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Dearest Lover,

well dear I suppose you are busy now with little time to write. It is a good thing in a way, as the time doesn't seem so long. I am busy now too Albut and I hope the winter goes quickly. I had been teaching in Kanopolis and Mr. Silverwood offered me an extra grade, made up of the Third and Fifth. The Kanopolis people wouldn't let me off so I couldn't take it. Perhaps after all it may be for the best, we were so cold in this house last winter and if I were gone part of the day I am afraid she would get too cold. If I can get a nice place for us both over there for the cold months, I am sure it would be better. I like the work over there and am glad they liked my work so well. It is my first attempt at high school work and it seems so much easier. The subjects are hard but that is better than teaching forty five little folks something easy. Mother is very much pleased with it. We have a girl here who does the work for her board.

I sent Ada my grey suit and some waists for her to make over for school.

I told Mrs. Reynolds I wouldn't dare have it when you came back as you wanted me to give it to the Belgians and Harry told me to throw it in the creek. There are some more things she can have if she or Gladys needs them. I want to get all new clothes when you come back and had better start to give some away. My first pay check comes in two weeks, I wish you were here to help me think what to get for someone you love. I have decided to get her a black and white dress like mothers. I don't know whether to ask her to go to Salina and buy one or send off for one or give her the goods, but think it had better be already made or she might cut it up for someone else. I wish you were here dear one, it is so lonesome always to be without you and can't hear from you so often. I depend on you so much for everything I do, and now I seem so lost with you gone.

I am not going to use a cent of the thirty dollars and that will be \$70 and surely I can find another thirty and that is for us to use when you come back. you will need a rest and I want to have you a little while before you start in something. I make great plans don't I dear?

but what else is there to do? I want her to get her teeth too, but don't know whether she will or not, I think she dreads it, I know I would. There is a hole in one of my teeth and I keep putting off fixing it. I wish you could go with me and hold my hand, it wouldn't hurt so bad. It has turned cold for a few days but will soon warm up again. Fair week is next week, it is a poor time to have it as no one is really interested in such things, just try to be. They wanted me to bring up my China and my bed spread but I didn't. I might have made four or five dollars off of them and I might have broken some too and it isn't right to paint during war. Do you think so? We may get off one or two days next week for the Fair. Do you remember when you took me up there? And I sat on your lap when we went there?

The papers are so very encouraging now. Today you could look on German land. It is a big work you are doing over there. Mother and I went to the show last night. "Lest we forget" —

it was a war picture and showed  
us your life over there to a certain  
extent. It must be terrible about,  
& I don't see how you ever can do it,  
so many of the boys didn't get as  
much training as you have,  
& I pray for you every day dear, for  
God to bless and comfort you and  
protect you and bring you home  
unharmmed. And that this war will  
soon be over. I pray for Glenn and  
Harry and all of our boys over there.  
I am going to write to Glenn too  
nearly every week if I can. It will  
be hard as I don't know what to say  
to him as I do you.

Beigh has his barn cow barn, and  
chicken house built and will begin  
on the house soon. It is to be built  
like Henry Bachofers. Do you remember  
it in Saling when we staid at Henry's?  
They haven't decided where the house  
is to be but it really doesn't seem to  
matter. The chicken house is in the  
south east corner of the yard. I haven't  
seen them yet.

Write just as often as you can dear  
one, I love you with all my soul and  
strength my own true man,  
Helen.