

in that way, ^{make} a comfortable
bed, the Appleton boys are all well
at present tell their folks (thats the
call for dinner or hold on a bit.)
While at dinner Captain Mars told
us that the young ladies of Ripon
are going to give us a prehnsek on
Wednesday. hurrah for the Ladies every
time. it is nearly time for drill so
no more at present. Give my love
to our folks and all enquiring ^{friends} & also
accept a portion for your-selves. write
soon. Yours in Faith Hope and Charity
William.

(P.D) be carefull and ^{make} the E and G a little
plainer next time I came very near
not getting the last letter as there are
a number by the name of Spencer
on the ground; oh I forgot to tell you that
I received a letter from aunt Margaret Saturday
she writes no news in particular they are well
_{as usual}

Camp Fremont Ripon 28th
/61

Dear Sisters

Fidealia & Jennie

Your letter of the 28th was not received
until the 26th. it found me with a
good appetite for news from home & I
assure you, and it also found me enjoying
good health which is generally the case
when my appetite is all right.

When I wrote my last letter with the
excuse for not writing I thought
it would reach you before I should get
a dun for not writing but it seems
I was too late that time, so please
excuse me and I will try to do better
in future. with regard to the stamps,
you expressed so much fear about, I will
say they hold out first rate yet,
it made ^{me} feel very bad to hear that
I had lost confidence in the opinion

of Miss Emma my opinion is that
Pete have been stuffing her a little.
Now do you think that if I should
write her an explanation that it
would mend the matter. if you
think it would please let me know.
I am glad that you can find someone
to see you home from the Lodges
also. You do not have any serious family
quarrels yet. Now Jennie try and be
a good husband and Fideah try to be
an obedient wife for this well pleasing
in 1 in the ^{eyes} of the Lord.
Col. Daniels returned from Washington saturday
day with orders to buy horses and equip-
ments as soon as possible. as soon as
this can be done. We are ordered to start
for Kentucky. I was told this morning we
were to move to Milwaukee this week
we cannot tell till the order comes.
any thing about it.

When I wrote last part of the tents
had just arrived. another lot came

the next day thirty in all enough for
the first four Companies. They are
a large circular tent called Gibbys
pattern, each one will ^{hold} about sixteen men
very comfortably. each tent is to be
supplied with a small sheet iron stove.
Five hundred blankets came the other
day ^{the} the bunks are very comfortable.
in that line. News came yesterday
that Five Hundred Uniforms were on
the road they will probably arrive
this evening. Our company will not
receive any of them. they are for the
first four Companies.

I was on guard yesterday and last
night. we have to stand eight ^{hours} out
of twenty four two hours at a time.
You had better ^{believe} it is miserable to here
the Corporal ^{call} third relief fall in about
midnight when you have just got
nicely to sleep. Ed is on guard to-
day poor boy. George Ed and I sleep
together we put our blankets together and