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My own dearest wife,

Have arrived back
in El Paso all safe and sound, and
have taken a bath and been shaved
and feel like a new man again.
We leave here on
Friday night 13th via the Santa Fe
R.R. via St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland
Albany and to Boston. The 8th
Reg. goes via New Orleans, so I don't
think there will be any parade in
Boston, but right to the armory
and home. Harrah! will be with
you before the 20th I hope.
Oh Carrie how happy I
am to night, you can't imagine
how I feel like singing all the time.
The long hike is over and
I marched every step of the way
and feel all OK. -

I got a letter from May to-day - and also
one from you dear one

Last night it rained hard all night again, and
I slept with Caroline McIlwain and Hugh Drennon in their
pup tent, it was raining this morning & we all started
out with hats the sun soon came out & dried us off
in good shape. I am not sure I can wait to get home
to you, I feel like a little boy. I am so happy
and to think I have had a fine day all these
four months, it is certainly remarkable, and it looks
as if I could report for next or for my birthday
that I told Mr. Garrison in July of Oct 25.

I am not sure I am coming home to you, the hope is
mine in the region as I have lived near you every
minute and hope soon to be every second second
and now I am coming right to your arms and one
as fast as I can. I am glad it is all over.

One of the captains told me to night he had been in the wilderness
28 years and he never saw anything like what we have been
through. We are starting on I am trying to find some
little circumstances for Jada. There would be a good deal to do.

With love to Sarah's children, I am sure they will be glad to
hear the good news. With all my love & kisses, mine are
yours forever. Your loving husband
Frederick