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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 mggie 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 <sup>read them</sup> and i will

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my letter tell alfred to take a little of his Spare time and  
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 impossible 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 <sup>is</sup> no work  
to do i love my home but i  
love my country better than all  
the pleasures of home i am  
Resigned to my lot let it <sup>be</sup> what  
it will i will never fill a towards  
Grave no never

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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 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 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

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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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