

had on hand. so that  
 now they are afraid  
 to use it for the pigs  
 & the fact they will  
 not have enough to  
 feed them. I told  
 Herleson to find out  
 & if they were short  
 on feed. to have them  
 with the hogs from  
 here. as we can feed  
 the chickens something  
 else. We are still  
 having the cold  
 North wind, & are  
 obliged to keep all the  
 fires going in order  
 to keep moderately

Presidio I. T.

Jan 4/85-

My Darling Husband,

I am  
 quite exercised this  
 morning, on the subject  
 of the men left behind  
 they have all been  
 mustered for the word  
 duty. & the Light Battery  
 have been taken off  
 & do only such duty  
 as they have always  
 done & this is what

Helleson, just told  
 me saying that he  
 would be on guard  
 tomorrow, they only  
 have one or two nights  
 in. I know full  
 well that you  
 did not anticipate  
 any such an  
 emergency at this.  
 I asked Helleson  
 why the dog did  
 not try to do some  
 thing in the matter,  
 but he said he  
 could do nothing  
 except take the  
 orders, & execute  
 them. I can

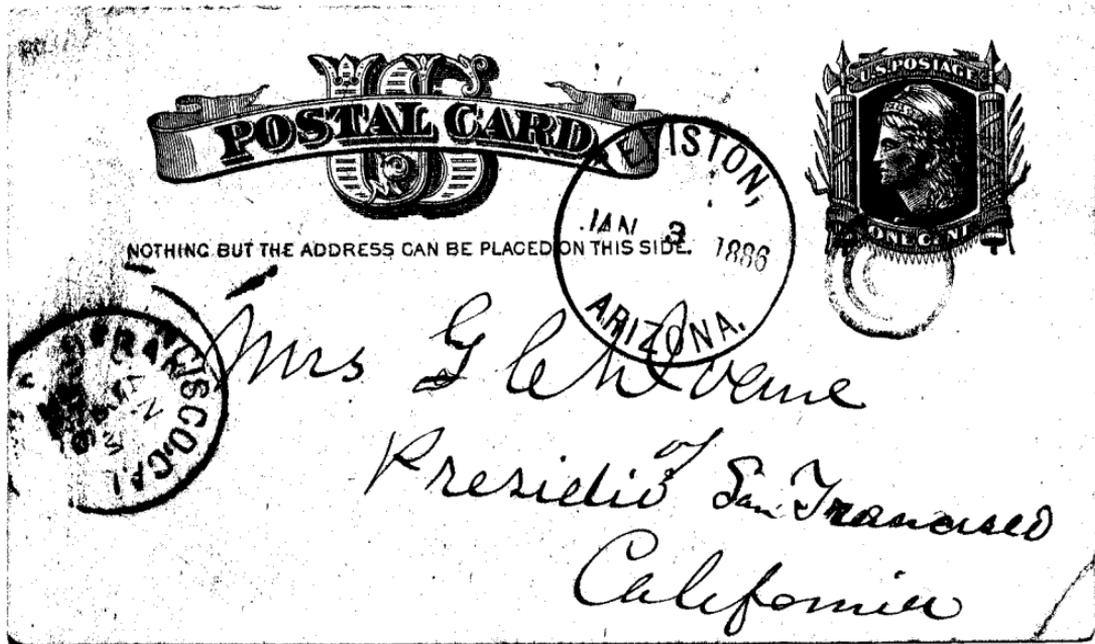
sorely believe that  
 Gen Pope is ignorant  
 of the fact. For at  
 Angel Island the  
 Guard is doing the  
 Guard duty. I  
 cannot for the life of  
 me see how they can  
 consistently do such  
 a thing, & it will  
 be not possible for  
 the Golden, & property  
 generally to be secured  
 for if the men are  
 on guard all the  
 time. Besides this the  
 C. I. send down to  
 see just exactly how  
 much grain you

comfortable. I am  
just told that one or  
two men have seen  
except from around  
but that I should  
Hilson, + others are  
on - they have  
evidently tried to  
arrange it so as to  
cover their tracks -  
but the whole thing  
is such a base facted  
infamous performance  
that I feel like writing  
propanity over it - I  
send all the mail I  
have read that is  
official. today -

tell me what you  
think of that letter  
from Gibson of the  
7th I am sure I  
would give him a  
scorch if I were  
you. I find I can  
not send your  
official mail as  
I have no envelopes  
large enough. I am  
up today. I am  
feeling pretty  
strongly considering  
everything.  
all faith are in  
love to you. with  
often such love for

your dear letters is  
all I have to look  
forward to for the  
present.

With much love  
I am your devoted  
& loving wife  
Mary-



In Camp at Bowie Station  
on RR. waiting orders.  
Terribly busy - no sleep  
and one Corporal sick  
with chills on train -  
Horns all right -

Will send money in  
a few days - Home  
not - been permit yet -  
Full particulars by  
letter tomorrow

Snow about 12 inches before  
last - very cold last  
night - ground frozen  
to our astonishment  
Yours forever  
G. L. D.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE



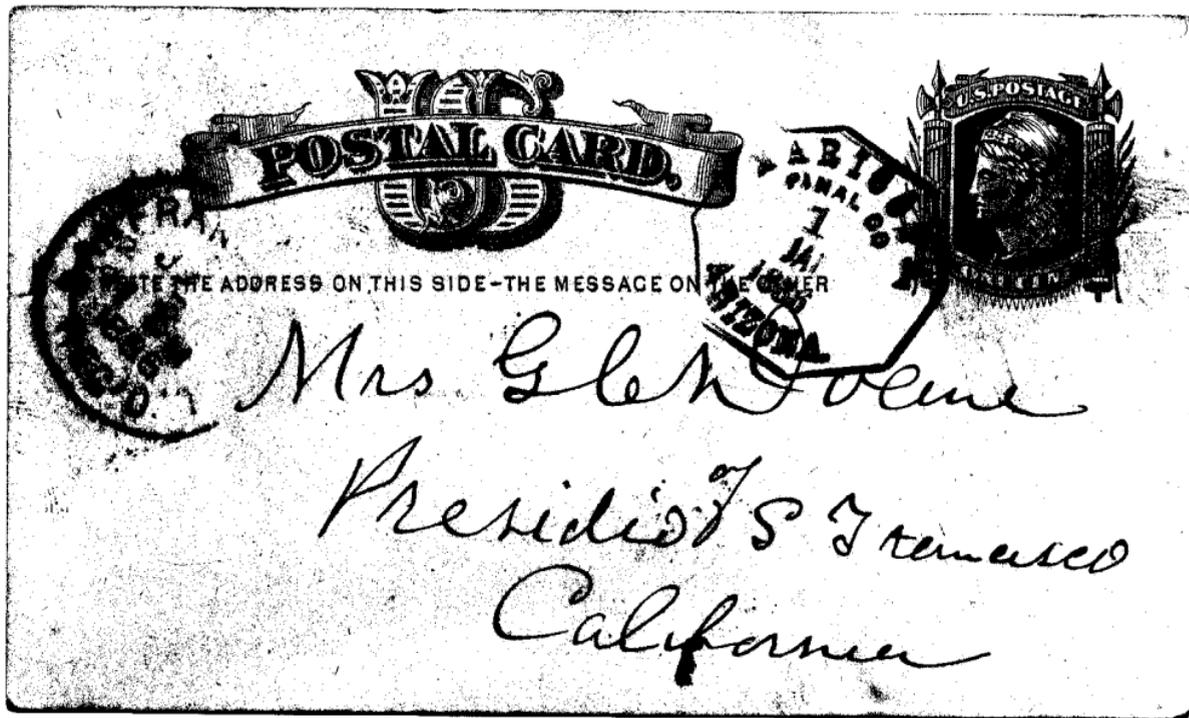
Mrs G E H Kern  
President S F Cal  
Via San Francisco Cal

Los Angeles Dec 31

Came in this morn  
I have had a terrible  
attack of neuritis  
but am all right  
now - will be  
on road two days  
more - don't worry  
don't write till I  
send you address  
all well -

Yours to you as  
ever  
Norme

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new news clay 86

My dear Sir - I write  
this 870 miles from  
home - in the midst  
of the most - tedious -  
desert wilderness in the  
world excepting Nevada -  
Since most - desert - it  
is common better than  
it looks - we will get  
in tonight -

Direct - to Fort Mojave  
Arizona

I am full of medicine  
and can scarcely write  
but feel well, will be  
able to give you full  
details in a couple of  
days - My regards  
from  
Arizona

The same - I feel that I could  
be happy if I had you. But  
your absence hath wrought  
pleasure from every thing -  
I can never become reconciled  
to these hateful separations -  
Miss Gordon told me today -  
that her Papa was coming  
home. But I think her information  
came from Gordon - before then  
I've decided that he will be

Reside's S. F.  
Jan 11-186 -  
My Darling Husband:  
We  
have been at home  
all day. & this after  
noon amused our  
selves by making  
Cake. I sent for  
Conners today & told  
him about the vacant  
yrs. & told him he  
had better see Mr  
Best & try to secure

stationed in Arizona - or that  
 the Regiment is going there. I  
 have no ideas where back a  
 thing started from - but of  
 course soldiers like the grass  
 every thing. & concluded at once  
 that it is so - We are getting  
 along splendidly - I have never  
 found so delightfully located, in  
 your absence as I am now -  
 But still I long for you just

then. - I had a  
 letter from Mrs  
 Harvill today. The  
 Switzers are expected  
 at Walla Walla on  
 the sixth of Feb. The  
 Roes have an extension  
 of two months, but  
 Mrs R. does not put  
 any confidence in  
 the rumor, to the  
 effect that Roe is to  
 resign. The men  
 left behind are  
 greatly exercised  
 over the rumor, to the  
 effect that the two  
 troops, are to be

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remain there, as his  
 place was with  
 those troops - I want  
 you to tell me about  
 the Com. by. & J. M.  
 Dills - did you settle  
 them, or are they for  
 me to settle, the  
 Dills camp in  
 yesterday - so that  
 I will doubtless be  
 called on to attend  
 to them soon. If they  
 have not already  
 been settled, I  
 shall draw \$20.00 -  
 twenty dollars tomorrow  
 so as to be prepared

For them - in case  
they call on me -  
Belen is still the  
same stupid thing  
as when you left -  
+ I shall try to  
dispose of her, by  
next month - No  
news of any kind  
every thing exceeding  
grit - Mr W. + his  
join me in love -  
with loads of kisses -  
+ love I am your  
devoted + loving  
wife Mary -

Bowie Station D. S.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

My little Harley

Words of the 8<sup>th</sup> Camp

Today being the seventh one received  
It is time today that you should get  
My first Ed since I have written  
Chilly and no frostals. We were paid  
today but were unable to start on  
account of the transportation animals  
having straggled off. I commenced  
chilling last night and has rained all  
day steadily and is yet raining tonight.  
A new feature for assignment. Tonight  
we have the animals in a corral and  
are partly loaded. Will start in the  
morning. The men of both troops  
are behaving badly - Many drunk.

hope to have no more trouble with them.

This is a hard place just now - The  
old Strumpets - White - Mexican and Negro  
follow up the Baymastics from Camp 45.  
Camp - in wagons - Carriages and in every other  
Conveyance - with regular Camp equipage  
One lot - here of seven wenchies have a large  
Parade house which is portable - and  
they do their own work - Cut wood, wash  
Cook & drink their own beer. They are a  
treacherous lot of regular Confid. wenchies.

Most of them black with Pastelle colored  
Mutilations - a second lot of five (the same  
kind are in an old empty shack - The  
White ones - stay in the Pulverous - and  
deal faro - sing - play the Guitar &c -

It is now midnight - and the gentle  
racket of drunken men is lulled  
to a low growl of subdued profanity  
The wind is rising - but as the ground  
is wet it will not - make a sound

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Among others Drust-Doper. who was a  
 a bear tonight. struck two HCO's and  
 is in arrest. Major Proctor is relieved  
 from command of the Battalion. and is  
 ordered to remain here at the Station  
 to await orders. as the Posts are all  
 supplied with field officers. This is  
 one of the "unexplained mysteries" as  
 Gen Crook asked that he be ordered  
 home. so it goes. Robinsons Troop will  
 go with me two days (38 miles) and  
 then I will go about 10 miles further and  
 go into Permanent Camp. I met today  
 Captain Smith of the 4th who had come in  
 140 miles with a pack mule and a couple  
 of men. He told me that Captain Davis  
 of the 4th is ordered in broken down with  
 Rheumatism from Mexico. This gives  
 Drust command of his Column in Sonora.  
 The Infantry Cos who came here with  
 us are still here excepting. Worths

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which has gone to H-Thomas. Went 3 days ago. I will write tomorrow night from Camp if there is a P.O. there. Think there is one. We will have a daily mail to Solomonville from where I will get it by Courier. Tell Capt. Sebastian to give you the Troop Bill at Balamis to date. if they are missing with K. Batty or to the end of December if they are by themselves. It should have credit on it for 1000 Perks @ 2.50 and also the Bill for surplus beef in the same way. Keep the Bills till I send you money to pay them which will be in a day or two. The Troop here raised a dollar apiece to close out all old accounts. and will not have to be assessed any more excepting those who have not paid up - to date. They all have behaved splendidly until today - and I

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 of dust as usual. I write on the turned  
 back lid of my Box. which was hard  
 work at first; but the Stomach is gradually  
 coming in and subsiding though I weighed  
 223½ lbs Yesterday. Have not yet  
 worn the Sout. shoes. but expect to tomorrow

As it is winter time - sleep on the ground  
 as one can keep warmer that way. As you  
 will remember. All the rest came,  
 Trunks and boxes - excepting myself.  
 The Infants had a terrible racket  
 about their personal baggage. Some  
 Clerk of my works - shipped Teut's  
 and other stuff as Officers baggage  
 and ~~eight~~ articles at more than double  
 their weight. Fuller who was cashier  
 for the whole - would not sign the  
 Bills Sailing - and I do not know how  
 it will end - Ours were billed all right.

The Report - here is now that Gen -

Shurelan is fighting for Ken Creek and has succeeded - and that Miles will not come. I have been Everts with the poor old Polhemus is not happy as may be supposed - here in an infant's camp and not particularly comfortable. He tries to put a cheerful face on the matter but does not succeed very well.

I send you a funny letter written by this poor old dishwasher - that I left to cook for the blacksmith - keep it for a curiosity. Love to all friends - and to

My darling wife a thousand kisses  
 Glee I

Bozeman, 13<sup>th</sup> 1882

My pleasant wife

I left Brown Station  
with the two troops yesterday - Major  
Jordan being left at the Station - writing  
orders. Last night the train did not  
get us at all owing to poor transportation  
and a heavy sleet and rain storm I did  
not go to bed at all. Have a miserable  
Camp on an alkali flat. No grass. Have  
to buy heavy wood and water! Robinson was  
being drunk. Had him under guard all  
night. He fell off his horse three times  
yesterday before this command. This morning he  
is sober but begging for liquor. Have warned  
him that he will be sent back in arrest

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Should such a thing occur again - Lopez  
is still drunk and in arrest - Shall relieve  
him and make Mullen 1<sup>st</sup> Surg. - Haven  
to lay over here today on account of Trevis.  
Particular - only 18 miles in two days -

Weather has cleared some but still  
driving in occasional showers.

I am miserably tired Travis had no  
rest for two nights and so much trouble  
with the men -

Yours Sincerely

G. H. Brown

SOLOMON WICKERSHAM & CO.,  
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Solomonville, A. T., B<sup>h</sup> 1886

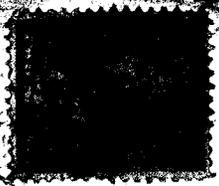
My dear father  
 I got D. Thomas writing  
 how getting ready to start  
 no news from San Carlos -  
 will write from Thomas tomorrow  
 have not heard of Mac Adams  
 yet - expecting from yourself  
 Mr. Everts is with me  
 from here it is 29 miles to Thomas  
 will go from there to San Carlos in  
 one day -

Very truly  
G. E. Solomon

China town Texas

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Capt. G. G. Doane

1st Cavalry

Solomonville

Arizona

(Via Bowie Station S.P.R.R.)

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special desire to hang on to his  
 coat tails" - finally she passed  
 a kitchen, fully - then we began  
 to go up. ~~what~~ went up sum tried  
threw stair ways - & finally  
 found our selves in quite - a good  
 sized room - full of china  
 & clothes. getting ready for  
 the change - then we went up  
 still another flight of stairs &  
 found ourselves up over the

Presidio S.F.  
 June 13/85.  
 My Darling Mrs Paul  
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shall begin an  
 account of our  
 China Town journey  
 tonight for fear I  
 will not have time  
 to write it all  
 tomorrow - We left  
 here at seven. went  
 to the old city hall -  
 where Mr Fields

us to follow closely behind him  
 one behind another because  
 we would get lost if we strayed  
 along - Then we went down a  
 very narrow steep pair of steps.  
 Along a narrow dark hall - down  
 another pair of stairs, in to end of  
 a very narrow dark passage ways -  
 finally we met a chieftain, with  
 a big knife in his hand, - Then  
 we were all beginning to be very  
 fond of Mr. Fields - & all had to

was waiting our  
 arrival, from there  
 we went straight up  
 by the plaza - snow.  
 I will never be  
 able to tell you the  
 names of streets, for  
 I was perfectly lost -  
 first we went down  
 a dark alley - turned  
 into a narrow hall  
 way - paid 50 cts a  
 hotel - & passed by  
 a chieftain, with  
 into another narrow  
 hall way - then Mr.  
 Fields called us all  
 up in a bunch & told

The almost there sighting - in one of  
 these rooms we went <sup>smoking opium</sup> shown in  
 old Chinese man <sup>after so said</sup>  
 to be the greatest smoker in the  
 country - being able to smoke  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
 pounds of opium per day - leaving  
 this place we went to the  
 Central Police Station, and  
 of China town! + went all  
 through it saw the chickens,  
wrangles, woodchucks, convents -

+ into a <sup>3</sup> Restaurant  
 on the first floor was  
 the kitchen, the next  
 was second class.  
 + on the third was  
 the first class, which  
 was clean + elaborately  
 decorated, with  
 coverings + painted  
 in gaudy colors - the  
 furniture being  
 entirely of teak  
wood - covered +  
 polished leaving  
 there we went down  
 street, into another  
 dungeon like alley -  
 where one of the  
 party mistook a  
 brook for stair, it

but we saw nothing. There was  
 evidently one of the army bug  
 sheets there was the usual  
 little windows, & women inside,  
 with crowds of men standing  
 out side talking to the girls of  
 them we were taken to a  
 mission called The Run Run  
 Mission - & I can hardly say  
 that this was about the  
 filthiest place we were in -  
 dirty filthy worse - no ventilation.

Being on one side of  
 the filthy stairs, & I  
 had a flying trip  
 to the bottom, by this  
 time we were all  
 shrieking, not knowing  
 where he would  
 land in the blackness,  
 from there we went  
 up hill again & into  
 another black alley  
 where we were  
 informed we were  
 to walk as rapidly  
 as possible & not to  
 look much - of  
 course this was an  
 incentive to look as  
 hard as we could.

better satisfied, when I should  
 than one will, & comparatively  
 happy - you must have been  
 a greatly surprised in the  
 country, & chemical - I shall  
 attend to the check w/ct -  
 & see Dr. Scott this afternoon,  
 I enclose a letter from  
 Maria which explains its  
 self do write to Lizzie, & do all  
 you can in embarrassing her

+ the worst of all, a  
 cell full of women  
 the most degraded  
 specimens I have  
 ever had the  
 misfortune to see.  
 From there we  
 came home. After  
 leaving China town,  
 Mr. Fields said we  
 had only seen the  
 surface. That the  
 worst places he  
 would not take  
 us - as they were too  
 filthy & horrible - &  
 were liable to make  
 some of us sick,  
 there fore he would

Mr Sumner says - has just called.  
 & told me he was ready to be  
 questioned, & says "now what do  
 you want to know" of course my  
 first question was, "How long  
 will it take you?" to which he  
 answered, "that is a common thing -"  
 but though as I do, that probably  
 not our sixty days - I am so  
 very glad if an one feeling well  
 for I am in a measure feel

not take the responsibility  
 of teaching habits  
 into such deeds -  
 I have just rec'd  
 your dear good  
 letters, & Mrs. &  
 will attend to them  
 at once - I doubt if  
 I can see Mr. Peak  
 as he is to be married  
 to day - but there  
 must be some one  
 else, detailed to do  
 his duty - as I am  
 told he will go  
 Santa Barbara for  
 a few weeks after  
 his marriage -

opium den, or has been, out of  
 this place, & in to another man  
 street, up over the hill again,  
 & into another street where there  
 are nothing but women, all  
 sitting at little holes in the  
 doors - screened - and usually at  
 least 5 or 7 in a room. Fields  
 said they were out walking - but  
 I thought they were back from  
 there when I went down to Davenport.

stage, over <sup>2</sup> took  
 the entire theatre,  
 and in front of an  
 altar, & a post, we  
 stood for at least an  
 hour, watching the  
 performance. It  
 was too funny for  
 any use. I will be  
 able to give you a  
 performance when  
 you come back.  
 You had all those  
 stair ways & dark  
 narrow halls to go  
 back through, finally  
 we returned to wood  
 frame, & felt that  
 we could breathe.

street up the hill - into another  
 dark alley - in which we walked  
 in the middle of the road. This  
 is the den of thieves - out of  
 there, into a light street  
 across - to another arroyo - & into  
 another dark filthy alley -  
 down stairs & into a place  
 where there was a wooden  
 shop - back into the darkness.  
 & in to a place, that is an

again - from there  
 we went up steep  
 on the hill side,  
 into one of the  
 darkest alleys. I  
 have never seen  
 through dark hill  
 ways - up stairs and  
 flights, into an  
 Polish house - which  
 was very elaborately  
 decorated with  
 best wood carvings  
 & bronze - & silk  
 hangings. came  
 out of there, went  
 back through the  
 darkest line to an

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to hang on to her property.  
For I seem to half  
see a way yet to  
save the place  
through her - write  
& tell me what  
you think about  
the matter - I  
shall send you  
the clothes I  
own - & all the other  
things you want.  
We are still all  
together - & Mrs W-  
says you need not  
worry about her  
leaving - That all  
the dogs in the Park

could not drive her  
off. but that she  
hopes you will  
return before long.  
they miss you as  
well as I - Oh my  
own love I hope  
that you will be  
back to me ~~in side~~  
of those dreadful  
long sitting days - all  
pain and in love  
to you - write me  
as often as you can,  
with loads of love &  
thousands of kisses &  
an ever loving & devoted  
wife                      -                      -                      -

Jan 16, 1886

Mrs E. J. Ward

Presidio of San Benito  
California



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Solomonville 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 86

My darling

I was gratified by receiving three letters this evening on my return. In the morning at 8 o'clock Robinson and Fuller left for Ash Springs - with their stock. Many of whom were drunk and some had to be driven out - after the Co had started. Robinson in spite of all that had been done for him was full last night. This morning he refused to sign a pledge, but gave his word verbally to Brett and myself that he would not get under the influence for one year. I have no confidence in his keeping it - and look for him to get in trouble. I shall report to Gordon the whole affair and he can do as he sees fit. Today I have been up to the mouth of the Bonita and Eagle creeks - in the Gila Canon which begins 12 miles from Solomonville and is 52 miles long - it is a small one and is impassable for wagons - but practicable

2 for horses excepting at the lower end, which is closed for a mile. The Bonita is a beautiful trout stream - and ~~Boyle~~ Boyle Creek a larger and finer one. Both Canons for 20 miles - and above is an open foothill country like the Yellowstone! to the dividing range between Arizona and New Mexico. We are within about 80 miles of Fort Bayard N.M. There is no place to camp in the Canon of either stream - so I have selected one in a Cottonwood grove ten miles from here. and among the ranches having half a dozen above me this side of the Canon. This on account of the heavy sand in the latter as the valley narrows up. The site here is about the size of the Musselshell, and a fine roaring stream. It is full of fish. There is no grass in the valley at all and but little on the bluffs and foothills - which are of lava fragments and cobble stones with no soil at all. On

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 think a man can run faster than a horse.  
 In fact - our stock cannot - graze at all.  
 Have to buy hay for them - The County abounds  
 in Quail and Rabbits - Above the Canons  
 there are Deer - Mountain Sheep Bear Elk and  
 Antelope. I shall move up tomorrow and  
 report for further orders - Expect to be furnished  
 with five Indian Scouts and five Packs. There  
 is no alarm in this Community and everybody  
 goes about unarmed and alone everywhere.  
 No word has anything about - Robinsons drinking  
they will get it soon enough - from outside.

I wish you would not fill up your letters  
 with scolding me for not writing - Your letters  
 were as late as mine in beginning to arrive  
 and now come by twos and threes at a time  
 as might be expected when I am moving - and  
 changing addresses occasionally. I am surprised  
 at Burkharts being at El Paso - which is in the Mexican  
 boundary and in Texas - also about Fannie and her  
 boys - I am extremely glad that you are so  
 pleasantly situated as to company - It is  
 very fortunate for us both that it is so -

4 I paid our Commissary bill for December  
 but - not - the Coal and oil bill - <sup>at the mess office</sup> nor the  
 bill at the mess for Cigars - which will  
 include 100 for the Christmas dinner.  
 Please send for and pay them if you have  
 not done so already - The Troop all subscribe  
 \$1.00 apiece here - and received \$80<sup>00</sup> for coal.  
 He is now cooking for our Officers mess.  
 As did Everts' Camps with us, and will  
 visit Robinson's Camp once a week.

Tomorrow we will move up to our permanent  
 Camp - and get settled in a few days. As to  
 what will come next - or how long we will  
 stay - I cannot form a guess - beyond what  
 you write - as you are at Division Headquarters  
 you will get any news of our return sooner  
 than we will here. One thing is certain  
 that nothing is going on here - outside of  
 Davis' Column below the line in Mexico -  
 everything is quiet.

As ever  
 Sincerely  
 Yours  
 G. H. Lawrence

Keep all the letters I send back }  
 to you from different sources }

was not to return. I knew, it  
 would be so far, I heard Gen  
 McClemon. Say. so in the com-  
 over a week ago - saying, that  
 Gen Pope said his duty was  
 with his troops. & that he  
 "must give him duty -"  
 I wish we could see him -  
 high noon yesterday went  
 quietly, & left on the three o'clock  
 train for Santa Barbara.

Reside's S. F.  
 Jan 15/86 -  
 My Darling Husband,  
 I had three lovely long  
 letters from you  
 yesterday, & then  
 mine - which I  
 began attending to  
 at once - I went  
 down & found the  
 length - give him the  
 one for the company -  
 he found thirty

as yet - a Heilorn is our  
preferred wading. I will have to  
buy a final home one else to  
get one for me. I wrote the  
check to Mr. Heilorn, & enclosed  
it as directed - he did not  
have the \$15.00 - so I told him  
I would wait for a day or  
so. for it - Mrs. Gordon was so  
troubled being much disappointed  
whether she found that Mr. Major -

pounds of shot one  
hand. so I will  
not have any to  
buy - Major Hookin  
will select the  
fishing tackle for  
you. But he says -  
he does not know  
whether you want  
plain boots, or fish -  
so I told him to  
get both, then you  
could take your  
choice. I have  
all your papers, &  
other things out -  
but have not time  
to pack them in

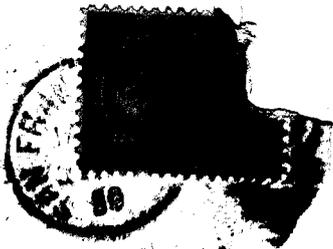


there - & I will put it in my  
 way - & try to get more for you -  
 I have to make around of great  
 deal my self - as the men are  
 on duty a great part of the  
 time especially if I need  
 them for any particular purpose  
 I will try to have every  
 thing ready - to be shipped  
 tomorrow - cannot possibly  
 do it today - I will write

own use - but he  
 will see the Serjeant  
 Major & try to get  
 some - Major Hoskin  
 says if he were  
 in my place he  
 would have the  
 Cook take the  
 things in to Maj  
 Roberts - & have  
 them shipped  
 from there - now  
 even we will do  
 the best we can -  
 & if we can get  
 the powder shipped  
 will do - you left  
 some little stationery

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Capt G. C. Doane  
and Caroline  
Solomon

Via Rome Station  
S.P.R.R. Arizona

direct-- (Solomonville via Bowie Station S.P.R.R.  
 await further notice) Arizona Territory

In Camp on Gila 10 miles above  
 Solomonville Arizona <sup>Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1886</sup>

My little one

I received another letter from you today  
 dated Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. and am surprised that the men have  
 been put on such constant duty. It means however  
 that the Civil Comdr does not think we will be  
 gone long or it would be stopped, by ordering some  
 other force there. I shall write to Alvar about  
 it. Have been busy all day - marched up here  
 from Solomonville and have been the rest of the  
 day getting material - as the transportation had to  
 take a roundabout course through heavy sand  
 to get in. Am Camped on the banks of the Gila in  
 a grove of Cottonwood with everything necessary  
 excepting fresh - but buy hay which looks like dried  
 pink-vines - and is cut by chopping it up with a hoe  
 among the rocks. This costs \$25<sup>00</sup> a ton delivered here

and the horses eat it - under protest. There are  
thousands of francs - and we shall live well  
when the shortages come. I send you enclosed  
in checks \$100<sup>00</sup> which give to the Post Office  
and enter in the book on the left-hand as  
I have entered below - and then tear off  
the foot of this sheet and send me back

I shall then know which checks you have  
received - Put also in the little book the date  
on which you give them to Mr Berretta - and  
tell him to credit me with the gross amount.  
My darling wife I wish you were here with  
me - and yet it would not be as comfortable  
as where you are - Give to the water carriers

Hastings & all friends -  
as ever  
Gladstone

These 100 shone  
off and returned  
for one or two people  
Sally - and her husband  
has read of the checks  
in another one in  
case we should be  
lost -

15. A. 160

Francis Burlingame  
Mre



Capt G. S. Stone  
and General  
John Merrill

Miss Morris Station. S. R. R. P. O.

would be well to impossibility -  
for you to write. I have given  
up the sewing school. as I promised  
& now they are in a quack state  
I worry do to who is going to  
take that responsibility of the affair -  
I seem to think it about the low  
down" of me to give it up - but  
do not care what they think of  
it. No mail of any kind  
desire for us. I would you

Residio S. F.  
Jan 16/88  
My Darling Husband,  
I  
send by today's mail  
the fishing tackle -  
two kinds of hooks -  
if you do not want  
either, one, or the  
other they can be  
exchanged, if sent  
back. For what  
you want, or if you  
like one kind & not  
the other, send back

make a special requisition for it, so I am afraid you will have to get it from Bowie besides. I doubt if we were to succeed in getting it, if we could get the R.M. to skip it, except thing else, is all right, & will be sent Monday. I did not get a letter yesterday but I think nothing of it. See P. Brown you are travelling, & check the

The ones you do not wish, & we will exchange for the other kind. The checks I send in this letter, ~~the~~ boxes can not be shipped until Monday, so I can not send you men - until then as it will not be complete - the powder can not be gotten - they all the stuff it is, not in the Garrison to be had & will have to

11/16/867

two letters, directing as  
 you told me. to the  
 Lila Honita. but  
 marked them "In Camp",  
 so that I hope you  
 will get them, this was  
 before you gave me  
 the last address -  
 Mr Beretta brought  
 me the fifty dollars  
 this morning - & I will  
 not be able to go to  
 the Dr before Monday -  
 I will enter it as of  
 your disburse - I took  
 the dress I was having  
 dyed, to the dress  
 maker, as I felt obliged  
 to have it - we are  
 going to have Katie -

here next week it do  
some sewing for Mrs  
W. & his - & a letter  
for me - I have the  
Butcher bill which  
is - \$20.75 - altogether,  
including last month,  
I will pay in your  
for the booth for  
the Co. - for the length  
as they can not give  
the you two way -  
all join me in love  
to you & hope that  
your stay from home  
will be very short -  
I will write again  
tomorrow - truly &  
devotly your wife  
Mary -

from the strong glare. for a little  
 while - of course I felt sure of  
 that before. but it was a  
 real fancy to me, to hear the  
 man say this whole business  
 it is to get glasses - & consequently  
 find defects if he can - I met  
 Mrs Pennell on the street yesterday  
 she says they have been very  
 busy planting & getting the boxes  
 in order - Mrs Margant & Mrs

Presidio S. Y.

Jan 17/85.

My Darling Harriett,

I did  
 not get a letter yesterday  
 but still I am not  
 worried or disappointed  
 for I know you must  
 have been traveling  
 for two days or more.  
 & would not have  
 an opportunity to  
 write, but I rather  
 hope for one today.

selves - they will not pay them  
 selves out for the least to  
 accommodate. Others and I feel  
 duty - I am now mending my  
 self one of those sticks, like the  
 ones I made for you, - I want  
 to an optician, to get a pair of  
 those smoke glasses - & he  
 will mend my eyes, & will mend  
 was nothing the matter with them.  
 they just needed. rest - & protection.

I have been trying to  
 find out who is  
 Signal Officer, & I  
 was told yesterday  
 by Mr Harmon, that  
 Mr Slater is, so I  
 shall try to get the  
 command to drop from  
 him - it is very  
 hard to get any  
 thing in this  
 garrison more  
 so than at any  
 place I have ever  
 seen. they pay no  
 attention to people  
 who are in the field,  
 but believe in those  
 taking care of them

could not say so positively -  
 I will send money by  
 tomorrow mail. The packing  
 cartle cost \$1.65 so you can  
 see that they need not any  
 expensive. all send nice  
 regards - Mrs M. - & ditto send  
 love - I do hope you will be  
 with me before long. I do hope  
 to be up on a train with you & clean  
 house & my friends. I am sure see you.

11/17/03

Bobway. called on  
 Friday last. They  
 were very cordial  
 & gave me a very  
 kind invitation to  
 come any time to  
 see them - I went  
 to the Drs. & paid  
 him the \$40.00 - he  
 said he had a  
 letter from you,  
 but did not tell  
 me the contents -  
 he seemed more  
 than agreeable &  
 very satisfied -  
 I have not made  
 any payment on

upon any thing - I wish  
 you would tell me whether  
 Mr. Gresham has gone, or if  
 has been out at all since  
 your arrival at Fortville Station.  
 They are looking of it all the  
 time, & I have felt quite sure  
 it could not be so or you  
 would have spoken of it in  
 some of your letters. Still I

The grocery bill.  
 but will, I had  
 explained to Mr  
 Enoble before, &  
 he said not to  
 give the subject  
 a thought, as it  
 will be all right  
 if I should ~~not~~  
~~make~~ any  
 payment this  
 month - I have  
 been trying to  
 save for the past  
 three days - comes  
 in spring showers,  
 just so that one  
 can not depend

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Camp 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 86

My dearest wife

You will see by the color of this paper that we are in a sandy district. The men are busy stockading and fixing up the tents and in a few days we will be quite stylish. It rains a little every night just enough to make it pleasant. We are agreeably surprised to find good fishing in the hills. The men bring them in by dozens. All of one kind - I never saw them before. They are called Colorado Salmon but are not a salmon. The meat is white and fine flavored but they are full of bones as a sucker. There are thousands of them. The men have commenced hunting at Seim and we expect to be abundantly supplied. Have not heard from the other camp. The people here are very kind and make it as pleasant for us as possible. I am out of writing paper already, but will get some from Keweenaw Station in a few days. There have been no alarms since we have been here nor any rumors. Do not credit anything in the papers. I see that Brett has been reported as out and R Troop also. Nobody has been out nor do we expect anything beyond more scouting or hunting parties.

Summer time it is frightfully hot -  
and the Gila water becomes milk-  
warm. The river is sometimes very  
high in the Spring but not often.

The climate is regarded as  
Remarkably healthy. From here for  
fifteen miles down there are traces  
of the Aztec civilization. Almost  
everywhere - in digging water ditches  
they come upon Azas - filled with  
bones which are Phosphated - and  
in several have been found Stone  
beads - and Copper Rings - In many  
places there are old walls - Some  
of them exactly in the true Meridian  
showing that these people knew some-  
thing of astronomy - I hope to be able  
to study up these things as soon  
as we get - thoroughly established  
Presently I am in a dirty tent - not  
having floors yet - and busy every day  
getting fixed up. The men will  
soon be comfortable - then the  
Officers - we get milk - have 4 chickens  
in camp presented by Mrs Solomon -  
and live well - Oreal cooks for us.  
You had better call on Mrs Everts  
the Mrs wife if you have not done  
so already - as ever  
Glad

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1 I sent you last night - 5-20<sup>00</sup> checks  
 2 which you should receive before this comes  
 3 (100<sup>00</sup> in all) I have paid McLean in full.  
 4 Sent 25<sup>00</sup> to Nat Bank - and will send you  
 5 25<sup>00</sup> more in a day or two will send you  
 6 \$105<sup>00</sup> more in my next letter - with  
 7 instructions what to do with it.

8 I am apprehensive that Robinson  
 9 will not last - If he gets drunk now  
 10 and official notice is taken of it, he is  
 11 gone - for he is in command of a  
 12 Camp and under special instructions  
 13 from the Headquarters Commander  
 14 in person. The whole matter of hostile  
 15 Indians in this department may be con-  
 16 densed into the simple statement that  
 17 there are about fifty uncaught - thieves  
 18 and murderers. I have as yet received  
 19 no orders except the original ones to establish  
 20 the Camp - have reported the location to  
 21 General Crook - and have no doubt it  
 22 will be approved. I do not think any  
 23 troops are moving excepting the Lewis  
 24 Column - in Mexico - There was a rumor  
 25 a few days ago that the Apaches are on  
 26 the way in to surrender but I do not  
 27 believe it. This Camp life will grow  
 28 very monotonous in a few days - I hope  
 29 it will not continue long. In the

come with our former ment in  
 the presence of a lady - we  
 are going to the city for the  
 day - as I will be ~~back~~ - paper  
 you will get the things all  
 right - I will write you  
 tomorrow less hurriedly - all  
 fair are in love - being  
 Missis & "who" of love for my  
 love - ~~you should~~ & ~~lovingly~~ ~~with~~  
~~many~~

Reside's J. F.

Done 18/86.

My Darling Husband,

The  
 notes are to be shipped  
 this morning. I could  
 not get the compass  
 in time to put in  
 the box - so will  
 pack it securely  
 & send by mail -  
 Mr. Slator's sister  
 has had another  
 bill - & as he is

that he must send up there  
 whatever he would like to go  
 with the fort, & send down to  
 Montpelier - & bring the wagon  
 to the house, & get it & delivered  
 to allow it to be dragged all  
 over the garrison. I think he  
 means all right but he at  
 Green - & does not know how  
 to manage - or go ahead. It  
 is always completely vain

Signal Officer it  
 will be impossible  
 to get it until he  
 is able to be out  
 again - I have  
 had a great time  
 getting my foot  
 recut. The length  
 comes only when  
 I send for him, or  
 go & pick him up.  
 He sent Heleson  
 twice after the  
 box to have it  
 taken down to the  
 2nd to be closed &  
 wrapped, & for the  
 times sent word

Mrs Edward Everts 15-77 1/2 Market St  
San Francisco

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In Camp Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

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My Darling

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It has been blowing a sand storm all day - and you will find some of the Sila sand in this paper - It is not as bad as alkali dust - however and we are pleased that it is not worse - I put Mrs Everts address on the head of this sheet, in case you may not have it - Was made happy by receiving three letters from you - and some papers - beside the enclosures herewith returned - in another envelope - and some others which I have not yet attended to. So you were interviewed by a reporter? I think you "stood him off" in first class style. It is best to do so otherwise they would be a nuisance and give you no rest - Besides whatever you might tell them would be distorted in all sorts of ways - to their own ends. As to your printers - Of course - it can not be attended to while you guests are there - At the time I wrote I had no idea that they would be able to remain so long - As it is - you are most fortunate in having them with you - and should devote your time to them - entirely if necessary. You must -

2 also be careful of your eyes. It is  
 all night - I am writing cramped like  
 Crepe-legged with the lid of the old box  
 turned back for a clock - and it is  
 miserably tiresome. Cramping the legs  
 and squeezing the stomach. This with  
 the beastly light of two flickering Candles  
 makes it not inviting as a task. In  
 a few days will be better fixed. The Men  
 are all busy working on their own tents  
 and putting in bunkers - up off the camp  
 ground. And I do not wish to take  
 them off until finished. Your letter  
 of the 13<sup>th</sup> giving an account of your  
 visit to Chinatown is intensely inter-  
 esting. You can have an idea now of  
 what degraded city life is - and of  
 the queer civilization of the Gentle Chinese.  
 The street where the women sat at holes  
 in the doors - were bad. Very bad. I shall  
 write to Lizzy in a day or two. If the statements  
 in the Courier are correct. The Parties buyers  
 are backed by the Railroad. and would  
 be hard to fight - as there is no reliance  
 to be placed in what the Old People would  
 do if called upon to testify. I do not  
 believe what your Mother says. The  
 Place is sold. It is on the purchase  
 option and not on theirs - to see the  
 bargain. I doubt not that they purchased  
 knowing of the encumbrance - and  
 not caring for it - as it would not

In Camp June 18, 1886  
 2nd Sheet

in the least interfere with them.

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I am exceedingly glad that the Wakefields  
 will remain with you. So Best is <sup>married</sup>  
 at last. The old gentleman came at this  
 outfit - and let her go! As Harmer is  
 in charge - you will have a time of it. He  
 is slower than the off-op. of a Mormon  
 buggy team - and timid as to responsibility.  
 If they have not furnished you any  
 stationery - go to Davis and tell him  
 I am out - and ask him to send me  
 a lot - by mail franked officially -  
 1/4 lb. paper - a little legal cap - and a lot of envelopes.  
 If he will not give you enough go to  
 Wheller who will - they are not limited  
 and can expend it to any amount.  
 The Father's checks came - 5 of them but  
 there should be another - with a memorandum  
 one to Phillip A Smith - 300. I will probably  
 find it - in the papers coming.  
 Emma's letter is very nicely written she  
 is evidently doing well. The Old  
 Lady is becoming quite a correspondent -  
 please write to her once in a while  
 or send her one of my letters which  
 does not contain anything private.  
 Mary's letter is very interesting and  
 I am glad to hear that they are doing  
 so well. I will write you in regard  
 to the other matters - and send you a  
 copy of the answer I send to Capt. John  
 G. Cowley - who has made a fool of himself.

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I send you enclosed in this checks for  
 105<sup>00</sup> with a memorandum of entry  
 which return to me as before  
~~also~~ the notice by the Auditor of  
 a stoppage is a mistake - they have  
 the wrong order - I can correct it from  
 here - At least - I think it - must be a  
 mistake will know in a few days.  
 When you receive this - ~~then~~ go to  
 the Bank of California and ask  
 the Cashier for the Bal on Mr Wilders  
 account - on my note it will be \$50<sup>00</sup>  
 added to accrued interest - get the amount  
 exactly and take the money down and  
 pay it - They will then surrender to you  
 the note - which send to me. It will  
 be over 60<sup>00</sup> I do not know exactly  
 how much - Also send the rest in  
 to get Balanesis vegetable Bill and  
 the Butchers bill for surplus Beef to the  
 Troop - if you have not already done  
 so - on Balanesis should be a credit  
 of 1 Bbl Pork 2<sup>50</sup> - Pay them both and  
 send the rected Bills to me - Attend to these  
 as soon as convenient - Regards to all

Yours ever  
 Tom's  
 Glebovine

his sick leave. I shall go & call  
 today. Mr McLenahan is here  
 also - he called while we were  
 out yesterday. But left word  
 he would call again in a  
 day or so - I was surprised  
 as I did not know he expected  
 coming down to J.F. There  
 has been ~~no~~ official mail  
 excepting - four miles up

Residio J.F.  
 Jan 19/86 -  
 My Darling Husband:  
 After  
 all my struggles &  
 explicit instructions  
 to the length he did  
 not get the boxes off  
 yesterday - & to my  
 amazement, Capt  
 Wheelers. Chief Clerk  
 just came to me to  
 know how to ship  
 them. Sebastian is

with Mrs Davis & Mother, and  
 it was a very disagreeable day  
 rained almost the entire day.  
 & just poured in tonight last  
 night. The weather report  
 predicts a very stormy week -  
 all through. May Gregg is in  
 the city with his English family -  
 for a few days - then they go to  
 San Diego. I spent the bulk of

undoubtedly the  
 most stupid thing  
 I have ever known.  
 He has no practical  
 knowledge, & seems  
 positively afraid to  
 do any thing or  
 take any responsibility.  
 However it is at  
 last settled, & things  
 will be shipped with  
 out fail now. Much  
 time I will do the  
 entire business my  
 self - & then I shall  
 throw it will be  
 correct. We went to  
 Chinua town yesterday

far occasionally, without  
 its being so long, as the mails  
 are in coming. I've all one  
 constantly wishing you in  
 a thousand ways - & especially  
 "your own" I long for you  
 all the time - & find myself  
 sighing for you more than  
 ever. During the days - being  
 & desiring you more than  
 ever.

which I forward  
 & another paper -  
 which I will send  
 in a day or so -  
 I have not had a  
 letter for three  
 days - but still am  
 not uneasy, but I  
 shall hope sincerely  
 to have one today -  
 all mails have  
 been delayed & I  
 should not wonder  
 if the heavy rain  
 did serious damage  
 to the R.R. in the  
 southern part of this  
 state. For it usually

remain there for months  
 to come. as others have - I think  
 I would surely go further  
 if I thought I should be  
 separated from you as Mr  
 Thompson has from her  
 husband. I should surely  
 wish to come to you.  
 or at least meet you where  
 I could know of you. or see

does make washouts  
 & etc. - so that I will  
 try if I do not hear  
 of any to that  
 cause. I wish  
 you would write  
 me what you  
 think of the prospects  
 if you think you  
 are going to be  
 kept out very  
 long - I am so  
 anxious to know -  
 I am almost  
 afraid to think  
 about it. I am so  
 fearful lest you  
 should have to

Camb Jan 20th 86

My little Darling

Yours of 16<sup>th</sup> with  
 some papers and the books etc - came today  
 and everything all right. We have no  
 trout here but plenty of them in Esler  
 Creek Bonita and San Francisco - I am  
 having a seine made for fishing here  
 and have engaged to borrow one until  
 the trap house is finished. I will  
 get the powder at Ft Bowie and then  
 the outfit will be complete. Along the line  
 of the Road there are frequent washouts  
 now which probably account for the  
 letters coming in twos and threes - as they do  
 Am glad you gave up the Sunday Club  
 Set those who have less to do and more  
 time to talk about it take the school  
 when each one has had it for a year it  
 will then be time to moralize over your  
 not continuing it. Pay 10<sup>00</sup> on the budget  
 Bill and one half of the quarter if you have  
 not already done so. I shall send a  
 party up Bonita Canon tomorrow for a  
 2 day scout - Sgt Karst and 6 men -  
 Hope they will bring back some game  
 here - Turkeys or something -

Brett at the RR went to a ball last  
 night - given by a hotel keeper in town in

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is 16 - I did not go was tired and did not  
feel like it. They spoke of it as a  
pleasant affair - fandang style - Men in  
shirt sleeves and more than half of the Party  
Mexican - Spanish is at a premium  
here - I find that I can understand  
considerable but can speak but little.

A young fellow named Brown who has  
a ranch above us half a mile comes  
down every day - with a buggy - He gives  
us milk daily - and is very clever in  
leading us wagons and harness when  
we need them - In fact everybody  
is kind to us as can be in every way.

Mr. Allen is a good friend to us - and  
we will be invited to all the fashionable  
soirees and receptions - dinners &c -

Have to close to superintend  
some work

With wishes of some  
Love as ever  
Edith

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In Camp Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 86

My Dearest Wife

Today has been showery  
 and the men have filled the camp with  
 fish. One was caught wrestling him around  
 two men sent to Robinsons camp returned  
 today without seeing him. He is confined  
 to his tent by illness - Cause unknown  
 Had a note from Guller. They are camped  
 by a spring at the foot of a barren mountain  
 no wood nearer than half a mile - and  
 but little grazing - not a cheerful place  
 by all accounts. Ours is quite pleasant.  
 The mens Sibley tents are now all stockaded  
 four feet high - chinked and plastered in  
 the cracks. They are putting up benches  
 and will soon be in good shape.

The woods are full of quail and the  
 rivers full of ducks but we have not  
 shot some yet - Hope they will come soon.

I am feeling well and hearty - wrote  
 to Gordon today. He is at Bowie Station  
 yet - with no command - does not  
 enjoy it much - as is natural - Had  
 my first washing done today - The drawers  
 were so full of holes that I put them  
 in the stove - no one to mend them  
 any more - and they would not "keep" to

Carry home. The intense dryness of  
 this climate is wonderful. I can do  
 not rust here at all unless near  
 water all the time. Have not seen  
 anything like Mikelen - or Junco  
 growths here anywhere. Saw a small  
 lizard today - the only reptile seen  
 so far - in six weeks more they will  
 begin to come out - as the Cottonwoods  
 leave out - in March. I hope we will  
 not be here then. And also that I will  
 remain here until ordered home - for  
 permanent - camp - I have the choicest  
 execution of my Troop in the Department

Must close as the mail is ready  
 to start Sent you 105<sup>00</sup> in checks yesterday  
 with the amount of \$100 for my  
 Harley's

Gladstone

No - 18  
Jan 19  
1876



Capt. G. C. Doan  
2nd Cavalry  
Solomonville

Via  
Bonnie Station - Arizona  
S. R. R. 7