye hear
 that Richmond falls and Norfolk
 the next thing you will hear of going
 home playing Patriots day get through
 Boston

Dear wife I wrote Oliver Coyne to post
on yesterday morning but I had not time to write
any more for there was a man going to Boston
to publish all particulars of the battle
and he carried it for me. Now I am to let
you know that Sunday we left Yorktown
and marched on roads till 12 o'clock at night which
~~we~~ layed under the Barn till morning and
after one hours march we came in sight of the
Rebels works which was very strong and supplied
with one hundred thousand men which their
prismes told us after we had not sthing to
do but through of hapsacks and slay away
and in 4 half hour after our cannons come
up to us by which time we had a good many
men laying dead on the field but our men
held their ground until we got reinforcements
about 3 or 4 o'clock which general Hooper
said after that the over we fought so hard
a battle no more but killed me that mass
but one of our boys and him back and
told him that the war Irish men which
he told the general staff to give them shairs
for Ireland and their glorious boys which she
has heard after all day fighting we layed
all night and next morning we found them
all gone and our cavalry after them

Now I hope that you will write to
me and let me know how the children
is and tell Mary and Martha that I lost
their picture on the battle field. but thanks
be to god for my safety so far I mean to
let you know about the number killed and
wounded on our side is about 2000 or over
for the war counting them to day and burying
the dead and for the Rebels this is 11 thousand
killed and wounded and we have three thousand
of them sent to fortress Monroe to stay with
a good many officers among them. now I
have to rest for I am falling asleep writing
those few lines I wish ye good, love, until
I see you one more

Your Disprally
Michael Lally

Direct as before

