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May's Rec

Camp of the 11 Regt

Dear wife and
Children Give a salute
from your this way
which gives me great
pleasure to hear from
you and also that you
are all in good health
as the departure of this
leaves me in the same
thanks be to the Lord for
it for I just was &
wived from Long March
this morning of 70 miles
we left our camp on
3 m^{rs} and marched on
to the Valley of the to Burn
& bridge which we did
do and did not loose
a man

Dear wife I mean to
Inform you that I have
no chance of coming home
on furlows and other
civils that so I could
have you I thought
if but as I have come for
soldier I will expect
the same and if my
friends in Roxbury
wonders how I got safe
so far without being
wounded or killed you
please tell them that
a soldier can live when
a coward will die
Give my love to the
children and also
Martha for she can
beat many soldiers
and as long as she
is a good girl I will

I present to get a
pair of Boots and
for fear many would
be next I will give
for the same and not
for getting little
Marry Give this one
Dollar Each and I hope
the will be good girls
not forgetting Johnny
I hope I will see him
a good boy when I return
with the help of God
I will conclude
by saying my love
to ye all and hopes
to see ye one more
in good health
Yours Respt
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