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Dear friends at home
I suppose you begin to think it
about time to here from me I
should have written before but
I thought you ^{would} want me to tell
how I liked a Soldiers life
so I thought I would wate a
few days and see. well I like
it well so far.

I found the Appletton Boys well
as could be expected Saturday I
went home with Philip Pond and
staid untill Monday.

I went to church with him Sunday
Willard is sick with the fever
it has turned and he is getting
better. Some of the Companies have
received their Uniforms or equip-
ments yet and we dont know when