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Mail has just come & the only thing was a letter from Papa, he is crazy on the subject of building.

Now deary please take care of your self. & do not run any risks, stay out of danger for my sake, I shall be very anxious & worried until I hear from you, shall hope to hear soon, I hope that you are coming in now that every thing seems so miced up. Oh, love I do wish you were out of this, I feel as though.

every time I could
never let you go again.
This courier is evidently
going in a hurry, as
nothing is to go, except
letters, & he is to start
at day light, do not
know his errand, do
hope it is to bring you
all back.

I shall look
anxiously for news
soon.

Your ever loving
& devoted wife
Mary Anne,

(By Courier.)

In
the
field,
Lieut G. C. Doane,
2nd Cavalry,
Montana, L

Fort Sumner
1883

4 - P.M. Monday, 13th June

My Darling Husband,
B^r
have waited till this
time in the day, so
as to be able to write,
which seemed to me
utterly impossible - namely
this morning Murray
Nichols came in
stupidly drunk, (from
all I can learn) &
informed the C.O. that
the hunting party would
be in, in about two
hours. & of course we
could not credit it as
we had all gotten
letters last evening.

saying positively, that
they were to be taken
showing last night,
to about an hour
ago. They came in,
be reported. They say
that they have not
seen at south, since
they left, & seemed
utterly amazed.

Oh Feb,
I feel more worried
than ever. No surgeon
& 30 men short of
what you should have,
besides the Seven Officers
& 8 wagons. There is
certainly a screw
loose some place, &
I am afraid the
command will be
the sufferers. Certainly

Gen Leroy will not
approve of this perfor-
mance. I feel sure
that he will censure
Major Morris severely
for ~~that~~ having
sent a Surgeon
along with you.

I am
almost frantic, about
it, & shall worry
night & day until I
hear from you
again.

Since writing
the above, we are informed
that the hunting party
are ~~to~~ be retained, no
one to be sent out, not
even the Surgeon, what
does all this mean; I
am almost worried

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to death, Morris telegraphed
to Roger, & he ordered
them to remain here,
I can not understand
this, a command of
nearly three hundred
men in the field
with a single medical
officer, & none to be
sent, - A courier
leaves tomorrow morning
at 10 o'clock, of course at
usual, no one knows
what he goes for, I
do think they might
let us know, so we
would not be in this
awful suspense, Oh, Pk
I am so anxious about
your safety,

John and Maria Dourne
and
Sarah and Robert Dourne

Addressed

Mr Dodd's Compliments
to Mr & Mrs Doane and
Mrs Wm. Bernhard
and takes pleasure in accept-
ing their invitation for
Monday Evg, June 2 1882

Lieut G. B. Doane.
2nd Cavalry
In the Field. M. I.

Turner

Tuesday, ¹⁴~~13~~th - 8. A. M.

My Darling Husband,
another cold bleak morning. trying very hard to snow, I had hoped it would stay nice pleasant weather, so it would enable you to travel much faster. Oh dear but it is gloomy, & lonely, & then the thoughts that come in to my head when I think a probable fight, with out the shadow of a medical Officer, I almost go frantic. I do think it is dreadful. This place seems to get worse, & worse, every day.

I do hope, & pray, that
you will succeed in
doing what you desire
to do, with out any
fighting. I shall wait
so anxiously for the
next Courier,

10, 20 Apr, Tuesday.

The Patish - Capt Potters
Chinamen hung him
self in their cell last
night, do not know the
cause but suppose he must
have been crazy.

A crowd
of Soldier, went down to
Mrs Cornens last night
& tried to break in, some
of them was recognized by
Largh Glynn, two of them

were lengths, one from
May Klimes Co. by the
name of Southern, &
the other a length of "A"
Co. They were the only
one recognized.

Miss Fannie
Gill continues about the
same, no material change.
She thinks she is going to
die, & consequently makes
no effort to get well, but
just lays there, & cries
for morphine, to deaden
the pain she suffers, &
the Doctor positively
refuses to give it.

11.30 - A.M.

A driving snow storm
has set in from the
North, damp. but not.

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cold. It will be dreadful
on you if it eludes that
far. Oh, how I wish you
were at home by a nice
comfortable fire.

Wednesday, 15th, 11.15.

My darling Pet,

To day is

bright, & moderately warm,
a decided improvement
on Yesterday. - I do feel
so worried, I was awake
all night, & could not
sleep, for thinking of you,
& that perhaps you were
having a time with
those dreadful half-breeds.
I do hope we will hear
from you tonight or
tomorrow. I shall be

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in a constant state of
worry until I do hear.

The men that went
down to the row & tried
to break in, are to be
tried today for it & I
hope they will be properly
punished.

Thursday, 16th, 10-11 AM.

My own darling,

His courier
last night, & none this
morning. I am beginning
to be alarmed, if we
do not hear tonight I
certainly will think
something has happened.

The prisoner "Godard"
got away last evening
at about half past seven
or, at eight. have

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not heard the particulars,
(carelessness of course!)
The entire Garrison is
in a state of fear
over the Chinaman
that hung him self, every
one seems to be afraid
of their cellars. The
Potters have moved out
& gone to the Adams
house. Mrs Potter was
frightened dreadfully,
& the Doctor advised
her to move. The other
Chinaman sent his
foddy, & his earthly
possessions to Adeline
this morning by stage.

Mr Allison has one
month's leave with

permission to apply for
 three more. The papers
 have a great deal in
 them about De Col
Sturgis at the Soldier
 home. he is to be tried,
 with very serious charges
 & well founded so they
 say. (Is he the Sturgis that
 was down the Yellowstone?)

Major Maginnis introduced
 a bill providing for
 Officers below the rank
 of Major, that after
 they have served ⁺ for
 fifteen consecutive years
 they shall be entitled
 to the pay and allowances
 of the grade next above
 that in which he has

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served, for such periods
without promotion, that
nothing herein contained
shall authorize any
increase in the rank or
number of Officers in the
Army or any Corps, or
Regiments, thereof, as now
allowed by Law,
For the case of having been
transferred, or appointed
from the volunteers to the
regular service or from
one Corps of Arms of the
service to another, under
more than one commission
but in the same grade,
(this is the case where
the two crosses are on the
other page, interh, between
& you have it all)

Friday 17th. 10-A.M.
My Darling Husband,

Another day gone & still no courier. Oh, what can be the trouble? I am so dreadfully worried. I certainly think we should have had a courier before this if every thing was all right. I am so very anxious. - To day is stormy & gloomy. Not cold, but will be dreadful for you. The storm is from the North, snowing as though it intended to continue for a time. Oh, darling if you were only home; I

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cannot get used to
these dreadful separations.
I almost go frantic.
We must get to some
place where you will
be at home, for I
cannot stand it.

They
look for Dago at any
time, & then it will
be nothing else but
Field Service.

1.30 P.M.

It has cleared up & the
sun has come out very
bright, but there is a
cold wind blowing
now, from the North.
No, Courier yet, Oh, ~~dear~~
how long the time seems.

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what can be the reason
we do not hear,

Lost during
about dark, a very
strong wind came up,
& there were four
chimneys on fire one
after the other, & all
of them had ones. Mrs
O'Brien's Carph is
ruined. They poured
five or six buckets of
water down her chimney,
had it to do. for the
fire was coming out
of the chimney in pieces
as large as your hand,
& dropping on the roof.

Saturday, 18, 9 A.M.,
My Darling Husband,
Another
long weary day of anxiety

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passed & still no Courier.
I watched that lonesome
dreary plain all day
Yesterday, & not a thing
did I see coming. Oh,
what can be the reason
we do not hear? I am
wornied almost to death.
I cannot understand
it.

The only thing that
came last night was
a postal from the bank
crediting \$1,000.00 & draft
for fifty, 50.00 for
as requested, by you
on the 7th. - Every
thing is dead & stopped.
I scarcely see any one,
as I have not been away

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from the house since
you left, (excepting a
ride with Mrs. A. B.
To day is cold &
stormy again, but
begins to look as though
it was going to clear in
the afternoon, as it has
for the past three days,
has been very queer
weather.

Sunday, 19th. 9. A. M.

My dear Darling,

No Courier,
no word, of any kind,
& I am almost frantic,
I cannot stand this
suspense much longer,
all the ladies are worried
& almost wild! Oh, dear,
love, why don't they
send some one in,

can it be that you have
been betrayed by those
Indian Scouts? they
are beyond a doubt afraid
to go out any distance
& so is Nicholson, the
only one, that you had
that is not (beyond a
doubt cowardly) is Brown
& they suspect him. Oh,
how can the C. C. keep
willingly such a class
of men, knowing well
these things. For he
certainly does know it.
If you only come home
all right. I certainly
shall insist on leaving
this (Hell), there is no
hopes of its being any

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letter, as Eliza has gone
back to Washington again
& she have no information
here, as to what he intends
doing, but I certainly think
it looks as though some
thing was wrong: he either
does not want to come here
or is kept away by some
unknown means.

Oh; Peh if
you only knew how
dreadful this suspense
is you would certainly
induce them to send in
a courier, I have never
felt as gloomy, & uneasy
over your being in the
field as I have this time
& I have never, and

as gloomy a letter from
you, as your last was, Oh;
I do hope & pray that you
are safe & well! For without
your life to me is nothing.

My own loved one, you
are my only earthly tie.

May God forbid that
any thing should happen
to you. There is no happiness
for me when you are absent,
my only heaven ~~to~~ home
is with you. Oh! how;
if I could only tell you
in words that would turn
how dear you are to me,
you would readily give
up this uncertain, life that
is constantly a source of
grievance & separation,
I cannot be separated
from you. I must be

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with you, if you are in trouble no one will care for you as I could, & there for, I must be with you, I desire to share all, & be with you under all circumstances.

Monday 20th - 11-20. A.M.

My Darling Husband:

To day is the eighth day since we heard from you, not a single words has been heard of the command since last Sunday, what on earth can be the reason? I certainly cannot understand this continued silence, I am getting more & more alarmed, & Mrs C. Brien is almost frantic, say nothing

about the rest. They are simply scaring. Mrs H- & Mrs Kline are very anxious. They think some thing dreadful has befallen you all, & I feel certain that some thing is wrong or you certainly would let us know how you are getting along. I am fearful in regards to the misunderstanding in regards to the hunting party, the lies of Nicholson, & those Indian Scouts. Every one here knows the deliberately lied, & Morris included. They were all afraid to go into the mountains for some reason, & did

not go where, they said they
 had been, & further more
 did not find the hunting
 party, if they had gone
 where they said they had
 been they would have found
 them, even "Paul" the
 one Gray Kline sent out
 came in only three days
 ago, & seemed worn out, or
 half drunk, & seemed not
 to know any thing, &
 evidently had never been
 in the mountains, or
 he would have found the
 party, all this worries
 me very much, as I know
 so much about the deceit-
 & treachery, of the vile
 brutes,

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W comes came in this
afternoon, & had letters
for every one but me,
& no one had any news
of you excepting Mrs. P.
Brien, & of course you
can imagine my feelings.
I was almost frantic,
I had been crying all
day, & of course could
not contain my feelings
any longer, & gave
way to a torrent, &
in about ~~an~~ hour after
a letter came for me
with nearly half of it
torn off & lost, & I of
course could not make
out much of any thing,
but still it was a
source of satisfaction, had
it come, or where from

I have not the remotest
 ideas, I know however,
 that "Jerry" the one that
 brought the rest did not
 bring it in the mail
 for they were particular
 in trying to find
 a letter for me, as
 I had been so fearfully
 worried.

Tuesday, 21st 12. M.
 My Darling Husband,
 The
 courier goes out in the
 morning, what he goes
 for, is not known, but
 I do hope it is not to
 keep you out any longer.
 I am so anxious you
 should come in. I have
 been so worried.

22.

your new Army Register
came last night, that
was all the mail for us.
There has been very little
mail come to us since
you left.

Tuesday, 21 - 2. P.M.
Murray just arrived
with a letter for one
that was whole, & I was
able to reach, I am afraid
you will have to stay
over, & go after those
stolen horses, if you
have asked information
on the matter, for you
know how Terry will
grasp at every chance
to hold up this place,
I do hope not though.

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I think you have been
out long enough, let the
troops in the section of
Glendive take care of
the stock that belongs
there,

5.30 P. M.

Cunningham comes to
me this evening, & wants
money to buy clothes, &
so I will get it of Mr
McCulloch. I don't know
what else to do, it is
very funny, that he
should take such a
sudden stroke for

clothes, I am a little afraid
that it will end up in
a drunk, I hope not
but, excuse me all,

The orderly has just
come open the mail,
I do not know whether
they will take the
letter or not, but will
try. From your ever
loving & devoted wife

Mary Anne
many kisses for my
love.

23) I will not stay here, & ^{appear}
there, & I want you to do
your best to get away from
here all together, & please do
it just as soon as ever
you can. This is no place
for us. It is getting worse
all the time, & will be
worse next winter, than
it has ever been. - Cum
ham. has just told me that
Maj Kellogg. was going to
move 24 miles further down
the river, to locate a Post,
Ok. Ok. I am just so
worn out, that I do not
know what to do. I do
want to be with you
so much, do come to me
or let me go to you. I
think it is too hard for
any one, that I have to
be separated from you.
When I want to go to
you, - there, what no
recail of any kind.

To night - the courier is
coming, so I shall have
to stop! A thousand
kisses, & ever so much
love for you, Good
night my own sweet
darling! Your ever
loving & devoted
wife, Mary.

Lark Assinaboine

July 13 - 1882,

My Darling Husband,

Gen Ruge

& party got off this morning
taking a very limited
week. - It has rained
off & on all day, & seems
quite cool, it has either
rained or blowed for
over a week, making it
very disagreeable. Gen
Ruge called on all the

ladies, & was very pleasant
for him, but "asked no
questions & told no lies",
& left the Garrisonians just
as ignorant of his ideas
in regards to the Camp,
as they were before his
arrival here. I hope you
will be more successful
& will be able to find
out something definite, if
you do write of me in
details, — I will send
you more vegetables by
the train that goes with
natives if I can, & will
try to send you some
butter, by the way, did

you get any at Keltrop?

Another prisoner escaped
from the guard house
to day. - he was also a
deserter from "H" 2nd Co
I think his name is
Mc-Magowan, Lt Hardin,
Lynch Lopez, & an Ensign.
Lynch is out after him,
Lynch Lopez has been out
nearly all day, & will
be out all night.

July 14 - 1882.

My precious love,

No news

this morning so far, they
did not get the deserter
last evening, & I do not

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think they will - Waterburne
just brought me a few
vegetables, & among them was
some beans. He said please
don't say any thing about
getting these beans, as Mrs
Normwood gave me positive
orders, not to pick any for
any one outside of her orders,
which are for the Chaplain's
family, & her own, that she
wanted all the early vegetables
for her visitors, & that if he
failed to obey her orders, she
would have him put in the
guard house, also giving
him orders, not to take any
more vegetables up to the
Company where they are
boarding. Now this kind
of performances will not
do. write me, I am shut - of

51 from the post garden, &
she is trying to shut me out
of the Co garden, & I will
not stand it. The vegetables
belong to the company, & not
to the Nonwoods, & I propose
to have my share, as long as
I am able to walk down to
the garden, I won't ask
the man to do any thing
that will get him into trouble,
although he says I shall
have all the vegetables I
want as long as he is in
the garden, & that he will
pick them, & bring them
to me, not withstanding
her orders, he only said
he would not like to
get in the guard house
over it, & asked me to tell
you

of this, so you would not
get him in trouble, I
think this is a fine lay
out. I wonder when she
recd her commission?
I suppose it will be soon
while that I will have
to take her if I can live
in the garrison. — Your
ever welcome letter came
this afternoon, & I was so
glad to hear that we were
well, & that the miserable
winter, & the intense heat
had not affected you, — we
are having real fall weather
cold, & foggy rains, all
reputation seems to be as a

stand still, incessant high
winds. it has been very
gloomy. rec'd two letters
by to night's mail, one from
the G. M. General, & the other
from Davidson, which I
very promptly answered,
he thinks he can make
up the express charge some
way. I (unfortunately for
him) have three witnesses
that there was no cincha
in the P.K., the very first
thing the Genl asked me
was, "why didn't you not
get a cincha, Mrs. Stone"
so that I will not pay it,
I enclose the letter to my

Answer, I did not send for
a saddle, & did not ask
him to fill the order, you must
have overlooked the crosses
over the letter part of the
first letter to him, & scratched
the part out asking him to
fill the order if he could, I
do not think I shall send
for any unless you think
I will need it for more than
pleasure riding here, you do
not expect to get in a saddle
while you are away, for
pleasure, & if I need one very
badly you will be sure get Mrs
Lloyd's - You speak of all the
Buffalo being down there, - we
have a different report here brought
in by (Pippin) who was sent
across the line to hire halfbreeds
to freight for the Co. - by orders
from Cass Terry, the C. O. is

to give any Cree or half breeds
passports to come & freight
for B. & Co.) to return, he
said that "Big Bear", "White
Calf", & "Little Pine", were
just five miles on the other
side of the line, & about fifty
five miles from here, right
in a herd of buffaloes, &
that they had them running
back & forth, over a
space of a few miles, & were
slaughtering them at a great
rate, — I know that nearly
all our Regiment is out but
they have some what different
details from this one, I
only wish you were stationed
on the line of the N. P. R.,
among civilized people,

There is no comparison between
the details, all the Custer &
Keogh people are having nice
comfortable details, & are
gaining a thousand times
more honor for them; than
this miserably poor forgotten
command, I have positive
information how they are
living, from Mrs Chalfield
who has just come from
Keogh, she thinks this no
place at all, & kind of
out off the way stopping
place, & her husband is in
the field, & she is going right
to him from here,

Saturday, July - 15th - 1882

My Darling Husband;

I have

been out for a short ride
this evening with Dr Chie,
& used Mrs C - saddle,
& had a villainous ride
on account of the saddle,
which was simply vile,
I rode "Maggie", & he is
quite feeble yet: - Mr Hardin
is in charge of the men
who are qualifying for
the team from this place,
Seng Miller is one of his
best, & will doubtless go,
so you see the trouble
begins, she says she won't
ship, & he wants her to,
but as he will be gone
all winter, she thinks it

(12) best to go to her home,
which is near St-Paul, &
am sure I do not know
what will become of me &
my effects, of course I
cannot keep her, if she
insist on going. - Since
Friday, made today, at
five hundred yds. ~~23~~²³ out
of a possible 25. & at 6 hundred
yds. he made 24 out of a
possible 26. so only has one
more score, in order to
qualify as a marthonian,
he was one of a division
from the Pacific Coast
from the 2nd Dept. &
qualified there, I will let
you know, as soon as I find
out for certain what they
are going to do.

13.) There is a rumor here that
Gen. Rugeley will bring back
one Co of Gruffs & perhaps two
but I do not know whether
they know this for certain
or not, this was told in
the office Yesterday, or at
least it was the office talk.)

July 16 - 1892 -

My Drinking Husband, Still

it rains, & continues to
stay cool, seems just like
fall, it only rains a few
moments at a time, however,
then the sun comes out
bright & pleasant, still it
seems uncertain, & keeps a
person in the house all the
time, for fear of being caught
in a rain shower, - the train
arrived last evening, but will
not return for several days, so
we were informed by a telegram
from the Wash D. C., I do not
the reason of the delay, & I
suppose as usual, will not
until after I hear from you
again, or at least, not before

14) the train has gone &
returned again from the
field, July 17-82
My Darling Husband,

Nothing
of interest has transpired
to day, no news of any kind.
But tonight's mail brought
encouraging news, from
H. deys of the Regiment, as
you will see by reading
the enclosed. Besides,
Mrs Norwood rec'd a
letter from Mrs Miller
sup. det. Capt Hatheway,
whd just rec'd a letter
from his wife at Keogh,
saying four companies
of the 2nd Cavalry were
to go to Keogh this fall.
I do not exactly understand
what is going to be done,
but do hope it will bring
around a change in some
way for us. I read this
to Mr O'Brien but no one
else, & do not intend to

16) all any one else of it, — I
think I very funny that
Anger, does not write & let
you know whether he intends
transferring with or not,
we are still getting along
pretty well in the "domestic"
line. But do not know for
certain whether Sengh Hilley
will go to Swelling, or not
as yet, but will know in
about three days.

July 19 - 1882.

My Darling Husband,

I did
not write any yesterday
because, I had a very
severe headache, & further
there was nothing to write
no news of any kind, there
is a rumor that one

Company of Cavalry is
to come in, but of course
I do not believe it for
one instant, as I have
told some of them, that
all the work that has
been done, was done by
the Cavalry, & that it
would be simply absurd
to take the Cavalry away
& leave two of our
out there to get lost.

July 20 - 1882.

My Darling Husband,

Yesterday
& today have been very
warm again, & I think
will be intensely hot.

The Mc Gillivays gave an
informal hop last evening
& I believe, it was a very
pleasant affair. Of course
I did not go, as I never
do, Dr. Chinn very kindly
offered ~~to accompany~~ ~~work~~
me but I declined, as
usual. They had a very
nice lunch, of cakes,
creams, & fresh fruits
& danced until 10 o'clock.
Every thing so true was
very nice. - Mrs. O'Brien
is not feeling very well,
but don't tell the Capt,
for fear she has not
written of it to him,

18) I have been suffering a great deal from headaches. Got over it with, & nothing seems to stop it. I don't know what causes it unless it is constant fretting.

July 24, 1882.

My Darling Hero Land;

I enclose

has just seen the rounds
informing us that a courier
goes out tomorrow morning,
why he goes out then, when
Gen. Ruffin, is expected this
afternoon, is more than
I can conceive. The Pay-
Master is here, & goes from
here in the field to pay.
The Troops there, Mr Herdin
goes with him, so that
you can get all the items
from him. Seng. Lillie
has qualified as a marksman.

19) & goes in a few days.
Gentride has concluded to
stay, but she may take a
notion to go at any time
however. That does not
worry me, for I know
that I can get along in
some way. - The train
starts from here about the
2nd of the inst, & I shall send
you some fresh butter,
& some potatoes, if I
can. I know those are
the only things you can
for, - I don't know
what to do about getting
a saddle, but think (if
you consider it best that
I should have one) that
I shall write to Yentou

to Dr. Knicker, & have
him try & get one just
like my old one, he
has probably seen the
other, & will know, - The
Gen has just returned, &
I have your clothes, & a
short letter, - I am disappointed
at not hearing from you
in details, I had expected
a long letter from you -
I do not know what the
"Mogul" will do now, but
I hope he will get away
just as soon as ever he
can, - I have not been doing
very much work, have been
finishing those pillow shams,

(braiding) - & reading a little
in Magazines, but in the
past few days, I have been
reading English History,
(Green's) Vol. 1, but have
not been able to read much
on account of severe headache,
& all the time, & it still
continues. I think it is the
heat, - to day is still
warmer than Yesterday,
- If you will suggest any
thing that will be better
for me to read, I shall
do so - I just went over
to the Chaplain, & that
seemed to be the only
thing outside of Church

22) books - + trashy novels.
- so I thought wth I had
never ^{ever} read th^{em}, I would
put my time in on something
of ^{more} importance. - The Serj
Major told Serj Lopez this
afternoon, that, two Cos. of
Infantry. + One of Cavalry.
were to stay down there
permanently + that 50 tons
of hay was to be sent down
there (deducted from this
Post-) - + that 2 "boop" would
be the one, + I think from
all I can hear. that this is
about they lay out. I think
this is correct, or nearly
so from the general appearance
of things. we will know
pretty soon. - Now if this
is so. I want you to get a
permission to come in. +
take me back with you.

Wednesday, 22, - 9-15 A.M.

My Darling Husband:

I have just heard the distressing news, of your having to go into camp - & wait until the Magian's troops drive the Indians from the other side to you, & that in all probabilities you will have a fight. Oh, Peh I am so uneasy, & anxious, I fear some thing will go wrong yet. They say this Indian has a very large sack, & that he will fight before he will leave, I am almost frightened to death this morning, over the

prospects of your having
an engagement.

The Doctor

* ~~The~~ Officers & men
who were out on the
hunting party, I understand
will have to go out too
if you stay. They will
take 30 days rations to
you. I have but one
hope left for your coming
right in, & that is if
your scouts who were
out find that "Big Bear"
went across the line.
Then it will settle all
this business, & you
will be allowed to come
home. I had so hoped
that he had gone across
any way. He seems to
feel confident that he is

able to defect the troops,
from all accounts, & I
fear trouble will be the
result of this last lot of
instructions. I believe
your Tea went this mor-
ning, at least I did my
best to have it go, hope
you ^{will} get it, all right.

'Jolly', do
for heavens sake tell me
what your candid
opinion is, in regards to
these indians, do you
expect them to fight?
& do you think they
have ~~a~~ strong enough
camps to resist the
troops? I am so worried
& you do not give me
any definite ideas, do
tell me the truth,

about the matter & all
about it. Mrs C.'Brien
is very much worried, &
very anxious. I think
you ought to give us
your candid views on
the subject, & keep nothing
from us.

6 - P. M.

Mr Bates just came
& told me that, a courier
was to go out either to
night or in the morning,
& that in all probabilities
you would come in,
& the other orders
would be countermanded.
Oh! I do hope so. I am
waiting anxiously,
lovingly & devotedly
Mary Anne