

Fort Ellis M.D.

Oct 1/8

Dear Mrs Doane.

Doane arrived at  
St Johns New Foundland on  
the evening of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> last  
Friday just a week from today  
he telegraphed Capt Howgate as  
follows.

St Johns N. F. Sept 25/80

Capt H W Howgate.

"The 'Gulnare' returned last  
Evening. She lost one boat and  
all the deck load in a gale on  
the 3<sup>d</sup> of August."

(Signed) G. C. Doane

If you remember this confirms  
what I told you last Spring  
that the vessel would not be  
able to accomplish anything  
in those Northern Seas where

22 She would have to contend with  
icebergs as she could not run  
from New York to St Johns  
without being compelled to put  
in to Halifax for repairs -  
last spring when what I heard  
after the vessel I expected she  
would not be able to succeed.  
Now you want to write him  
right away Care of Adjutant  
General U S Army - Washington  
D.C. - requesting him to be sure  
and effect that transfer with  
Lieut Colon Auger & if neces-  
sary to go to Newport Barracks  
opposite Cincinnati and  
see Auger & have the papers  
signed and forward them  
tell him that Roe has been  
appointed acting Regimental

Adjutant General Rawolle having  
received the recruiting detail  
my advice to Boone would  
be to get a detail in the  
Signal Corps, and he would  
have no trouble in getting it  
now that he is on the ground  
he can without a particle of  
trouble, get a detail for a  
course of Signal instruction  
that will keep him in  
Washington all winter, and there  
is no telling what may turn  
up between now and Spring  
& you will have a good time  
this winter in Washington  
And don't you forget it -  
With kind regards  
I am yours  
J. Macdunn

St. Helena

My dear Wife

May 20 - 84

We got off from Bentin last evening after  
the Stage came in. The people were all  
very kind - gave me a Pass to Bismarck  
and on the boat have filled up the men  
very comfortably - Mrs. <sup>3</sup>Stevens from  
St. Helena with a little girl and a boy are  
on the Boat - also three other ladies  
and the woman who was at the Hotel  
in the morning - Her name is Mac Gregor  
Her husband owned the Mac Gregor Mine  
in Diamond City - and now has a sheep  
Ranch on Smith River - Major Ilges  
is on board - and pays her a good deal  
of attention. Baldwin and Varty joined  
at the Coal Banks - where I bid good bye  
to Kent - Meigs - Willard & c - The Ambulance  
came through to that point all right - arriving

arrival of the Box - I got letters with Baldwin's  
arrival - one closing nearly all my Ordnance  
papers - one for you with seeds - &c from  
Mrs Fuller - which I returned to you  
at Helena - wrote to Mr Perley to send  
you mail and all packages to you  
Care Capt Fuller - and mine to Lt DC

I feel quite bewildered yet at our separation  
and begin to realize a sense of loneliness  
which is quite new and strange

Love to my darling wife

Alvina

California, Joseph would often  
complain to Father of Foster's  
doings but the goods still came  
on and it was <sup>that</sup> furniture that  
made Pierce, during the war, the  
sold more than at any other time  
and at such extravagant prices.

If you write to any of the Braley family  
Why not to the old lady. I know that  
she would be pleased to hear from  
you, I think her name is Susan you  
could address to Mr S Braley widow of  
late Rev J Braley and she would be sure  
to get it. Lizzy Cory would be the same  
to San Jose. Cory owns the McCabe  
place and has lived on it for years.  
The land we are on has not been surveyed  
it is either railroad or school land dont  
know which get, it is on top of hills  
and, near the Pacheco Pass, a few acres  
good <sup>for</sup> farming and garden. I like the place.  
I write in a hurry as John is going to  
to the station. Please give my love to your  
wife. may God bless you my son is the prayer of  
your mother N Doane

direct as usual

Burra Burra Peaks Jan 16<sup>th</sup>/94

My Dear Son

John brought me <sup>letter</sup> your  
about one week ago and it had lain  
at Defters several days before he went  
down to the valley - I was glad to hear  
from you again, for the time appeared  
so long - Thanks for the remittance,  
I did not expect it before next spring  
but it is just as well, it will supply  
me for a long time with many little  
~~things~~ that I could not insistantly  
ask of the boys as they are striving  
so hard to make a beginning here  
in the hills - We are in hopes that  
the time is not far distant when  
I will not have to call on you for  
assistance - although what you do  
for me I know is done freely and

willingly—, your letter written  
from Washington did not reach me  
and of course I was ignorant of your  
movements— When John came  
from Wyoming he said that he was  
talking with an officer at Fort Totten  
—terman who told him that you  
had gone on an expedition to the  
North, but I supposed it a mistake  
and paid no attention to it—  
You may think it selfish in me  
but I for one am glad that you fail-  
ed, and I presume that I have  
the concurrence of a second party—  
I take no interest in the ~~far~~  
north, the first explorers discovered  
about all that ever will be known  
of those regions; and I think it  
folly to suffer so much and  
gain so little of real consequence  
That is the view I take of it, though  
no doubt you would differ from me

I am sorry that your wife felt  
hurt at my not writing, I did not  
mean to discourage her advances  
I was only too glad to have her  
write, but at the time it seemed  
such a task for me to write, my  
head is not so confused as it  
has been, I am feeling better, when  
we are a little more settled I will  
be happy to answer her letter—  
I was pleased to hear from Mrs Reed  
poor woman she has had a heavy  
cross <sup>to</sup> bear the better part of her  
life, no doubt she loves her child but would  
be satisfied to see him go— I had not  
heard of Foster Pierce's misfortune, if he  
and Joseph were partners which they  
were when we left the city I can't  
understand why one is poor and the  
other rich Foster was mainly the  
making of go he bought low in the  
east and kept crowding it out to

Lately they are still in the city—  
I hope you are well—please  
remember me to your wife, &  
I wish so much to see you but  
likely I never shall— Write  
soon and direct as usual, always  
to the care of Dexter and it will  
reach me— John says he will  
write you, but I think it would  
puzzle you to read it— he is a  
real good fellow. They are both  
as kind to me as they can be  
and I thank God for that com-  
fort—

With love to you and yours  
I am as ever your loving  
mother

N Doane

Gilroy Nov 23rd 180

My Dear Son

I would like to hear  
from you once more if you can only  
~~spare the time, your letters are like~~  
Angels visits far between, but I am always  
so glad to get them— I am stopping  
with Mrs Dexter for a few days waiting  
for my sons to come in from the range  
to take me out— Last June Charlie  
bought a stock range in the hills  
about fifteen miles back of Mr Dexter  
towards the San Joaquin, the deed calls  
for three thousand acres more or less  
~~but the title is only quit claim~~  
they intend to pasture stock for  
others, and as fast as they can do so  
put on stock for themselves— John

returned from Wyoming and has gone into the business with Charlie, he understands working with cattle, and I think they will be more likely to get something ahead than by working as they have been, though Charlie will remain with Mr Dexter this winter to make up the expense of moving. I like the hills and rocks and every thing connected with the country, and have learned to adapt myself to any kind of life so that I shall be contented and even enjoy the loneliness.

This has been one of the good years for farmers, the amount of grain is immense, warehouses all filled to overflowing. I have to inform you of the death of Mr Borah ~~last~~ on the 22 of June last 75 years of age and the Rev Father Daniel has just gone, died the death of the righteous.

My own health is as usual I have little to complain of in that respect. Mr Dexter is not well the old man fails fast, he will not last long though he wants to live until they discover coal in his hills, he has men prospecting, in that event perhaps he will be willing to go. We had lively times during the campaign and election times, I had a paper to send you giving an account of the Presidents reception at San Francisco also Newton Booths speech, but John Couened it to Mr Jack and they lost it. I am glad that the Republican candidate was elected, they are not perfect but it is better than Democratic rule. George I presume has a good place he has a good start in stock and seems to be doing well I have not heard from ~~the~~ Abida.

Str - May 23<sup>d</sup> 80

My Sweet Son - Today we will reach  
 the mouth of the Yellowstone - and  
 Buford - The weather is delightfully on  
 the average though a little rainy and  
 windy today - we tied up last night at  
 a point below Poplar Creek. and today  
 pass the Mandan River Government Reservation  
 and agency. Letting Bulls ~~on~~ is on  
 Board and goes to Buford where I  
 will mail the letters written up to date -  
 Have written to Mac about my Oldman  
 Returns and sent also a letter with  
 an enclosed note for \$400 - for him  
 and C W H to sign. which is merely  
 to cover overdrafts - There is an  
 Atlas to be sold for my benefit - in  
 charge of Mr Sackett please ask  
 if it has been sold yet - and if  
 so get the money for it - I do not  
 remember whether I put it down on  
 the memorandum given you or not.

with

with

2 - We have been at Butte  
 and I got all the men paid to  
 their great satisfaction - As I had  
 advanced some of them money, and  
 others had given me their checks -  
 I am about even with them and  
 they are perfectly happy and contented  
 Have not given me a bit of trouble  
 Was fortunate in finding Major Thomas  
 there (Raymer) and the Capt of the  
 Boat had to take a Part under  
 Capt Michaelis of the 1st Regt to  
 the mouth of the Yellowstone which  
 gave us the horse line - Saw Maj  
 Brown - Col Horns and Gen Hazen and  
 nearly all the Officers at the Fort  
 and was very kindly treated by them.  
 Gen Hazen was quite enthusiastic over  
 my detail - and thought it a good  
 thing to be on - Saw all the

3) Candidates for Commissioners -

Sgt McBlain is said to have passed  
the best examination of any one there,  
but the results - could not be ascertained  
as the Board were pledged to Secrecy  
I sent my uniform in the letter box  
to St-Roe at A-Keogh - Proceeds  
to be sent to Macaulay for you

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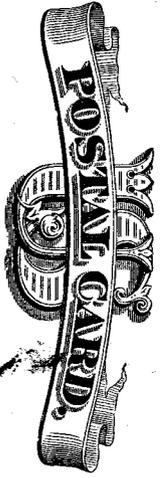
The boat has started clear again  
and I begin to again feel loneliness  
as night comes on - though the party  
with several additions from Buford  
is quite a pleasant one - I would  
give the world to have you with me.

Signal Service U. S. A. — United States Telegraph.

Dated *G. L.*, 188*0*, *7* M.

Received at *G. L.*, 188*0*, *7* M.

*Mr. A. W. Doane*  
*Organ*  
*On Detached*  
*Service at Ellis*  
*to make Reports,*  
*During*  
*Doane*  
*Jan'd*



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

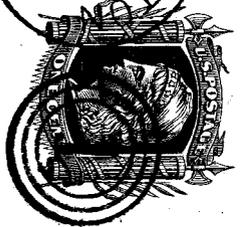
Mrs G. G. B. Lane  
Bozeman  
Montana 35

Chicago Oct.  
28<sup>th</sup> 80

Am Enroute home -  
Go to St. Paul - will  
try and be detached  
at Ellis for the winter  
Cannot tell yet - but  
will let you know  
by telegraph  
Street for St. Paul  
bright - all well  
G. H. Stone

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*Mrs E. E. Greene*

*Bozeman*

*Yellowstone County*

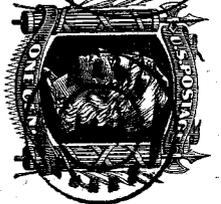
*Montana D.*

W.D.C. 30th May - Have  
just settled down a letter  
at the Ebbitt House - got  
the men - over to Tat-  
Whipple - and am ready  
for business - Have not  
yet seen Herzog - nor  
anyone who was able  
to give definite infor-  
mation - Received no letters  
yet - of course - brought  
mine to you here by  
mail as the fast-mail  
goes on today - 24 hours  
to Chicago & so on - losing  
no time by so doing & do  
not get know much  
but will tomorrow - all  
well as far as heard from  
you as ever  
G. W. B.



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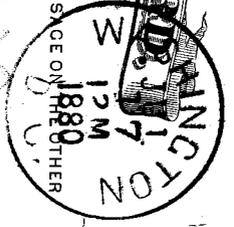
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OCT 23  
12 AM  
1880  
D. V.



Miss E. W. Lewis  
Bozeman  
Montana

Bengal, Maine June 28

On the main morning cool and pleasant  
Refrid through Pass Ham-Johnie last  
night - Green cell sun has electricity  
here on the Kennebec River while  
is just the size of the Yellowstone  
hot - was - so pretty & stream - )  
can very well, and look from  
been with her as in - 2000 -



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Mrs E E Doane

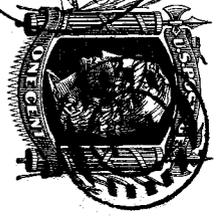
Brookings  
Gallatin County  
Montana

May 29-88 - my birth day - 1  
on the train. Perfect  
We pass through Helena  
and take Superior. Perfect  
Weather Magnificent. The  
Men are all right and  
Everything is favorable.  
Have telegraphed Sturgis  
to be ready for us in W.  
The other detachments  
went by different routes  
and are ahead of us.  
I am a little anxious  
lest we should be behind  
time - Tomorrow morning  
will be in Washington and  
know all. The train is  
now stopped at the China  
Station which enables me  
to write on a card -  
as ever yours  
G. B. [unclear]

POSTCARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

ACQUIN  
CIT 3  
ON 14  
IN 1880  
D. C.



Mrs E. G. Wane

Bozeman

Gallego's Books

Montana

W.D.C June 1st 80 -

Nothing new today. The  
Vessel is in the hands  
of the Navy Dept - who  
are to inspect her. It  
is given out - privately that  
she will be all right.  
But - there is some little  
doubt on the subject.

Dr. Dow 20th Inf - is coming  
from Texas to go on the  
Expedition making the  
3 line Officers. We have  
for a Surgeon a French  
Doctor. Perry who has  
spent a fortune trying to  
get up Arctic Expeditions  
and failed. is now going  
as a Surgeon on contract  
with the War Dept - as was  
Sutton



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Miss G. E. Stevens

Bozeman

Yellowstone County  
Montana

Washington June 2<sup>nd</sup> 80

Today I went through  
the list of stores - and made  
some changes. The Army  
Bureaus all do everything  
they can for us. The men  
are ordered in to the City  
and get Signal Corps ad-  
vancements \$1.50 per day  
which enables them to  
live nicely. They are all  
or nearly all in Col. Orders  
and having a good time  
Greely is running to the  
west kept constantly  
and there appears to be  
every probability that  
we will get off soon  
Will telegraph you before  
leaving - at least once -  
no letters but. as ever  
G. H. ...

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Dated Washington, 1880, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, 1880, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

To Mrs Daane

Nothing settled  
yet letters on  
the way dont  
be uneasy

Daane

10 P

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Signal Service U. S. A. -- United States Telegraph.

Dated Washington 6/23 1870. M.

Received at 6/23 1870. M.

To Mrs G. Adams  
Bismarck Mont

Am going on vessel  
in command to bring  
me back this fall  
will send for you  
then

Adams

p d

via Bismarck

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Signal Service U. S. A. — United States Telegraph.

Sent Washington D. C. 1880, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_  
Eli 6/13, 1880, 6 P. M.  
Mrs. S. C. Dame

Cableman operator  
London Utah

Our well known on the way  
Nothing definite yet

Dame

Signal Service U. S. A. — United States Telegraph.

Date Washington, 1888 (No date)  
Received at \_\_\_\_\_, 1888, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

To Mrs. H. B. Doane  
Orphan

Back again, well,  
await instructions  
by mail write in  
full

H. B. Doane