Dear wife

I received a letter from you on the 24th ins. which gave me great pleasure to hear that you and the children was in good health as the departure of this leaves me in at present thanks be to God for his blessing to us all.

I feel uneasy about you not getting the money that I sent to you a month ago but I hope you have got it by this tim. I wrote to the paymaster to now what was the delay and I got no ans. as yet. I now he had a good dale of delay for he had to (go?) to all the hospitals to pay all the wounded (men?) belonging to the Reg't.

Dear wife I received the box that you sent to me today. It was at my tent when I come in from pickett after spending 48 hours out. Also all that you made mention of was in it and all safe. Let me now in the ans. of this how much Exprys did you pay for it. You mad mention of sending me my boots. If you have them yet you might send them for it will safe me 10 dollars nex pay day, and if you got the money send them right away and if not you wait a few days untill you get it. And as swoon as you re'd it let me now and send me one gallon of the sam kind of whiskey that you last did

and nex pay day I will mak it all right and tell John to put a hoop around the box, and that is all I will trouble you this winter for I now that I cannot go home untill the war is over. For there is no furlow giving nor won't. There is a big battle to come off in a few days and every man wants to be at his post. I have not much to say at present. Give my love to the children and also to Martin, John Keegan and all the girls and let me now if any of them got married yet. Also remember me to Michael Tarphey and Andrew Lalley and family

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Dear wife write as soon as you get this and let me know how you are getting along. Tell Patt that I will write to him in a few days.

No more at present from your affectionate

Husband Michael Lalley

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[Last three lines probably another handwriting trying to imitate the original return address.]