

Head quarters 4 Reg Iowa [?]
Rolla Mo Jan the 7 1862

Dear wife

[hole] I thought that I would write
[hole] you a few lines to day to let
[hole] you know how I get along I
[hole] am [faded] got a
bad cold I think that is all that is the
mater with me I have not got any letter
from you for ten Days but I thought
that I would write thare is conciderble
stir in camp now some think that
we are going on a march we are orderd
to be read to march at an hours
notice but for all this we may not
leave here till spring although [faded]
may leave here to morrow but I hope
it will get some warmer before we go
for it has been and is yet prety
cold and it would be prety hard
to lay out such cold weather
the report is here that old Price
is Surounded but I dont believe it
for it is too good to be true

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there is no great [hole]
things remains about [hole]
ever thousands of t[hole]
doing nothing but i[hole]ed
to leave perhaps we wil[hole]
the men are all anxious[hole]thing
to do they are getting tired of being
around camp I think that the health
would be better if we was on a march
95 men shut up in one little room
and half of them not well is
enough to make any one feel sick
the boys are all getting better
I think that they will be all right
in two or three weeks the lieuten[aded]
is around giving the boys letters F to
put on their caps I have just got one
there was cartridges Distributed
out this morning every thing
denotes a move of some kind we
are ordered to pack up our dress
coats so we wont have the bother
to carry them

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The teams are all out on the
Parade ground now it is inspection
of the teams to day there is not
much a going on here not much
Drill nor nothing else I have not
drilled any for 2 months or more
christmas and new years past off
with no great show the boys
cramped two or three barrels of cider
I tell you this is a pretty rough
place but I dont think it is bad
as it was I dont much wonder that
it hurts the feeling of some christians
it is a pretty tough place Done is out
on the timber he got two letters the
other night one from his wife and
from uncle ben I sent them too
him I dont know what his wife
writes to him he dont let any one
See any of his letters he sent all of the
letters home by WM Debusk that he
had got before he started

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there is some one buried pretty
near every day in this Reg I think
That we have lost as much as
40 men if not more but I think
that all of the worst of the sickness
is over, I expect that we will
get our pay some time this week
if we dont leave here before the
pay master comes and I am in
hopes that we wont leave till
we get some money
Capt Cummings wife is here
She has been here about one week
things is high here Butter is 25
per pound and cheese 20 every thing
else in proportion but I
will stop for this time write
soon and often I got a letter
from harve and mary the other day
they al are well they sayed that they
got a letter from you not[?] ton
before no more this time

GB Davis