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My own precious wife! I was glad to
get your letter of last night as was
anxious about Sargent & worried
about you dearest one those
hot days. I know how you
suffer in that hot kitchen and
I pray you may have strength
to get through the hot weather
as I know dearest one you
will be all right if it comes
cooler. It must be an awfully
hot sticky summer and I
suppose Father is fussing
because the beans molder and
the potatoes rot but tell him
not to worry as he can't change
the weather, and I don't care
if I can only come home
before it gets cold so I can
help him dig the potatoes & cut
the corn stalks.

I think of you & you only dearest one
(all the day & the biggest part of the night as well)

This is Friday afternoon & my afternoon off
& you bet I tucked it into the Y.M.C.A. and
have just taken my shower bath
and feel quite decent again.

I seem to get off every fifth
afternoon. now I am Sergeant, so if
no men only at Framingham I could come
home on the 2.30 train & take the 6.30 back.

Well I am feeling all right, considering
the dust I eat every day. You ought
to see the regiment marching around
Sargent knows what it is, you just cant
see for dust, and it gets down your throat
& no one is allowed to take any water
or canteen out on drills as Capt. says
we ought not to drink it is so hot

I suppose he knows best but I get
awfully thirsty. I rec'd a letter from Ed. Starnes

Now my dearest one I will answer once
more as don't know when my other
letters go to, but I did get a check
for ^{\$}25. - and have received one \$5 bill

So if you have sent any more
except the dimes I haven't got
them.

My darling I heard to
day that we would go back
by way of Galveston & be in
Boston by Labor day, but the
top Sargent says he don't believe it
as he has instructions to buy necessary
goods up to Oct. 31., so it is pretty
hard to decide what to believe
but Dr. Drury that operated on
my ear, says that as long as
there are so many who like him
are sacrificing ~~at~~ ^{\$}10000. = a year
business to serve the U.S.A., for
a small salary, (he is a Captain,)
that they must leave the 5th Reg. down
here any longer than they can help as
so many including the Col. want to
get back to their business. So it
looks good to me for an early return

that I am an honorary member of the
Fire dept. That is an honor I appreciate
Tell Sargant I will go with the crew
on Veteran nights. My darling wife
I want you to write me every day
if you can find time, as it nearly drove
me distracted when I didn't get a letter
for 2 days, but all the boys said there
was something the matter as only a few
letters came through. I am going
down to my lunch counter now and thank
a plate full of Fried liver & onions &
big ice cream. 30¢ but is worth it -
Now my dearest one I long to come home
to you, and vice as soon as we are
permitted, you bet. With all my love and
kisses to you my own precious wife -
from your loving, true husband Eugene

Oh, my dear
you do not

Give my love to Sargent & Helen -
myself & long to be home with
you