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Dear Carrie, I am trying to write this way as the train is not very steady & I hold the paper on my knee. Yes thank you for all right in every way, & of the few men who have been obliged to ask the doctor for a pin my bones more regularly which is a great blessing. The doctors go through the train every day & give the men a dose of salts but I haven't used any yet. The men sent a petition in to the Capt for better food yesterday & today we had a good dinner, hot dogs & potatoes & saw omelets & it tasted good after living on tomatoes & water so long. This morning I had a big spoonful of beans & they tasted awful good but the hot apple pie that some one brought on the train was just the best ever. Lots of enthusiasm down here in Missouri every station crowded with women waving flags & men cheering us on. I expect to mail this letter in Kansas City, Mo. before night. Friday the 30th I think it is we were taken out at Quincy Ill this morning for exercise - & I saw the Mississippi River & crossed it

there at Quincy Ill., quite a nice
city. Saw house boats and funny
looking steam boats with a great
big propeller on stern, father will
know what I mean, as he saw them
50 yrs. ago. Tell Father then sent
any corn in the N. States over
a foot high - Fields after fields
of corn we pass that is only
about 6 inches high & men
driving 2 horse cultivators through
it. We are not allowed to
leave the car or stand on the
platform. Strict army rules
under Capt Brock of the
Regular Army. Awfully hot in
the train today, car window won't
open only about 5 inches.

Was sorry we couldn't see
Chicago, but only stopped for
water & then went on the
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR
to Quincy Ill. from there we
are traveling over the Rock Island
RR I think to Kansas City.

Harris seen any place yet
that looks as good as Coburn
& the houses are all so small.
We live in a palace in comparison.
Every depot down here has
a stock yard for cattle. one
place had a big sign Mule Yard

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You ought to see the farms
they growness as big as all
Coburns each one, & they have
big field of corn in, and
horses Cows & pigs are all
turned in together. Lots of
pigs are so clean looking
rooting around in the field.

Hard just passed a
log cabin like I never used
to live in.

see the living stable down here
say Horses & mules for sale.

We are just now passing

Cameron Junction, Mo. & it
is so hot the workmen are standing
under the trees fanning themselves with
their hats. I have just asked
a man how hot it is and he
said it is 95 to 105 in the shade.

George Mealey got a pair of clippers
some where & has been cutting the
mens hair all day to day - I at
15¢ a cut, & he is all down up
he says. I had mine cut in Boston
so I didn't need his services.

I understand we have about 1500
more miles to go. I have seen the
U.S.A. through a car window all
right. George says any man that
don't have his hair cut will have to
pay him a quarter, so its cheaper to let
him cut it. He says he paid 3¢ for his clipper.

Give my love to Sergeant Helen
& David's Father & all the dear
friends. Tell Sergeant the
man that gave him Bull Durham
Tobacco, said you all want
to look out for them damn Mexicans
as you all will find them a bad
lot. with this bottom drawn.

It is rumored that
every man will take a shower
bath at Kansas City I hope so
As am not a stickler & it will
be a good thing for us all.

I don't think it looks quite
so bad in the paper this morning
do you? I have seen any big
fever of hers yet about lots of
cows & pigs. Well dearest one
absence makes the heart grow
fonder, and although I am no
quitter I shall be so happy
when I come back to my
dear little wife once more.

I love you so, & think of
you all the time & would be
so happy if we could have
taken this trip together.

With lots of love & kisses
from your darling Eugene