Mail has just come. The only thing was a letter from Papa. He is crazy on the subject of building.

Now please take care of yourself. I do not like to think of you out of danger for my sake. I shall be very anxious and worried until I hear from you. I hope you are coming in now that every thing seems to be fixed up. Oh, love to do wish you were out of this to feel as though...
Every time I could never let you go again.

This courier is evidently going in a hurry as if nothing is to get except letters, so he is to start as soon as day light. Do not know thisoranp, do hope it is to bring you all back.

I shall look anxiously for now soon.

Your ever loving,

Devoted wife.

Mary Ferre.
[By Courier]

In the field, Montana.

Lieut. G. C. Doane 2nd Cavalry.
4. P.M. Monday, 16th

Darling Husband,

how waited till this
time in the day to be able to write, which seemed to me
utterly impossible. 

This morning through
Nicholae sent in
shyly, almost (from
all I can learn) to
informed the C.O. that
the hunting party would
be in in about three
hours. Of course we
could not believe it as
we had all gotten
letters last evening.
saying positively, that they were to be seen
Browning last night.
An hour ago, they came in.
I report this. They say
that they have not
been observed since.
I have seen officers,
and seemed
utterly amazed.

Oh, Feb.,
I feel more worried
than even. 25 officers
+ 36 men short of
which you should have.
Besides, the seven officers
+ 8 wagons. There is
surely. A seven
bottle some place.

I am afraid the
command will suffer. Certainly
Sir, I own not approval of this performance. I feel sure that he will censure Major Morris severely for that having sent a messenger along with you. I am almost frantic about it; I shall worry night and day until I hear from you again. Since writing the above, we are informed that the hunting party all to be relieved. No one to be sent out, not even the surgeon. What does all this mean? Is an almost worned
to death. Morris telegraphed to Roger to be on board there to remain there. I can not understand this. A commence of nearly three hundred men in the field with a single Medical Officer. I am told to send. A courier leaves tomorrow morning at midnight, of course not usual as one knows what he goes for. I do think they might let us know so we would not be in this awful suspense. Oh, P.D. I am so anxious which four equipoise.
Mr. A. Dodd's compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Dohme and Dr. and Mrs. Bonham and takes pleasure in accepting their invitation for Monday Eve, January 2, 1882.
Lieut. G. B. Doane
24th Cavalry
In the Field
M. T.
Tuesday, 18th S. A. M.

My Darling Husband,

Another cold, bleak morning. Trying very hard to sleep, 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 thought 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, I pray, that you will succeed in doing what you desire to do, with out any fighting. I shall wait anxiously for the next Corriete.

10.28 A.M. Tuesday.

The latest - Capt. Potter's Chimneys being burned by self. in their cellar last night. do not know the cause but suppose he must have been crazy.

A crowd of Soldiers went down to Mrs. Connors last night & tried to break in. Some of them was recognized by Leigh Gilman. Two of them
more length, one from Major Klein's Co. by the name of Southwell to the other as length of "A" Co. They were the only one recognized.

Miss Fannie will continue about the same with material change. She treats she is going to die and consequently makes no effort to get well, but just lays there to die for Morphine to deaden the pain she suffers. The Doctor positively refused to give it.

11:30 A.M.

A driving snow storm has set her free from the North. Damp but not
On Monday, 18th, 11. 16. the family were at home. As a whole, I will be encouraged by this letter. As a whole, I will be encouraged by this letter. As a whole, I will be encouraged by this letter. As a whole, I will be encouraged by this letter. As a whole, I will be encouraged by this letter.
in a constant state of worry until I do hear. The news that went down to the town tried to reach me and tried today for it. I hope they will be properly punished.

Thursday, 16th, 10 a.m.

My dear darling, His Divine last night, & more this morning, I am beginning to be dejected. If I do not hear tonight, I certainly will think something has happened. The prisoner God will get away last evening about half past seven or, at eight.
not heard the particulars, carelessness of course! The entire garrison is in a state of fear over the Chinese war which bring their self every one seems to be afraid of their cellars the Potters have moved out to gone to the Adams house. Mrs Potter was frighten exceedingly dreadfully the Doctor advised her to move. The other Chinese sent his body & his earthly possessions to Athens this morning for stige. Mr Allison has for months leave with
Permission to apply for
three more. The papers
have a great deal in
them about Col
Sturgis at the Soldier's
home. He is to be tried,
with very serious charges
well grounded in truth.
(Do the Sturgis Huts
wash down the Yellowstone?)

My Maginies introduced
a full Knowelden for
Officers below the rank
of Major. Such after
they have served for
fifteen consecutive years,
they shall be entitled
to the pay and allowance
of the grade next above
which he has
served for such periods without promotion that nothing herein contained shall authorize any increase in the number or number of officers in the Army or any Corps, or Regiment. Thereby as now allowed by law, for the case of having been transferred or appointed from the volunteer to the regular service or from one Corps of Arms of the service to another, under more than one commission, this is the rule where the two cross are one on the other page, intend 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 but will be dreadful for you. The storm is from the North, showing as thought it intrenched if continue for a time.

Oh darling if you were only home.
I 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.

Look for Byron at Tamp time, & then it will be nothing else but field service.

11.30 P.M.

12 has cleared up & the sun has come out very bright, but there is a most cold wind blowing now, from the North.

Mr. Cousin yet, Oh, dear, how long the time seems.
What can be the reason we do not hear, lost doing which death, a very strong wind came up, there were seven chimneys on fire one after the other, and all of them had ones. Mrs. O'Brien's carpent is ruined. They poured fishes or dirt buckets of water down the chimney had it to do. For there fire was coming out of the chimney in pieces as large as your hand, dropping on the roof.

Saturday, 18th 9 A.M.

My darling husband, another long weary day of anxiety
passed & still no Couriers & watchmen that someone heard any noise all day yesterday & not a thing & I see coming & wht can be the reason we do not hear? & am worried almost to death & cannot understand it. The only thing that came last night was a Postal for the two books I had written $1,000 & a draft for fifty to one for the next theater. If you on the 7th, Monday thing is dead & shifted I scarcely see any use as I have not been away
from the house since you left, (excepting a drive with Mr. S. O.B.)
To day is cold &
storming again, but
begins to tooth so though
it was going to clear in
the afternoon, as it has
for the past three days,
has been very queer
weather.

Sunday, 19th. 7 A.M.
My Aunt Yarbing
No Bureau,
No word of any kind.
I am almost frantic,
I cannot stand this
suspense much longer.
All the ladies are worried
& almost wild. All dear
love, why don't you send some one out
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 trust is not. (Beyond a doubt cowardly) is known & they suspect him. All tried can the C. O. keep willing to such a class of men knowing well these things. He certainly does know that if you only come home all right. It certainly shall insist on leading this (Hell), there is no hope of it's being any
letter, as Agnes has gone
back to Washington again
so the 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 it come here
or is kept away by some
unknown method.

Oh! PA NY

you only know how
dreadful this suspense
is; you would certainly
induce them to send in
a cousin. I have never
felt as gloomy & uneasy
over your being in that
field, as I have this time.

& I have never used
as I have 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, your and 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 & home is with you. Oh! how, if I could, only tell you in words that would burn how dear you are to me, you would readily give up this undertaking. Life that is constantly a source of grievance & separation, I cannot be separated from you. I must be
with you, if you are in trouble no one will care for you as I could, & think for you, I must be with you, I desire to share all, to be with you under all circumstances.

Monday 26th 11-20 A.M.

My Darling Husband,

To-day is the eighth day since we heard from you, not a single word has been heard of the Consul since last Sunday, what on earth can be the reason? I certainly cannot understand this continued silence, I am getting more and more alarmed, & Mrs O'Brien is almost frantic, our nothing
about the rest. They are simply weary. Mrs H.
& Mrs克莱尔 are very anxious. They think some
thing dreadful has happened to you all, & I feel certain
that something is wrong or you certainly would
let me know how you are getting along. I am
anxious in regard to that misunderstanding in regard
to the hunting party the
lies of Hickaman & those
Indian scouts, every one
here knows the deliberately
lies. Morins included.
They were all afraid to
go into the mountains
for some reason, & did
not go where, they said they had seen, & further more did not find the hunting party. If they had gone where they said they had seen they would have found them. Even "Jenry" the one "Maj" Kline went out come in only three days ago & seemed worse out for half drunk & seemed not to know anything. 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 deceif & massacre of the vile brutet.
W corrier came in this afternoon, had letters for every one but me, no one had any news of you excepting Thomas. Of course you can imagine my feelings. I was almost frantic. I had been crying all day. Of course could not contain my feeling any longer. So got up to the corner, in about an hour after a letter came for me with nearly half of it torn off & lost. Of course could not make out much of any thing but still it was a source of satisfaction, how it came on there from
I trust not the remonstrant

Dear, I know however

that "Perry" the one that
bought it the rest did not
bring it in the mail

but they were particular
in trying to find
a letter for me, as
I had heard so fearfully
worried

Tuesday, 21st 12

My darling Husband,

The courier goes out in the
morning, which he goes
for, is not known. Let
be is hope it is not to
keep you out any longer.

And to knows you
should come in. I have
been so worried.
Your New Army Letter came last night. That was all the mail for us. There has been very little mail came to us since you left.

Tuesday, 21. 2. P.M.

Missig just arrived with a letter for one that was whole & was able to reach. I am afraid you will have to stay here & go after those stolen horses, if you have a fresh horse on the Matter. For you know how Terry will grasp at every chance to hold up this place.
I do hope and trust...
I think you have been out long enough, let the troops in the section of Glendine 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 McEllobb. 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 drouth. I hope not, but cannot tell. The orderly has just come open the mail, I do not know whether they will take the letter or not. If they do not, I will try and get them from you even. Loving & devoted wife, Mary Jane. 

Many kisses for my love.
I will not stay here. I want you to do your best to get away from here all together. Please do it just as soon as you can. This is no place for us. It is getting worse all the time. It will be worse next winter. Then it has never been. Cumming has just told me that Maj. Killough was going to move 120 miles further down the river to locate a post. Oh, Pete! I am just so worried that I do not know which is best. 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 case. I do hope to be separated from you when I want to go to you. These are no

meant of any kind.
Tonight the courier is coming, so I shall have to stop. A thousand kisses & even so much love for you. Goodnight, my own sweet darling. Your ever loving & devoted wife. Mary.
Fort Amherst
July 13 - 1882

My darling husband,

Erna

Party got off this morning taking a very limited
steam. It has rained off & on all day & seems
guile cool. It has eaten
rained on howled for
our as week, making it
very disagreeable then
Ruger called on all the
ladies & was very pleasant for him, but "asked us questions & told us lies" & left. The garrison just as ignorant of his ideas in regards to the cavalry as they were before his arrival here. I hope you will be more successful & will be able to find something definite if you do write & tell us in details. I will send you more vegetables by the train that goes with rationes if I can, & will try to send you some butter, & then wrap & did.
you get any at Belknap?

Another prisoner escaped from the guard house today. He was also a deserter from the 96th 2nd Iowa. I think his name is McCaffrey. He Hardie, Lephy Loper, & an Irishman. Lephy is out after him. Lephy has been out nearly all day & will be out all night.

July 17th, 1862

Always yours

No news this morning so far. They did not yet get the deserter last evening. & I do not...
think they will. Waterloo first brought me a few vegetables, among others some beans. He said please don't say anything about getting those beans. As Mrs. Norwich gave me positive orders not to pick any from any 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 were boarding. Now it is kind of performances will not do. Write me. I am that.
from the Post garden. She is trying to teach me out of the Co garden. I will not stand it. The vegetables belong to the Company. I will not stand it no more. I propose to have my share as long as I am able to walk down to the garden. I want see the man to do any thing that will get him into trouble although he says he shall have all the vegetables I want as long as he is in the garden. I shall that he will pick them & bring them to me. Not with standing her orders, he only said he would not have to get in the guard house over it. & asked me to tell
of this, so you would not get him in trouble. I think this is a fine line out. I wonder when she will hear her commission? I suppose it will be after while that B will have to ask her if she can live in the garrison. Your even welcome letter came this afternoon. I was so glad to hear that we were well & that the reasonable weather & the intense heat had not affected you. We are having real fall weather cold & pleasant rains. All vegetation seems to be as a
stood still, necessary right winds. It has been very
glorious, and two letters by to bright mail, one from
the M. General, & the other from Davidson, which I
very promptly answered. He thinks he can make
up the express change some.

Unfortunately for

have three witnesses

I have two witnesses

in The St. of, the very fine

may. They went astick me

why didn't you wait

to get a witness? Moreover

that I will not pay it,

I enclose the letter & sup
answer, I did not send for
an saddle & did not ask
him to fill the order, you must
have overlooked the crossb
over the letter 1st of the
second letter to him, I sent
the letter out asking him to
fill the order if he could. Do
not thing I shall send
for any unless you think
I will need it for more than
pleasure riding here. For it do
not expect to get in a saddle
while you are absence for
pleasant & if I need one very
badly for use I can get Mr.
Lloyd's. I am speak of all the
Buffalo being down here, we
have a different report here brought
in by Peppins who was sent
across the line to hire halfbreeds
care of freight for the Co. by orders
from Gen. Long. The Co. is
to give any cree or half breeds passports to come & freight in B—+ Co to return. He said that "Big Bear" while 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 Buffalos. I think they had them running back & forth over a space of a few miles & would slaughter them at a great rate. I know that nearly all our regiment is sick, but they have some what different details from this one. I only wish you were behovd on the back of the N P R R among civilized people.
There is no companionship between the details, all the Austrian people are having nice comfortable details, are gaining a thousand times more known for them than this miserably poor forest command. I have positive information how they are living from Mrs Chalfield who has just come from Beoga, she tells this is no place at all, a tiny of one off the way shuffling place, & her husband is in the field & she is going right to him from here.

Saturday, July 16, 1852
My darling Husband
I love
been out for a short ride this evening with Mr. Blake, and used my C - saddle, and had a villainous ride on account of the saddle, which was simply vile. I rode "Muggins," and he is quite feebie yet. — Mr. Hardie is in charge of the men who are qualifying for the team from this place. Sleyt diller is one of his best, and will doubtless go, so you see the trouble begins. She says the work ship is to be wanted here to hunt as he will be gone all winter, she thinks it
best to go to her home, which is near St-Paul. I am sure I do not know what will become of me & my effects, of course & Edwards, help her, if she insist on going, as steep hill is made to day, and five hundred yds. out of a possible 2½ at 6 hundred yds. He made 2½ out of a possible 2½, so only has one more stone, in order to qualify as a marstonian, he was one of a division from the Pacific coast from the 2nd Night, 2 qualifiedthere. I will let you know as soon as I find out for certain what they are going to do.
July 16 - 1852

My dearest Husband,

Still it rains & continues to

stop: east seems dirt little
gale: it only varies a few

moments off a little: however,

then the sun comes out

bright & please & yet: still it

seems uncertain & keeps a

person into the house all the
time. for fear of being caught

in a sudden shower. the smart

arrived last evening, but will

not return for several days. as

we were informed by a letter

from the Post Office. I do not

the reason of the delay & suppose

of course will end until after I hear from you

again, or at least best before
The train has gone and returned again from the field. July 12, 82.

My Darling Husband,

Nothing of interest has transpired to-day, no news of any kind. But I ought to have brought encouraging news, from the depot of the Regiment, as you will see by reading the enclosed. I beseech you, if you please, to look over the enclosed. I have just received a letter from Miss Norwood, and a letter from Mrs. Milligan. Captain Halloran had just received a letter from his wife at Peugh, saying four companies of the 2nd Cavalry were to go to Peugh that fall. I do not exactly understand what is going to be done but do hope it will bring around a change in the way for us. If such a change to occur I would most sincerely welcome it.
Tell any one else of it, I think it very funny that Angus does not write to let you know whether he intends transferring with you or not, we are still getting along pretty well in the "domestic" line but do not know for certain whether Longhilly will go to dwelling or not as yet, but will know in about three days.

July 19, 1882

The Darling Husband

I did not write any yesterday because I had a very severe headache, & further there was nothing to write no need of any finish, there is no reason that one
Company of Cavalry is to come in. Of course I do not believe I for one instance, as I have told some of them, that all the work that has been done now done by the Cavalry, that it would be simply absurd to take the Cavalry away & leave those stationed with them to get lost.

July 20 - 1882

Mrs. Darling Husband

Yesterday I today have been very worn & again as I think will be very much hot.
The Mr. Caldwells 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. Childe very kindly offered to have me go but I declined as usual. They had a very nice lunch of cold veal, cream, & fresh fruits & danced until 11 o'clock. Everything is true & was very nice. Mrs. Dunn is not feeling very well but don't tell the Copps for Jean she has not written of it to him.
I have been suffering a great deal from headaches, & have been as weak & nothing else to stop it. I don't know what causes it unless it is constant fretting.

July 26th, 1882.

My Darling Husband,

I have not seen the round-up nor farming as much as I would like to. We all go out tomorrow morning, why he goes out there with the crew, unless Mr. Herdman is expected. It's a common occurrence. The Pony Master is here & goes from here in the field to Pony the horses. There, Mr. Herdman goes with him so that there can get all the items from there. Serg. Liley has qualified for a marking.
goes in a few days.

Gertrude has concluded to stay, but she may take a notion to go at any time however. That does not worry me, for B knows that B can get along some way. The train starts from here about the 25th inst. & B shall send you some fresh butter & some potatoes. If I can, I know those are the only things you can get here & I don't know what to do about getting a saddler. But think (if you consider it best that B should have one) that I shall write to Benton.
Dr. Henderson, I have been trying to get one just like your old one; he has probably seen the other, I will know. The new has just arrived, & 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 pillows since.
(reading) + 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 headaches and all the time. If it still continues, I think it is the heat, it is still warmer than yesterday. If you will suggest anything that will be better for me to read, I shall do so. I finish work over to the Chippewas & that seemed to be the only thing outside of church.
Lord Hardwicke's words, so I through all I heard, put my time in on something of importance. — The Secy. Major told, Length Fiper, this afternoon, that two Cos. of Infantry, one of Carolina, were to be dug down there permanently & that 50 tons of hay was to be sent down there (deducted from this Post) — that S. F. D. would be the one & I think from all I can hear, that this is about this dug out. I think this is correct, or nearly so. Upon the general appeal of things, we will know pretty soon now, if this is so. I want you & get permission to come in & take one back with you.
Wednesday, 22, — 9 1/2 A.M.

My Darling Husband,

I have just heard the distressing news of your having to go into camp & wait until the Magquis troops drive the Indians from the other side to you, & that in all probability you will have a fight. Oh! Pak & am so uneasy & anxious to hear some thing will go wrong yet. They say this Indian has a strong large staff, & that he will fight before he will leave. Have almost frighteas to death this morning, over the
prospect 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. Salutes to you. I have but one hope left, for your coming right in, & that is if your scouts help you find that "Big Bear" went across the line. Then it will settle all this business, if you will be allowed to come home. It had so hoped that he had gone across any way. He seems to feel confident that he is
able to defect the books from all accounts. & yr. fear trouble will be the result of this lack of instruction. I believe yr. tea went the morining, at least I did my best & have it go. hope you will get it all right. Follup, 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 all me the truth.
about the matter & all about it, Mrs O'Brien is very much worried & very anxious, I think you ought to give us your candid views on the subject. I keep nothing from us.

6 P.M.

Mr Bates just came & told me that a courier would go out today to sight or in the morning & that in all probability you would come in & the other orders would be countermanded. I do hope so. I am waiting anxiously.