

V.A. April 21, 1863

Dear wife

I set down with pleasure to write those few loynes to you hoping it will find you and the childrn in good health as the departure of this leaves me at present thanks be to God for His Bls' to us all.

I main to let you now that I have being paid on the 17 ins. 4 months pay and there is 30 dollars gone home to you which you will get the sam as usul and if I do not go home before a month I will send you some more.

Dear wife I main to inform you that we did not move as yet but the whole army is reddy to move this last 10 days and I think today that we shall not leave for a week or ten days more. There is no important news here at present. Everything is quite, the weather is very good and the roads is fit to move at any time.

In regard of what John Garvey told ye that I was in the cook house it was a mistak of his. I never was doing any such work since I com outhere. I would not leave my plase in the ranks for it is no trouble for me to do my duty as a soldier.

Dear wife, I have not much to say at present but when I will move I will try to write and let you now. Give my love to the children and to Martin and John Keegan and all the girls.

I hope that ye will enjoy yourself and not to be thinking about me for you will not (---- ?) until I get home with the help of the Lord.

I will conclude by sending my love to you and the children.

Your truly husband

Michael Lalley

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