

Camp Harvey Kenosha Dec/27th
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Dear Sister Fiealia

Your letter of the 24th was received and
read with pleasure, You may be assured
that it always gives me pleasure to
receive a letter from home when I hear
that the folks are all well,

I wrote a letter to Father last Sunday so
I suppose I have ^{heard} of our removal to Kenosha
before this. We had quite a time moving
I assure you, it snowed like vengeance
the day we started, It is pretty hard to
get up in the morning and take down
our house load it on a dray and then
pick up our traps and stand round
in the snow for an hour or two,
We got on the Cars about nine o'clock but
did not start until eleven there was
14 passenger cars and about as many freight
cars, there was about 700 men, it took two

engines, just to shall the men say nothing about the baggage, and then we got stuck twice at that in snow banks, just after we started, We ate breakfast in our tents and that was all we had except some dry bread until we reached Ft Atkinson, about nine o'clock in the evening, there these people passed crackers, cheese and apples through the cars, that was all we got until we arrived in Kenosha, We got there about ^{four} o'clock in the morning and then waited until nine for breakfast, We have got round tents this time 12 men in a tent, We dug down into the ground about a foot laid a floor this makes it quite comfortable, We have a small sheet iron stove to cook over our rations as I delt out to us raw, We take turns cooking the beef and make the coffee, We have not been paid yet but expect it tomorrow, four hundred uniforms have arrived for the first companies, We expect ours in a few days, I shall come home about Christmas

if we stay here all winter but if we move I shall come home sooner at any rate I shall come home before we go south, if we ever do, I am well at present so as the rest of the Appleton boys, give my respects to all enquiring friends and accept a portion for ourself so no more at present
From Williams.

(Post) My direction is
Co of 1st Reg Camp Harry Kenosha Wis