

any length of time and oh how
earnestly I do pray to our
Heavenly Father that you may
be spared from any trouble
with the enemy and so
I pray and trust that it will
not be long before we are
together again with
our little family safe and
well -

Mrs. Bell has spent most of
her time and money in
Nagasaki but I have not
had the least desire to go
ashore, when we get to
Sonsheie (have not the
most remote idea how it
is spelled) all going well
I do not think I shall
go ashore -

With my darling boy
Mrs. Russell has come in
and incites upon taking

1 - Nov. 21st 1919 -

My dear precious darling boy -
I'm sick

as far from today you were
sitting up here (in my room)
and here I wish you were
here this very minute,
I have been with you in
thought every since I left
you. This Army life is too
tiresome but I am most
thankful to say we have
had a very pleasant and
comfortable trip. I only pray
and trust that we will
have a smooth and pleas-
ant trip all the way a-
cross and soon my precious
boy how much I have been
thinking of you wondering
what-people of a trip you

are having. I pray and trust ^{to day} I thought too some
that you are having and grapes, but they are not
had had a safe and pleasant very good, too old and
trip. My prayers are for you not-much of a taste to
my precious boy. May God more. I have been wishing
Blessings go with you and you thought for me in
I pray that I may be blessed Ulanila. I don't think as
in getting good news from much of our time together
you, when I get home. to if Diassi and me
It is positively cold here drives we need to have
(Hagasaki). I have on my in Ulanila, and our going
heavy underwear and every around Ulanila etc. I can
one is going around with not help but wish that I
two overcoats on. Too cold was fact with you but
to sit out on deck, I suppose I am foolish
and I as I think that I am
spend most of my time really doing the best thing
sewing and reading, the best how hard it
particularly, sewing and is to do the best thing
of my precious boy. Wm. Bell tells me that
I thought some delicious you were due in Jols
apples and tangerine oranges yesterday, I do so hope you
will not have to be here

will reach Honolulu in
about eleven days. God
willing, and I will be
glad when I get to
Frankfort, all going well.
We have not had such
a rough trip but a windy
rainy one with the exception
of today, the sun came
out today and the water
has been smooth, so I
am truly thankful.
I have asked several
times about Surgeon
Whadler, Mr. Kemp told
me a day or so ago that
he had never been in
the hospital and was
a first class passenger
and is very comfortable

so I will have to say good
bye for today -
Mr. J. is very much in
evidence today -
With so much love -
As ever your own devoted
wife -
Dora

Nov. 26th 1909.

Oh my precious old boy
Today is
Thanksgiving and how
well I remember back - Thank-
sgiving, when you, Betty
and myself were at
the Cliffs, how much
I wish we were there

This very minute. But so want you to be
I really feel that I ought careful.
not to complain as I think of you all
this has been such a beautiful day and I
during the day and
feel that you and I might. How you have
myself have love to be spoiled me too much
I depend so upon you
Thankful for.

Love my precious people I was telling a Mrs. Pease
I do so rarely so much tonight that if I could
about you, I have such a you with me
a feeling of fear of what I would not dread my
words and I am always compliment at all
so afraid that you will but let us pray that
venture too far in we will keep in health
and around these and happiness and be
islands. My prayers every with each other some
night - my darling are again.
for you and I do. It is said that we

Mr. has done no kicking
I have not complained
about or doing. I never
have a word to say
to Capt. Brown but
to speak him politely
but as you have not
often told me, it
does no good to kick
especially when a woman
walks alone. Mrs. Pett
is worful. It is some
thing awful the way
that woman has been
doing. She asked me to
let her have some
whisky, so I sent her
the bottle and told
her to use what she
wanted out of it - and

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and do not need any
more. I told him if there
is any thing that he wanted
that I could get for him
I would be only too glad
to get out of it. I have
not seen him myself
and have never get-
found out if he found the
8/10.

I do so hope that I will
get some letters from
you when I get home
I am hoping that you
got some letters off on
me that was supposed
to have left Manila on
the 20th we passed her
on the way.
With my greatest joy I
am going to read a chapter

or so in my work, and
play a game of solitaire
(do not know how to spell
it) then go to bed so good
night - my darling, I pray
that you will be protected
from the enemy and
that you are in good
health.

With more love than
I can possibly describe to
you I am -

Your own dear devoted wife
Dec. 1st 1903 -

My own dear precious boy -
How funny
I was thinking
that it had only been
one year from the

time you, Elizabeth and
myself were at the
Cliffs, instead of two
years - but I am really
not responsible. This
has been such an awfully
lovely trip. I am thinking
of my boy the first thing
in the morning and
the last at night - I
worry so, so much
about you - and I
pray for my darling boy
safely night and day.
I am going to tell you
some thing that I know
will please you. So
many people have
come to me and said
"Mrs. Smith you are the
only person on Ford

I hope to see Capt Hart
I am told too that
Christmas boxes are
being sent - and all
going well when I get
to San Francisco. I
am going to give you
a box. It depresses me
to think of what a
lonely Christmas my
darling sweet heart will
have.

Good bye for today
May God be with my
precious husband and
protect you from any
harm - is my sincerest
prayer -

Ever your devoted wife
Dina

Tom do you know she
drank that entire bottle
of whiskey that I had
brought down the corp
(as you know) in two
(2) days. Then she got
a Mr. Goodridge of the
30th to get some more
he brought her a big
glass full more the
next night - she wrote
a note to Mr. Evans
asking him to send
her some whiskey. He
sent her a large
bottle, and now for
two days Mr. Goodridge
has made her eggs
yesterday. She drank

Mrs. She goes around
the boat, wearing no
corsets and her hair
waist - all pulled out -
the fact, every body on
this boat - and talking
about her. Another thing
she has been doing she
has become a perfect
Morphine phine (don't
know how to spell phine)
every night - she makes
Mr. Durdley give her
some powder that makes
her sleep - I do not know
that it is Morphine but
it is just as bad. A
night or two ago, she
took the powder and
gave it to every one

that she had not
taken more when by
accident Mr. Durdley
gave it away. From
she conjectured that
she had taken more
Mrs. Bell is perfectly
well - from the way
she has been acting
I have given me the
greatest disgust - to her
Capt. Edwards told me
that we are to visit
the "Thornes" in Honolulu
- he would I gave get
his letter off to you
two weeks earlier by
getting my letter off
on the "Thornes"

MacArthur and intro-
-uce her to him then
she is going to ask
him to get Mr. Bell
home. I would not
do that in the first place
and in the second
place, as I told her
the time for going to
the Philippines would
come some time and
that the only thing that
I wanted you to do is
to resign and come home
to Elizabeth, Lou Jr. and
myself, we all want
"getting" thy prayers
are that you will
come home to me

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Dec. 7th 1929

My own dear precious boy -
I am very
much afraid that this
letter is going to be
a very blue one for
that is just the way
that I feel tonight.
I do miss my precious
boy more than words
could ever express
it. Lou Jr. simply
and only must resign
for you. I spend
most of my time
pondering of the first
time we met, how
well I remember it

from the time that
we were together at
Woburn, from a fine
time you used to come
over to Linda from Colum.
-bus from our wedding
and trip from of our
life together since just
five years, of Elizabeth
birth etc and of our
prospects, whether Pitt
or Tom. and I pray
and trust to Almighty
God. that you will
rejoice and that we
four will have a
settled happy home of
our own in our native

Country, the United
States. I think so much
of Tom of what a
happy time we had
together in Manila
last time and
I know that you
feel I am foolish but
how often I have
wished that I had
stayed with you for
my confinement. I
more that I think I
it the more I wish
it.

Wro. Bell told me
a day or two ago, that
Capt. Alton (your
class mate) was going
to take her to General

going to do in San Francisco after getting my tickets home, is to fix your Christmas by course it can't get to you in time for Christmas, as we will not get into San Francisco until the fifteenth (15) or sixteenth (16) God willing.

All going well we are supposed to reach Honolulu tomorrow at noon I am thinking of getting off for just a little walk around Honolulu

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in health and happiness.

We are due in Honolulu day after tomorrow (Sunday and my birth day) some say that it will take twelve (12) days and some say eight from Honolulu to San Francisco but I hope that it will only be eight.

Good night my darling darling try how I wish that I was with you this very second and how earnestly I pray to God that it will

not so long before we have wished time
are together safe and and again that I
will.

Kiss your mother had never left you
and love, oh! so much but I suppose it is
love to my precious boy foolish for me to
May God be with us feel his joy, but I
till we meet again am so awfully lonely
with out you. I spend

Your ever devoted
Din.

Dec. 5th

My own precious boy-

Tomorrow

I will be twenty-seven years old. Three
(27) years old. Three you from being lonely
years ago I left my that they could. I feel
darling boy and I first thing that I am

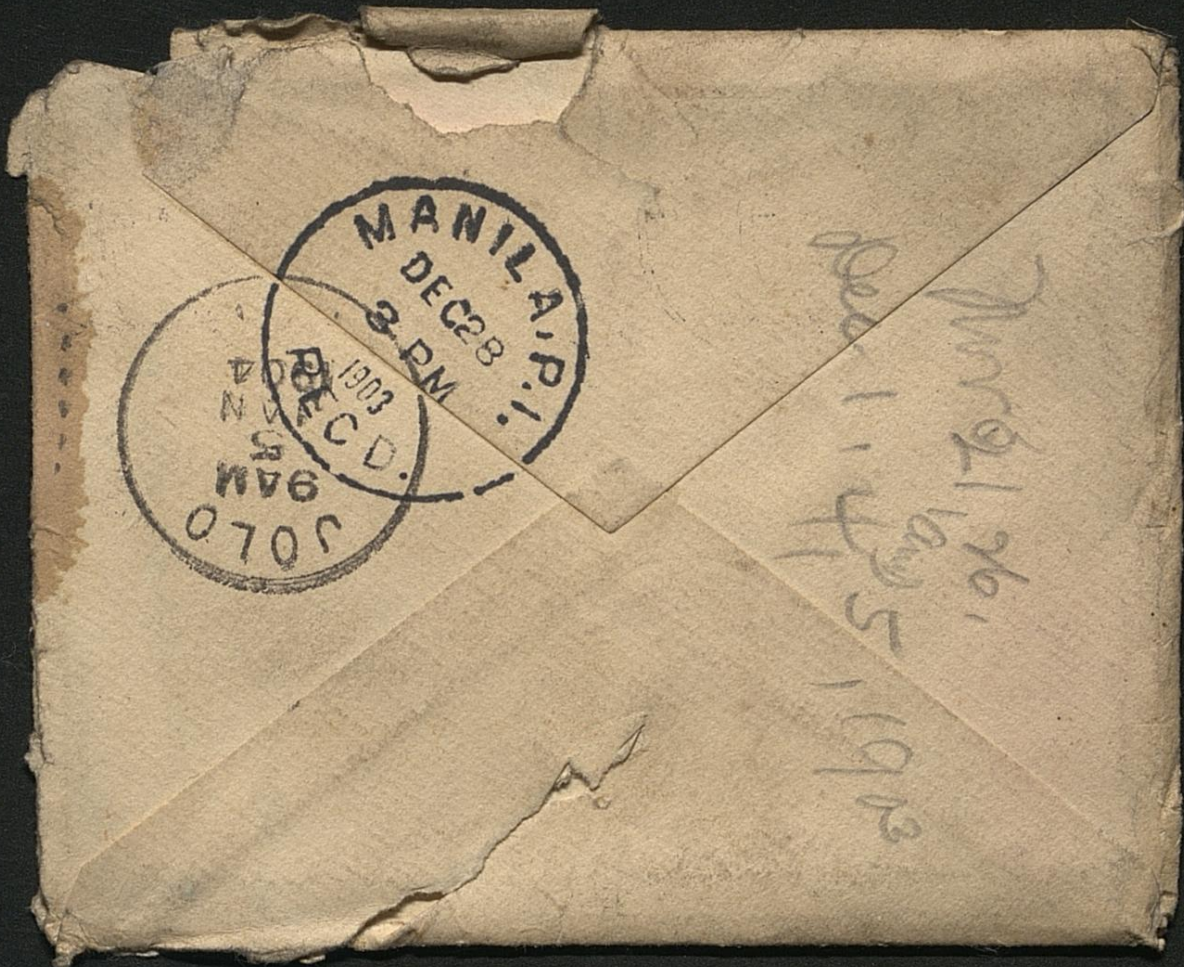
all of my time trying
that you will resign
I wish so that you
could get at the same
station that the Worcester
have, I know they would
very thing to keep
you from being lonely
that they could. I feel
first thing that I am

and to ^{the} post office
to mail this letter. They
say we will pull
out of Honolulu before
the "Thomas" gets in.
I am sorry not to see
Capt. Hart. but I will
be glad to leave Honolulu
as soon as possible.
~~But~~ but this letter will
probably catch the Thomas
and that will get this
to you less ~~rough~~ earlier
by catching the Thomas.
I pray and trust that
we will have as smooth
and delightful weather
as we have had today
for the rest of our trip.

I have not seen Sergeant more than words
bladder since we left could ever express.
Manila but I suppose
he has found me
ten dollars as the notice
has been taken down
I suppose he is afraid
of following me, I have
asked about him several
times and they say he
lies very comfortable and
is not in the hospital
With my darling boy
I will say good night -
May God's blessings be
upon you in the
earnest prayer of
your own devoted wife
who loves you oh!

HONOLULU, HAWAII
DEC 7
8 30 A.
1903

Capt. J. L. Smith
17th U. S. Infantry
Aerai ~~Manila~~
Aerai Philippine Islands



MANILA, P.I.
DEC 28
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Nov 21 1901
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Monday
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My darling child,

I want
to write each day
until you leave
San Francisco and
tell you about the
precious baby. Some
photographs and
plates arrived this
morning - the groups
of Tom and you
and Elizabeth are
the most perfect
pictures that I ever
saw. The baby knew

that they had just
been born and
she was and she
was smiling. In
the morning, we
were at school in
the morning. We
were very happy
to see you - the
photographs
arrived to you
that I had taken
them. So that
you have
any photos, I
will send
them for you -

after awhile - she seems
very thoughtful about
it all, told us the picture
of a party, party little
boys, father Johnson
had down here to know
her this morning before
we were up, he is on
idea'd about her.
She has just had her
chicken bones and is
playing with some boys

them all, and kissed
and patted them.
The moment that
I showed them to her
she said "my papa
my mama, baby",
and kissed them
fervently. She had
asked for you time
and again, Kate
told her that you
had gone out the
card, "back again"
and Kate told
her yes that you
would be back

tell me - Miss Eliza
and Miss Mary
were here last night.
I had a telephone from
Eliza this morning saying
her hand was much
better. I insisted upon
rolling it up in a big
plaster of "Ankiphlogine"
a preparation of
clay that no one
ought to move without.
Make Tom get a
can of it before he
leaves - And she
reports the greatest
comfort from it - It

to her father as he always
has to suffer, and that
is saying a great deal.
I wish that the cord
had been torn, but I cannot
feel thankful enough for
your little story, about
that you left, thinking
it quiet and "good."
Some dozens of "cards"
for grief - from her & her
the quite - I need - Good by
for today - My love
dearest Emma.

really is wonderful -
for phactes for the
chest in pneumonia
for wounds, bites, stings
&c - it has no equal
that I know of - If
the California druggists
have 'nt it - I will
mail you a can -
It is raining this
morning, a soft
lovely rain, but before
it began Henry took
Natty and the baby
a good long ride
in the phaeton, it
gave her a fine
appetite for her lunch.

A great many people
ask me to say good bye
to you last night, thinking
that you had not to stay
all day. Frank Linn
among others. He said
to me that he had
the great stock pen in
his eye, that it had not
but it in the trunk.
The boy says to dear
old you, tell him that
you give to her good

If not called for, please
forward to Colonial
Hotel.

BANKFORD
JUN 22
5:30 PM

Capt. J. L. Smith
Occidental Hotel
San Francisco
Cal —

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June 24th 1923
 My dear Clara
 I am
 trying to write with a
 fountain pen and too
 frequent pen and too
 on my lot or jam
 about you will have
 a hard time making
 words can not be
 here in more and
 because they the
 letters that are
 it has been the
 I am to you from an
 1897 (on hundred and
 thirty four) photographs
 I had and every day we
 keep from each other

looking it up a few
 out or other things
 but with all a
 was very nice
 the distance in
 and I liked to take
 my time and not take
 very morning
 not stopped at
 for a day but very
 little get to on
 the road get
 all from on my
 one of the
 17th and the rest
 left in
 when as it
 very on a little
 about getting it

we have only two more days. The first two days we had perfect weather. The first two days coming out from San Francisco was very rough. There was a little sea sick but I have not been in the least sea-sick so far. But I have been very nervous. The children make me so. I am pulling down of the sail or calling to them every minute in the day it seems. There is a baby about two years old that runs every where on deck alone. People are rather grateful by the dress to keep it from falling down. The young boy or

have shown^d the album to several people on board and to several people ~~would~~ come up to me and say "Mrs Smith, will you let me see your baby's pictures, I hear she is such a beautiful baby. I can not be thankful enough that we did not bring her for these children on board. They all look white and tired out. The food is awful and we have a very disagreeable quartermaster. Tom says he wishes that we could have a month more but I am truly glad that

Tom gave me three
beautiful embroidered
canton linen (very heavy
linen) lunch cloths and
twelve beautiful doilies
The quality of the linen
and embroidery are perfectly
beautiful. I will be awfully
glad to get to our station.
The towels have all given
out so we have to use
rough dry and not
clean towels. I will be
so glad to get to our
own bed and table
linen.

I dreamed all night of
our precious Faby, and
my first ^{son} thing that
I asked, was, What-
do you

suppose our precious baby
is doing fine morning.

Tell Mamma I wish that
I had some thing of interest
to tell you but anchored
way out here in the ~~bay~~^{bay}
you dont hear much.

Kiss our precious baby for
me. Louis sends love -

Ever your devoted

Dick

A month's leave.

Mamma I wanted to write
a few lines, to get it off
of my foot - that is done
today. I try to get a letter
off on every foot - so as to
tell you how that I am
perfectly well.

Good bye for today.

Kiss that precious baby and
love to all from us both
Ever your devoted
John.

Sept. 14th 1908.

My dear, dear Mamma -

Last night
I got another letter from
you and I have thought
so much of our darling baby
when you said, Miss Miller
came into the room with
a hat on, exactly like mine
and that precious little soul
saying "My Mamma" and
we laughed a great deal
about her lightning fingers

Mrs. Wren is with me for
a week or two, she came
up to see me before I have
for home, she was always
as fond of Elizabeth, Elizabeth
used to call her "Mopsy"
I told Mrs. Wren about
what you said about Miss
Willson but and the lightning
buggers and you could have
heard her laugh all over
the house.

Mr. Hatchell sent Louisa
some New York papers
and we have enjoyed them
so very much. There is
a great deal that is very
interesting about the
death

Mrs. Wren, her two children
Louisa and myself are going
to Dongas tonight to
spend the day tomorrow. I
thought as I will see Mrs.
Hunt in San Francisco ^{all going well}
that she will want to
know all about Capt. Hunt
who is stationed at Dongas
Louisa is going to write today
for a months leave to take
me to Manila, to get off
by the first of November
we will have to leave
here on the twelfth of Oct.
It takes a long time to
go from here to Manila
so to get me started and
for him to get back here
he will have to take

to play with

Tom gave me a beautiful
Blue Canton China toilet
or Chamber set, it has
the water pitcher instead
of the pitcher, it is indeed
a beauty.

I have the nicest kind
of a house, in the part
we begin moving toward
simple because its number
is 13 nearly every one
refuses to go in to it.
Sub-Quartermaster
Tom 13 of and is going
to get 12 1/2 of the gate
instead, every ^{body} ~~part~~ in
the port has beautiful

from San Francisco to
Portland we came on
a special train and there
were about nine or
ten officers and I was
the only lady, each one
of these officers in turn
would come and borrow
Elizabeth, take her to their
club and play with her.
Mr. Compton, a young
officer said to another
officer, I just tell you
I would not ask any
greater happiness than
to have a baby like this
in Camp all of the time

big yards front and back
Mama I have meant to have
written to you often but really
I have not felt strong one bit -
do not worry over it - because I
sleep well and have a tremendous
appetite but I am just as I was
at home, I feel tired all of the
time.

I did get the nice letter from
old Liz. not one of the girls expecting
Liz have written to me since I left
home, which is nearly three months
ago. I am always so delighted when
I see a letter addressed to Tom in
your hand.

Good night for tonight, I am going
to write to you in a day or so and
tell you all about my home etc.

All sends love.

Ever your devoted daughter
Dora

"Faith worketh wonders"
Thank God that we are well.
Old Mary came up to
see the children for about
ten days but goes this afternoon
much to the real
regret of all of us. Horace
is cooking for us - and
a small colored boy
is doing outside work
and helping me in
the upstairs work empty-
ing slops taking up ash etc.
Will do write to me
right away and tell me

Lexington Ky. Feb. 25
1903

My dearest old Fannie Huff -
I was so glad to get a letter
from you, and feel much
pleased that you should
have written to such a
"no-account" as I am as
a correspondent. Tell Tom
that Charley is enjoying his
welcome beautiful present
to the fullest extent. I am
myself by dealing one or
two cigars at a time to
hide for some future
time when he is hungry
for a Manilla cigar

them I will bring out
one at a time as a
great treat.

Well Pini, Mamma was
telling me last night
in a talk over the
-telephone of Tom and
you having been ordered
to one of the islands in
the Dula group. It does
seem to me that the War
Department likes the best
to think out remote spots
to order the Seventeenth

however I trust that you
with your contented (and
much envied) disposition
will be happy and keep
well wherever you are.
The family made a
shudder of horror come
over me to hear of
your old Tom's experience
in trying to land after
your boat reached Mainland
and of your having
to see and hear what
was going on. But Pini

I'm doing with a heart full of love and good will
the only care of Capt. & Mrs. B. is to
keep you all safe & happy

In this mail
Pepper Clay has a
shining new tooth
and old Bud is going
near ~~home~~ ^{his winter}
They are quite pretty
but they make a big
joy of old Bud - with
a white shirt and
sweat. Bessie sent him
a sweater and Mamma
sent Susan a beautiful
little pongi dress - and
each one a keumoa -
They are dear in earth

of your condition of body
(and of mind) - Is it true
that you are really in
that condition again?
I know you are happy
remembering just what dear
little old Elizabeth is to
Tom and you and each
baby is dearer than you
dream it possible -
Everybody is enthusiastic
over Elizabeth's beauty and
charms - People who
saw her at Solihill cannot

say enough of her captivating
ways and beauty. I
have not seen the
little girl since she
was five months old.
Things have been so
that it was not possible
for it to be so.

Mamma was saying
last night that she
was blaming Lizzie at
the dinner table because
she had ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~seen~~ ^{seen} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~room~~ ^{room}

daddy - She must be
precious. I am so anxious
to leave Mamma
bring her to make us
a visit but Mamma
is very timid about
venturing off of the square
in Frankfurt. - and !
understand all of

these anxieties -
Susan asked me if
she could write to you
but I doubt whether her
letter will be completed to go

LEXINGTON
SEP 25
6 PM
1898



MANILA
SEP 25
1898

Mrs. J. L. Smith

Care of Capt. J. L. Smith
17th U. S. Infantry

Manila
Philippine Islands



Mc. CLURE & BA
LEXINGTON, KY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
SEP 29 1883
9-PM

and his wife and we
little baby asked me to
go out to the beach with
me we spent the
afternoon out there and
it was very pleasant. I
the dear old Mrs. Lane
and I went with out you
till my darling boy good
night for tonight. May God
be with us till we meet
again is the prayer of
your own dear devoted
wife, who loves you
with all the more
love

Dec. 13th

My own dear darling boy -
I have been
so blue lately that I have

1st Dec-8th 1903-

My dear precious darling boy
We got into
Honolulu day before yester-
day Mrs. Bell and my
self got off and took
lunch and dinner at
Youngs Hotel. I told Mrs
Bell that I would go
over for dinner at about
six o'clock but that we
were two long women
and would have to be
very careful. She acted
most beautifully and
oh how good every thing
tasted, fresh strawberries
and real cream etc.
I am I get so blue
for you and when

Mrs. Bell begins about
"Jimnie" getting wounded
also, I really felt as if
I would go crazy. She
never has a cheerful
word to say. I told her
yesterday that I try very
hard not to think of
more awful things.
We saw in a London
paper that Mrs. had
been a big fight in
Jols, Col. both being
wounded and from
news and that there
were two companies
of the 17th in the fight
from my previous
darling husband, I do

so earnestly pray to our
God that you may be
spared from the enemy
and returned to me in
our native country in
United States in safety
and in health. Oh
how earnestly I do pray
for my good, precious
husband. I thought
of poor Mrs. Lynn in
Jols, when that fight
occurred. She must have
been very much frightened
to go back to my
husband's day after
lunch Mrs. Bell came
back to the transport
and Ray Master Ryan

Ryan and from to
I hope that Sergeant
Walden can arrange
to go over the same
route to Cincinnati
so that Warren will
not have to meet me
in Chicago.

Sam Jr. certainly likes
I really believe that
he likes more than Eliza
with this little fellow
things that me times that
you and my self came
home on the Hancock
end of our life in
Bronx Vets.

May Gods blessings be
upon my dear good
husband and bring you
home to me safe and
well. is the earnest prayer
of your own devoted wife
Dora

not written for a few
days to my precious boy.
Paymaster Ryan, wife
and baby are going to
Chicago and are going
to be in San Francisco
for only a day or two
and Paymaster Ryan
said he would get me
my half rates so every
thing sounds as if things
will be going just
nice for me. We have
been very fortunate
in having smooth
sailing. I do so pray
and trust that we will
continue to have
the smooth sailing and
that we will arrive
safely in San Francisco
we are due in

San Francisco, Tuesday
(Wednesday or tonight is
Saturday) as I had
willing we will be
there in two or three
days -

Mrs. Bell really nearly
drives me crazy. She
has told me several
times that she dreads
getting into San Francisco
as for she knows
she is going to hear
bad news about my
job. Thank she
really has gotten me
so nervous that I am
getting to be as bad
as her self. If she

sea is smooth she
will find some thing
to worry about - I will
really be awfully glad
and thankful to
reach San Francisco.

She has written to Mr.
Bell's father and mother
asking them to meet
me in Chicago, which
is very nice and
really she has been
very nice with me
if she would be
more encouraging
and cheerful.

I started out to tell
you that I'd willing
I hope to go as far
as Chicago with me

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My own dear precious boy
God willing
we reach San Francisco
tomorrow morning -
and from your photo
it makes me awfully
blue, for it seems such
a short time ago that
you and my self were
leaving San Francisco
together. I sent for
dejeant - Wadsworth gave
him the picture of your
self that I have often
kept for him, but
it made me so blue
because it brought
back my precious boy

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My own dear precious boy
God willing
we get in to San Francisco
day after tomorrow about
nine or ten o'clock in the
morning - and I shall be
mighty thankful and
glad of it, it has been
rough & lonely trip here
I have missed you, you
can never know. I am
really at times I feel that
I can not stand it - I
think of how happy
I was in Paris, I think
so much of how we
used to night drive
to Paris, with your

Camera and when we
used to walk out to the
different gardens, I said
to Mrs. Bell a night or
two ago, I wonder how
my tomato plants (that
I had ~~put~~ on our back
fence) and our sweet-
peas. I really do not feel
that it is right to wish that
I was back but My Love
how often I wish that.
As long as I can be with
my precious boy in health
I could not ask greater
happiness I am going to
send you in your
Christmas gift a silver

knife and I am re-
solved to send me a
jenny sack. so that
the knife will not
cut our love - and
I am going to send a
silver pencil for Eliza's
present to you -
I will say good night
as I am feeling pretty
blue - May God's blessing
be upon my precious
husband and bring
him home in safety
and in health in the
earnest prayer of your
own dear wife who
loves you more than
words or pen could
tell.

trust to get good news
of our my darling husband
and my darling baby
upon my return home
I must read my Chapter
and go to bed -

May Gods Blessings
be upon you - is
my earnest and daily
prayer -

When love more I
could possibly tell
either by pen or
by tongue -

Your own devoted
Dina

and my happy life
in Dixie. The best
my darling boy how
I do wish you were
out of this awful Army -
and could come home
to a happy quiet life
with Elizabeth from
Ireland and myself in
the United States. Well
I started out to tell you
about Sergeant Madden
he is looking really
very, very well - he says
it has been a very
comfortable trip for
him - I am going
to give him one dollar
in the morning to

telegraph to his family I expect to leave Saturday
all going well, and I morning. Lots of your
told him tonight that friends have been and
I would pay for two meals to me - Capt. Fife
meals on the cars - but - Denhal, who says he can
even if he does not - you he used to be
go on the same road - Quartermaster in charge
though he says he of transports in Illinois
feels sure that he he know - Gen. Randall
can pay quarter by card as many of me
and family go to old 17th. Jones Men
Chicago on the Pacific at Fort Russell - Will
and Mrs. Bell has he is going to get
written to Mr. Bell's my half rates, super
people taking men etc - then sergeant -
that I am to be in Madden is going to
Chicago such a time look after my baggage
(probably Sunday) as so I am comfortably
fixed - I pray and



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My own dear precious boy -

Mamma

Busy Miss and my self came
up to Lena's yesterday for what
Mamma calls my tea party
They all insisted so that I
could not do any thing but
come, Mamma said she would
not mind of letting me go to
any hospital and Lena
really seemed of perished said
that Mr. Hatchett was as anxious
to have me as she was, Mr.
Cassman came out today
and made a rough ex-
amination of my heart, the
told Lena that apparently he
never had seen any one in
my condition in such good
health, He expects I will go
either the first of January or
the last of January, I have
gotten 10th rather Mr. Cassman

has gotten from my nurse
 I wanted to arrange a little
 game for you but - Harriet
 said she wanted to attend
 to that her self, at the time
 I was so much out - and
 nervous about getting off
 to come up this birthday
 that I did not write my
 letter to my darling but
 but my thoughts were with
 my darling husband all
 the time.

When I leave through
 San Francisco I saw Mrs.
 Hunt - I went out to
 Berkeley for the night -
 after Mrs. Hunt and my self
 had spent the day and
 saw Frances, from I went
 over to Oakland and
 took the Southern Pacific
 from there and while

I had a ³⁻ most - ~~triumphant~~
trip, still I had a most
pleased one which I am
most thankful for.
I am I do so much to
you could see our darling
Baby Miss she took a walk
with Linda Friday and was
wild about - all the country
things the turkeys chickens
pigs mules and horses - her
talk is to darling, she
Wanna and my self went
out - in the kitchen this
afternoon and got some
dough from the cook
and "Baby Miss" made some
very dirty looking biscuits
which she insisted upon
either Wamma or my self
eating.
I am there is not a
minute in the day that

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I do not wish you would
rejoice and love, I wish
"Baby" my precious
husband and my self
could live healthily in
a home of our own in
this country. I would
prefer a country home
but - Any thing we
could live healthily and
happily together in this
country -

With my precious boy I
will say good night - for
tonight and write a
few more lines tomorrow

May Gods blessings be
upon you, my precious
husband -

Your own dear devoted wife
Pina.

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My dear darling precious boy -
I have just

come down from up
stairs and left Kate and
"Baby Miff" playing. Mama
said this evening, I wish
Tom could see that little
figure. She was playing
that she was a bull
dog and was crawling
on her hands and knees
stomping as she made
this awful face and
pretending that she was
going to bite me - that
she was simply frightening
me life out of me.

I have had my talk to
Wanna about telling me
what we owe her and
she said as she knew
how strongly you felt
about it and had made
her promise to keep a
~~list~~ list of every thing
that we owe her, that
she would count up
every thing and let me
know, and Tom about
our freight thing stored
at home, as I was under
that impression, Wanna
made a remark a day or
two ago, that made me
think they had never been
moved from Wastine
I spoke of getting a "ouch"

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(Have not the slightest idea how it is spelled) ran out of ^{one of} my farrells and she said, "Prinnie you will just have to get a new one, as I can not climb over long steps of thackins, I feel sure that Mamma wrote to me that Mr. Thacklin had attended to that while she was at Utill but she has done, and still would so if I let her so many, many things for us that I have said nothing about it.

So many people ask so many questions about you and Mr. Thacklin especially, still says that you ought

to be in civil life, that
you are too fine a man
to be in the Army.

I told mamma that if our
new baby was a boy that
I wanted it named after
my precious husband and
if a girl I had promised
you that it should be
Lyne Starling Smith and
she said she thought
that I was exactly right
in naming it after you
and said though she
thought that a girl should
be named after your
mother, I told her that I
thought so too but that
you really wanted it named
for me so I had promised
you, then she said of course
that is exactly right to name

it after me, if you were
 as anxious as mamma said
 any husband that is as
 devoted and good to you
 should certainly have
 me baby married just as
 he wanted it. I would
 like for it to be a boy
 for I do so want a Thomas
 Lee Smith Jr. though a
 girl would certainly be as
 dear and precious as any
 thing could be. The little
 girl that we have is the
 most beautiful, chainty
 precious baby that ever
 did or will live and
 from the most affectionate
 little creature that ever lived
 Good night my darling
 boy. Oceans of love and
 May Gods blessings be upon

you, my precious darling
boy. If you could only know
how fearfully I do miss you
you would rejoice.

Your ever devoted wife
Lina

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