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My dearest wife;

I have just been notified that I have been promoted to Sergeant to date back to July 1st which means that I get more pay for July - So hereafter you can address my letters to Srgt. instead of Corporal Toner

There are two Sargent Toners in our family now, you see

We are having a very muddy day here, it blows clouds of dust all the time & is hard on the eyes. Of course I am pleased to know that my work is satisfactory to the officers and that I have made good down here, but if they want to please me, all they have to do is order Co. K back to Mess so I can come home & give you a real kiss & not have to send it by mail -

I am O.K. in every way. Eat
a raw onion every day. just
like the Sargos, - It keeps
me pretty regular. My dear one
I am so pleased to get my teeth
fixed, it is a great relief and
I thank you for allowing me
the necessary funds. Now doesn't
one, you won't have to send me
any more money but I hope to
send you quite a little as my
draw about \$1 a day or 27 a month
anyway, but I would give that
which I want to have back if
I could be home with you all
the rest of the summer.

I am sending a picture card
of our camp & your old man
is standing right beside of Frank
Salvador who is in his ~~cooks~~ ^{white}
apron. I am bareheaded with
my sleeves rolled up so I guess
you will know me, the one with
a hand up and gun on shoulder
is Ralph Brickett, Mont Cochise
and his brother Jim is second one
beyond him. Ted Sargent the

Fellow coming out of the tent
is Alfred Disnard who was
in the Co. when he was, he
has got one leg in his pants
& one out - The tents in front
of us are the Machine Gun Co
and there is nothing beyond
them but the Mexican border
across some cattle pens.

The second Co. are lined
up behind us is the Artillery
Co. just in from Border
Patrol, see their rolls &
Guns stacked in front of
them. Down when the
line is the 8th Regt is
Camped. and way beyond
them comes the 9th Regt.

We have the post of honor
as well as danger if there
should be an invasion
of our territory but there are
two lines of outposts to
give us warning so we would
be ready, you bet

I don't think there is any
likelihood of any trouble
arising now, according to all
accounts it will be done &
guard duty until we go home.

I have been busy with
the recruits that came from
Hannigan as they got in yesterday.

But Sargent his old friend of
Walter Brown is here now, a
Sargent in some Co. of 8th Regt.

What did Sargent say when
you had that I was promoted
to Sargeant. Please ask
Father the correct way to
spell it as I don't know.
How dearest I have been
using that Fells Soap you
sent me and have washed
all my underclothes, and rubbed
the skin off my hands as
well. Some of the washing
will be one of the many things
I learn down here, if you
won't have any to do when
I come home.

Well dearest ones try + keep
cool this hot weather +
do take a bath in the edge
of the ocean, but dont go out
far enough for a shark to
swim in, Are they still around
there or have they gone to southern
waters? Sheriff Harrison said
his father was catching tanlog
down by the bridge and would
give me some when I came
home. Tell Sargent after 20
weeks his snake dont get fat
so he better sell or eat some
of them. How are the little
chickens, laying yet? Well it
is 4.30 and I imagine the cow
is yelling for Father to come +
get her in, if she is to much
trouble remember you have my
full permission to see her anytime.

George Mason Jr. sent me a
bundle of papers, but I like Father
may be, as I really cant give the
time to reading, I dont read any
just keep going all the time from
our detail to supper.

Tell Sargent the boys are
singing I want to go back to Oregon

in the next tent & now they are
on a "big red rose", & sweet cedar
I suppose he knows them all.

Every one of them want to get
back home, as this is not what
any of them expected.

Now my dearest one don't
worry as that is what will make
you sick and I am 2600 miles
away & you must try & keep well
for I want you so much, and if
I should get real sick I would
telegraph for you to come to me
so you must keep yourself in
condition to travel, although I
never felt better in my life than
at this minute. I would give
a good deal to be able to
just cuddle up to you &
tell you how much you
are to me dearest but we
have to wait until September
& then I will kiss you a thousand
times in one night just to make
up for all I've missed this summer
my own dearest wife.

Good bye dearest one from your
lovesome, soldier-boy & your true husband
Eugene