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Dear Sister I suppose you begin to think that I had almost forgotten you. but that is not the case it is because I had nothing to write. We are all getting unesy and want to go south where it is warmer wether. You had better believe it is getting rather to cold to eat out of doors we would not complane if we thought nobody in the fault.

Shirts for the first four Companies arrived last night but no one knows when any more will come but we here of their coming every day but that is all.

We wer(e) told that our tents wer(e) on the way last week but no tents yet I do not write this as a complaint but to let you know how things are. I think that I can stand it as long as any of them. I had a fine time at Berlin last Sunday night at Melies wedding I wish you could have been there to enjoy the fun with us. They wer(e) married at home at half past six in the evening and then had supper. Min and I had grate times washing the dishes while Hat did the cutting up as usual theres the call for drill so hold on fo the Captain says he has something to tell us so goo by till after drill.

Well I suppose you would like to heare what the Captain had to say

He introduced to us Mr Shipmann of Madison who has Twnety Five men and

talks of joining our Company He came out to make arrangements for his

men to come on so if they come it will make our company about full. Mr

Shipman said he saw Governer Randell the other day and he told him

that he was agoing to have his regiment equipt as soon as possible. So

you see we have a chance to feel better. When I tell you that I weigh

146 lbs. you will think I have enough to eat and so I do.. While I was

writeing I herd a great nois(e) outside so I went out to see what it was

and lo and behold the Tents had com and 550 Uneforms are on the way

Hurrahh I must go and look at the tents ggodby Give my love to our folks

and all enquireing friends also keep a portion fo(r) yourself and chum. (rec)