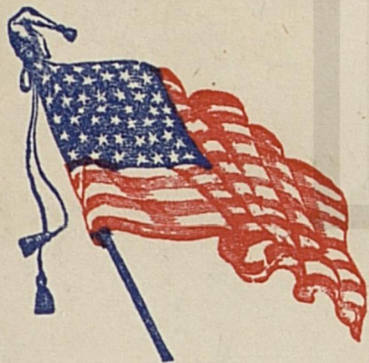


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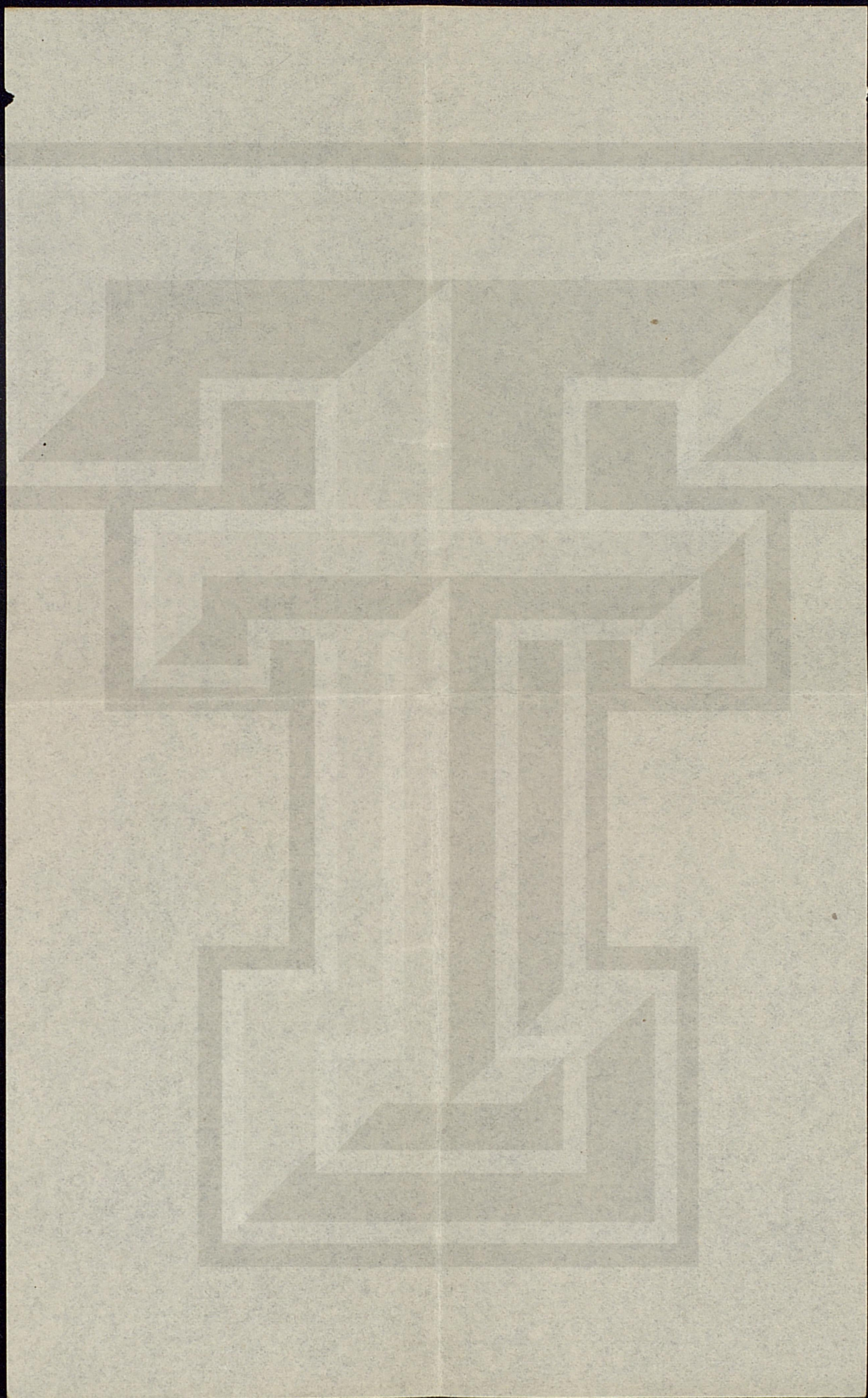
Thursday Sept 27/16

My own darling, precious wife,

I am disappointed at not being on my way home to you dearest one, (as I expected to be there with you darling one, by this time, but evidently it is not to be just yet.

The El Paso paper said this morning that we were going on that hike for 15 days in the desert, and then the Massachusetts regiments moved home for home on October 15th. Some seem to think we will go before that and I am sure I hope they are right. I don't see why we are not started as we were the first ones down here, and the limit of patience has been reached with me, I want you darling, and shall be blue & cross every day now until we get started homeward.

They made out a statement for the government to day and I put in a claim for thirty dollars a month for you as my dependent wife. I told them you received \$20 a month from me (here by money order, or in letters that I sent, and as the Tel Co will only send you \$125 - for October I made a claim for 30 - to make up the difference.

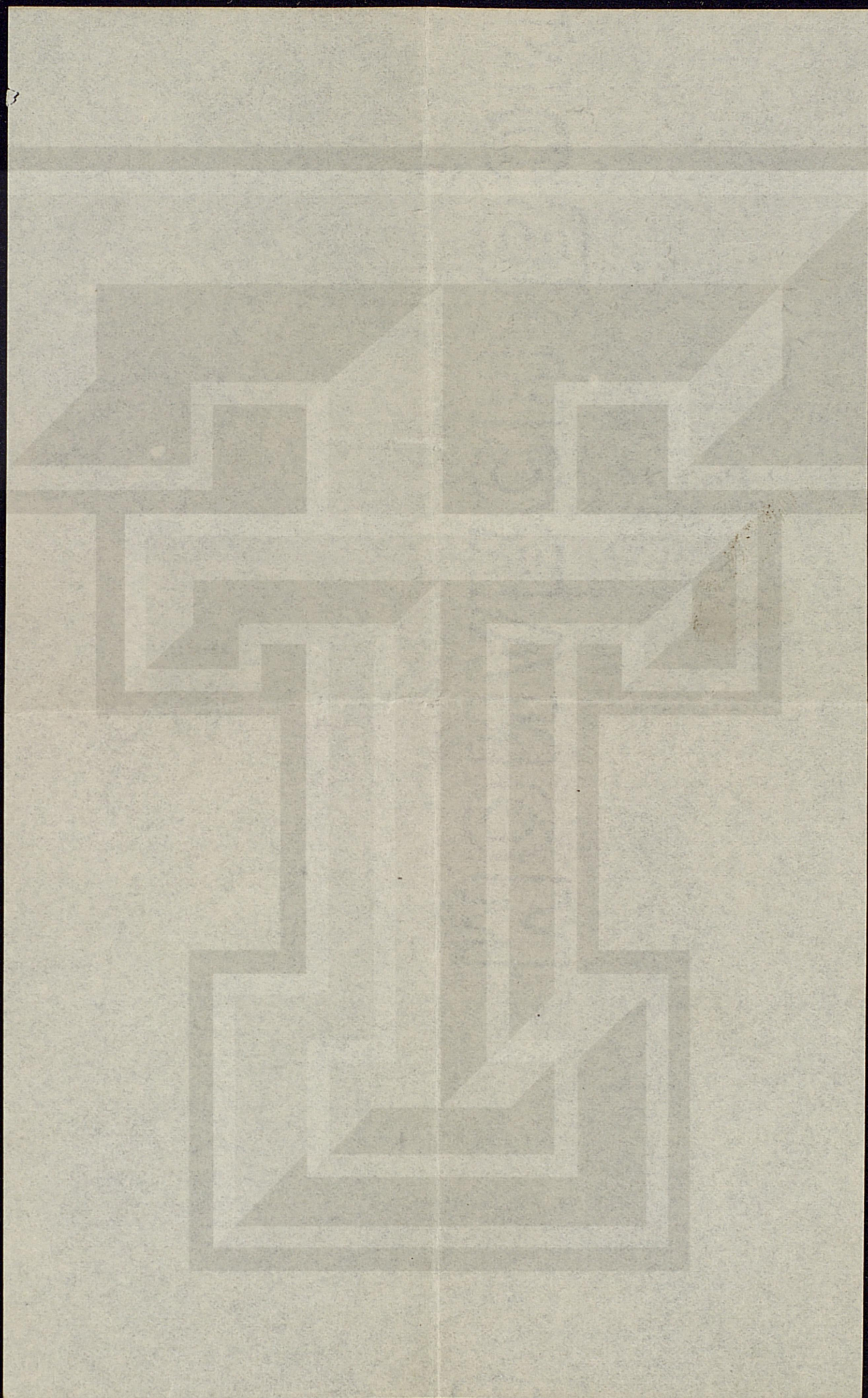


I gave Uncle Charlie, & Henry
& Philander Bates as references
but don't imagine they will
write to them as it is only
a firm for the government anyway.
And now darling one I got
any sorry I can't be home to
help you with the October
business, as I expected to,
but trust this will be the last
month that you will have to
do it alone.

If we go on that long like
I am afraid your mail will
be very irregular, as don't know
how far Cape send mail, but
even if there is any one riding
back, you bet.

My darling I would give anything
to be with you to-day and am just
longing for the time when I can
give you a good hug & kiss and
stay with you forever.

I feel sure that I will be
with you soon, but this time
is putting it off a couple of
weeks. My dearest one, I
sent a letter to Father as you
requested. Now darling I haven't
received any letter from you yesterday
or to day so I guess the mails are
held up somewhere. Will probably get
two on to-morrow's mail.



Have the hens laid any eggs
yet, perhaps they lay out doors
somewhere. I expect the cow will
slow up on her milk now, as it
is time for her to let up a little
will dearest one, I will be home
to look out for things soon, I
guess, and then you can have a
good rest. Be of good cheer
and keep up a good heart, and
tell Sargent to be a good boy
and do the best he can.

Give my love to Helen, hope
she is well & happy.

Am glad you are moving my
little present dear, & hope you
will think of me when you have
it on, as I think of you darling
all the time, on the march, and
at night in the tent, it is all
the same, as I have you continually
in my mind and my heart strings
are tugging for me to go home
to you dearest one.

With lots of love and
kisses from your own
true husband
Engel

We have asked Sheldon
Ripley to write Geo Jasm for the
money to buy our books and

We can get these also to be sent to you.

Reading all the
I can of James
Lippard's Just
before I have a
few of the
Accessories
which I have
from a
woman.