

Camp of the 11th Reg^t Mass
 Vol^s 3rd Mass letters being
 rec^d Oct. 31st 1864

Dear wife I sit
 down to ans^r your note of
 the 17 which gave me great
 pleasure of hearing from
 you and the children
 being in good health as the
 departing of this leaves me
 In at present thanks
 be to God for his blessing
 I wish all I mean to let
 you know that I do not
 want for any clothing at
 present but as soon as
 we get in to winter
 quarters I will have you
 to send my overcoat
 on to me and 2 shirts

Once 2 pair of Stockings
The weather is very fine here
at present and I also I do
think we wont have much
of comfort this winter for
we are so close to the
Enemy to have a good time
the same as the winter past
I also main to let you know
that there is not one day
passes over us but that there
less than 25 to 40 a day wound
or kilce in their tents from
bultets or shot or shell
for the distance apart is
about 600 yard apart so
it requires a man to be very
careful of him self I have
not much to translate to you
at present but we are
sure of a victory when
over we will make

I have Mrs. Mary letter
the day I got it & and I feel
contented in mind as long
as their health close keeps
good and I hope it will
continue so (and in regard
of Marthens writing Sch
will beat Mary in less
than 3 months for Sch makes
her letters more upright and
more accurate in size and
Margret I am sorry that
that I can not fulfill my
promise to her for her friend
but tell her that I will
make it all right in short
Give Johnny my love and
tell him to take good care
of his pencil case for there
is great many little boys
out here that would
like to have them.

I also make remarks to
you but I suppose it
is not necessary to look
sharp and save all the
money you can for it
will be a good thing for
you and the children
Some time or other and
I hope that you have no
straglers around your place
for the use of no benefit except
to give the children bad news
till Paul Gravin that he can
not get to this Reg^t except he
lists for it and if he is
a balling it is the best place
for him Give my love to
all the children and all
congruous friends

Your truly His name

Michael Lally

Love
right