Head quarters 4 Reg Iowa [?]
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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
there is no great [hole]
things remains about [hole]
ever thousands of [hole]
doing nothing but [hole]
to leave perhaps we will [hole]
the men are all anxious [hole] thing
to do they aregetting 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 lieutenant [faded]
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 won't have the bother
to carry them
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 prety 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 prety 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
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 Buter 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