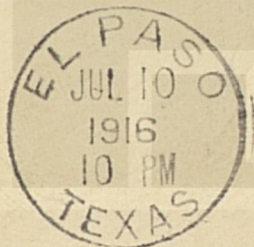


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Tuesday July 11/16

My dearest, precious wife,

Well I am still all O.K. and feeling first rate, except being awfully tired & sleepy. Was on the outer border guard all night & only lay down in my blanket from 12 to 2 and then couldn't sleep much so many ants and spiders crawling over me. Went out in a heavy wind & sand storm with rain and as it blew right into the Mexican Guard house I was considerably worried especially as John Kane had a cold and coughed my own in a while. I am getting quite used to guard duty, and am getting used to going without sleep. Our new clothes are cooler, and I feel more comfortable now, they are just like the regular soldiers. Yesterday Sgt Moore told me to go down town at 2 o'clock so I went over to the Mexican quarter & sat on the International Bridge & watched the Custom house officers challenge anyone & go through the baggage

It was quite a sight
to see everyone opening
up their baggage. Some of the Mexicans
drive the famous little donkey teams
you ever saw. The poorer class
all seem to live eat & sleep in one
room. I went over to a Hotel near
the Post office and wrote a letter to
Mr. Baerndt that covered everything
I know of. Told him I
hoped to be back in the office
before the 1st of November
and I hope it will be sooner.
We are taking the regular
place as border patrol are right
now. Sargent is lucky to not
be down here living on army rations.
El Paso is quite a city, and you
see all nationalities here, all kinds
of people on the street.

There is one sight that is indeed
worth seeing and that is sunrise
when it commences to get daylight the
mountains & clouds are gorgeous.
Such beautiful colorings, in the sky.

I guess I have received all the
four leaf clovers, and I put them in
the lining of my hat & stay on my
good luck glasses, from my dearest
one at Cohasset, and God's love
you dearest one, affectionately.
I just lay out under the stars on my blanket
& dream of the time when I will be home with you again.

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I had a letter handed me at 5.30 this morning when we came in from Sunday duty, and it seemed awfully good to me to be allowed to read a letter from wife before breakfast.

There was much more to write about, Tell Sargent I was talking with a Real Texas Ranger this morning on the border. Some story with his cartridge belt and knife, he has several notches in his gun to.

I suppose Sargent will go on the Keersarge for his tour of duty. It will be a jolly vacation for him & I hope he will have good weather & return all off.

I am glad to hear such good reports from him. I know he will measure up to the mark when the occasion required.

I am sorry you have had
so much rain. The potatoes will
probably rot in the lower garden
some day.

This is when the people down
here call the rainy month
It hasn't rained before to amount
to anything since last Feb. March
My dearest possessions are
about over and, this hot weather
over your eyes, as much as
you can dearest, you know
you mustn't get sick.

Give my love to Father, David,
Mother Freeman, and May,
my dear son Sargent, and
my daughter Helen and
Ada + Mr. Selvidge if they
are still there. By the way
I have been wondering if
the cow was all O.K. that
time, or now I have to
look her again next month
when I get home.

Now dearest one do the best you
can to take care of your health
as honestly, I just live & long for
the time when I can fold you to
my breast again, never to part
in this world or the next.

Good bye, dearest until to-morrow
as I am awfully sleepy after being up
all night & must catch a wink when
I can. Your loving husband