

to inclose a awarded letter to you



Desperate Charge of Fremont's Body Guard. Oct. 25th, 1861.

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Dear Sister,

after so long a Silence  
 I Seat my Self to write a few lines  
 to you hoping they will find you all  
 enjoying good health, we are all  
 as well as comon the babys have  
 never been very healthy though  
 I think as they get older they  
 seem to be healthier little Willie  
 has been sick a great deal Charles  
 is very healthy and has been for a  
 year as for my Self I am a good  
 little thing I wont weigh more  
 than 160 poor me

I have been up to <sup>to day</sup> fatherz they  
 are all well Mother fell and  
 Spruined her wrist this fall  
 So they have had a girl to  
 help them this winter Lymanz  
 folks are well they have a  
 little boy they call him Homer  
 Tell Catherine we have not seen  
 her out here yet hope we shall  
 soon I wrote a letter to her last  
 august have never received an  
 answer I dont know as they ever  
 got my letter we want to hear  
 from them very much  
 Mother exprees a great anxiety  
 to hear from you all very often  
 though she thinks she cant  
 write Father and Mother come  
 to see us often Lyman has  
 been here to work with Charles  
 this winter they are making  
 sleighs though there has not

ben much Shighing here this winter  
they find good Sale, it has been a  
very warm pleasant Winter here  
the most so that I ever saw  
it seems more like Spring than  
winter it is a very good thing for  
poor people that have large  
famizs clothing is very dear here  
and I expect it is these Coton  
Cloth 35-cts calico 25- and all  
other things acrding here,  
I dont know but you all think  
because we dont write often we  
dont wish to hear from our friends  
but far from that I dont have  
much time to write and there has  
been a great share of the time for  
a year that my eyes have been so  
~~weak~~ weak that I could not write  
I have been telling Charles to  
write this long while and he says

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Dear Matilda P. though let it best  
we are all well

he will but he is so busy he dont  
about it he is agoing to write a  
letter to John next Sunday  
We were all over to see Gillman  
& Thompson people last Sunday they  
Seem to be quite comfortable, living  
on their own place and look as  
if they could get a good living  
James Thompson is in the army  
I dont know what to say about  
this tirable was for you know as  
much about it as I do and can say  
with us all that you wish it was  
over we heard that Henry had a  
discharge and was glad to hear  
it Wm. Alphas folks are well  
he was here and took dines with us  
a few days ago Jane is at home  
this winter & says tell you  
he has not forgotten you shall write  
soon with much love to you all  
We say good night Amanda and Chas Love

Write soon