Dear wife

I rec'd your letter on the 17 ins. which gives me great comfort in mind to here that the children was getting better of the cough and also that Mary was in good health and able to go to school. I main to let you now that I am getting along very well. My health improved very much thanks be to God for his blessing to us all.

You will rite to me every week and let me know how the children is getting along for som times.

I do not have a chance to write and wheather I writ or not you will plase writ to me and if we move from this camp we are in now it makes no matter for the letters directed to 11 Regt will com to us. Dear wife you will excuse me for those few loynes for not I have not much to say at present but I feel happy that ye are all in good health. My Furlough did not come from Washington as yet but any how I will be able to go home to see ye in March if the war is not settled. I think now that we will be all hom about July

Dear wife you will mind to send any refreshment out to me for it would be to much trouble for you and also its very hard to get anything up wher we are for the roads is very bad and our teams can not go to Landing and only for the got 90 day provision up here before the weather broke we should be very short. Now we have enough to do us till the first of March. Thur is 25 000 men her on this pint which we do not now the monet or hour we will leave hear. No more at present from your loving husband M. Lally.

Remember me to the children ______