

Ripon Oct 15/61

Dear friends at home
I suppose you begin to think it
about time to here from me I
should have written before but
I thought you ^{would} want me to tell
how I liked a Soldiers life
so I thought I would wait a
few days and see well I like
it well so far.

I found the Appleton Boys well
as could be expected Saturday I
went home with Philip Pond and
staid untill Monday.

I went to church with Sam Clunday
Willard is sick with the fever
it has turned and he is getting
better. None of the Companies have
received their Uniforms or equip-
ments yet and we dont know when

^{we} shall. I cannot find anything
about when we shall leave I sup-
pose nobody knows.

Captain Romero arrived last
nite the boys began to think
it was high time that he did.
Each company has to do their
own cooking our company has
to furnish two who have to
cook two days at a time I am
one of the cooks to day, I got
Mat Rogers to help wash the
dishes this morning while I write.

Our bill of fare consists of meat
potatoes beans bread coffee butter
and lasses which makes us fat
as a rule. I sleep in a barn down
town and have a comfortable
place so do not barrow any
trouble about me at present.
I wish you would send some of
the latest papers to read.

I must close and go and help
get dinner soon no more at
present give my respects to
all enquiring friends and
especially to the Millainers
Yours Truly
William

P.S. My direction is
Ripon Company I Camp Fremont
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Letter No. 1 to E. Spencer, Esq., Appleton, Wis.

Postmarked Ripon, Wis. Oct. 16, 1861

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