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I will send Mother her Handk. when I can get done tomorrow again
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Send me a list of any one you think I ought to send one of those pictures of our Camp to.

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My own dearest one, I have been over what they consider the hardest hike we have had yet and I feel first rate. Can't loose the old man, I can rack the younger element off their feet. Well we are a month ahead of our schedule for drives and that looks good to me, we are on Brigade marches now and that ought to be the last end unless we have to qualify on some rifle range. There was another train load from Ohio came in day, and they all come in cheering like we did, but the only cheering our boys give now is when some one shouts that "were going home". Sheldon Ripley told me that his friend had written him that his pay would stop on the 23rd so he is so anxious about staying home here now. Of course he draws about \$160 - a month as first LT, but his expenses are considerable as he lives in the officers mess. I am so glad you will love me dearest even if I have lost 40 pounds, as I really haven't any extra weight to carry and I can hide away behind the bed-post & you can't find me. I am so thin. I was worried as I know you prefer the fat man you used to have, but if I can get you in my arms once, I know you will love me just the same as ever. I want to come home solely and wholly because the only woman in the world that I care anything for is my own dearest wife and I want to be with you, near mind what my or any one else says, if it wasn't for you dearest I should just as soon be in Texas as Cohasset if I was making the same money. I love you darling every minute & with all my heart and I hope to be with you

Don

My dearest one I am sorry you are having such hot weather it is enough for me to sweat all the time without you having to. This is going to be a great night by the looks of the sky, and it is a full moon, so we will have it almost as light as day on outpost to night.

To morrow I will be writing you on the bank of the River as will have charge of the outguard.

My darling precious one, it will be just as you say and as we never have seen Washington that certainly must be a good time to go, & see the Capital, but don't you need a vacation right now, and wouldn't you take 15 of my money this month and go away for a week, somewhere you know darling you have had an awful hard summer - the fireman's and all the extra work on the place because of my absence must have tired you all out and I think you ought to have a change & rest before the winter. My dear one all I think of or care for is you, and I do hope you will keep me, and not get your nervous broke on you again. I wrote to Philander and

Louise Turner and send one of those picture cards to Rev. Stoney, Dr. Horn, & Mrs Geo R. Horn. I forgot her other name but marked it Beach St. also Dr. Osgood, as he used to be in the Regt.

I will take 15.00 of my pay and buy one of those Navajo blankets for August this month and if I can get a trunk for myself I will. My wife you had better not try to send me anything now, as we may get out of here anytime now. And then Cassie is liable to get mouldy anyhow. I ate some that was mouldy the other day as one of the boys brought it to me to try his mother's cooking so I had to

Believe me I shall be glad to get
all those good things you are going
to give me to eat, but go easy,
with me as I am not used to eating
only about a plateful altogether,
and can't over load my stomach.
but I had rather ten thousand times
you take me in your lap and hug
me up to your heart than feed me
riches. all I want is your
love, I can get along
on very little to eat I find
but your love is as necessary
to me as the air I breathe.

I really am not tired of soldering
darning although whenever I
write so any one will see it
excepting you I give that impression
as want the office to think it is
that way, but underneath I like
the long marches, and battles
and then even the outpost has
certain excitement about it that
makes it all interesting but I
want you darling & if you run
with me I would be perfectly
happy. If you should have
another husband you would never
have one that really loved and
longed for you the way I do.

but of course he would
be rich & could give you
more of the luxuries of life
but when it comes down to
real heart love, you will
have to respond to the
beatings of my heart for you
as there is no other woman
in the whole world I care
a shoe-string about but
my own dear wife.

I guess Sargent must go
away from Cobasset after he
is married for all the Joneses
as he will be a man that
will have his own way.

Now my darling I must close
with all my love & kisses
I am your own true husband
Eugene

Tell Sargent they have taken
Ed Jason to the hospital for
blood-poison in his hand, he is better
today. I understand Geo. Jason in Cobasset
is holding the money, waiting for
word just what to do with it, I think
if they paid for our \$500 trunk it would
be a good thing & keep the rest for next March

when the Co goes to making the don't you?