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Dear Sister i am well
at present and hope this letter
may find you the same we are
in the same place but i dont know
how long we will be here we was
ordered away last week but
the order was Countered manded
and we are still here i neve hear
any thing from home i gess
they have forgot i am their
son i received a letter from
Henrietta lilley this week and
it was a letter worth reading
you can tell moggie Crosson
that i am very much oflige
to her for answering my letter
tell alfred to take a little
of his Spare time and wright
me a few lines ^{read them} and i will

Dear Sister

i am well at present and hope this letter may find you the
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wright me a few lines and i will [inserted text] read them
[end inserted text]



i dont know wether you can
read this letter or not for i am
nost to cold to write it is getting
verry cool in these tents at nights
you said in your letter you
wanted me to come home that
is impossiffle i have no idea when
i will be at home but i would
like to see you and all the rest
i am happier now than i ever
was although i sleep in an
open field i often think of home
home but home has no char
for me when there ^{is} no work
to do i love my home but i
love my country better than all
the pleasers of home i am
Resigned to my lot let it ^{be} what
it will i will never fill a Cowards
Grave no never

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tents at nights you Said in your letter you wanted me to
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be at home but i would like to See you and all the rest i
am happier now than i ever was although i Sleep in an
open field i often think of home but home has no
Char[inserted text] ams [end inserted text] for me when
there [inserted text] is [end inserted text] no work to do
i love my home but i love my Country better than all the
pleasers of home i am Resigned to my lot let it [inserted
text] Be [end inserted text] what it will i will never fill a
Cowards Grave no never

I think it is a most time
for me to close my letter
or else i might tire your
Patience But you can tell
alfred if he dont rite to me i
will never write to him a gain
Tell him i mean what i say
for i am tired of writeing
and getting non in return
i have wrote to martha
mahoney and she took a
Chicking fit and she has
not answered them yet
answer this letter as soon
as get it Direct your letter
to easton in haste
no more till i get an
answer David lilley
Give my love to all

I think it is a most time for me to Close my letter or else i might tire your Patience But you Can tell alfred it he dont rite to me i will never write to him again tell him i mean what i Say for i am tired of writeing and getting non in return i have wrote to martha mahoney and She took a Chicking fit and She has not ansered them yet answer this letter as Soon as get it Direct your letter to easton in haste no more till i get an answer david lilley Give my love to all

ann this is a description
of our feather Beds
that we have Down here
i thought i would send
you a sample of them
good night
David Lilley

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