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Ellsworth - Kansas.

my dearest, ^{no 44} Sept 16 1918

The third week is started and I hope all the time slips along as easily as it has so far.

Two teachers, sisters, were gone this morning, were called away by the death of their nephew. It made me feel so bad all morning. I could hardly control myself, but managed to get along before the children. The boy was killed in action and they all went home.

Messie has a man she writes to every day. He lives in Colorado. Poor Harvey over in France. Today she had a telegram saying he was badly hurt in a railway accident. So one doesn't have to be at the front

to be in danger.

we had a trench card from
Harvey last week but no word
from you. I haven't your mother's
letter either, it is in Ellsworth.
I will send it this week to you.
we are to get off part of the
time for the Fair, so this is
what you call a "cheap month"
as we didn't teach two days
the first week.

Least I have gained a
whole pound since I have
been here, is it that good?
I weigh 114 now, same size
to your wife, is it there?

The Mexicans are celebrating
their Fourth of July yesterday
and today in the Hall here.
it is all decorated with flags.

theirs and ours. All the
men folk have new suits
and words can't describe the
ladies clothes. The celebration
started Sept 15 at noon and
lasted until today. The
musicians got ~~10~~ 50 for playing
I would love to have seen
them dance, wouldn't you?
The papers are very encouraging
and I hope this old war will
soon be over and you can
come home to me.

Sept. 17-

Well dear I didn't get to finish
your letter. A little girl came
over to "visit" so I will finish today
I saw Jimmie Howerton after
school. He asked for you and
Glenn. He looks so much taller

than he used to. His apples
are all gone. I guess he is in
pretty hard circumstances.
He was to have all the apples to
sell but 24 bushels. They have
all fallen off but a few bushels.
This is the first day of the
fair. There were ~~only~~ thirty
people on the grandstand. not a
very good start is it? But why
does anyone want to try to have
one now. no one is interested
in such things now.

Dessie received a night letter
from her brother saying Dessie's
man was hurt in an accident
but was getting on nicely. She is
making Candy for him now, and
singing to herself. Oh darling
how I wish I could be making
some for you.

When you return you can have
all you want dear. Oh if this
would only soon be over and
our life could go on again.
There are so many things I
want to ask you dear one, if
you are so busy the time
~~just slips by~~ or if you are
so tired you can't think or if
our life seems far away from
you now. If your throats are
cheerful as could be expected.
If we American girls seem
vain and silly after seeing
how truly great the French
women are. But it isn't fair
to ask so many questions when
I know you won't have time
to answer them until you get

home. Those are some of the things I think about. And oh my dear Lover do you have those terrible lice on you? I do hope not Sweetheart, but if you have my Darling, remember I love you and wish I could help you get rid of them and I am so sorry if you have.

I wonder so much about the conditions in which you live. When you come back my beloved I will do all in my power to make you happy. Just now I am earning and saving so we can be just a little more comfortable than. And I am going to do, in so far as I can, for you

Mother what you would do.

Do you remember I told you
so in a letter and you
sent that to Mrs. Reynolds?
She showed that to Aunt
Nannie. Aunt Nannie said,
"No one could do for you what
Abert has done, for no one will
ever know how much he has
really done for you".

With Glenn and Vern and
you all gone where you
can't see what she needs &
must try to make up to her
in doing all I can for her.
I will see dear that she does
not want for anything I can
get for her. You boys did so
much for her. I can or did

find out some of the things
she needed and have sent
some of them to and can do
now when my money comes.
you are all the world to me
and if I could only sleep
in your arms again, to
feel your dear warm body
near me and to love you
all my life. We won't know
how to act, I will be afraid
to go to the train to meet you
for fear I can't control myself
and I never could stay home
and let you come up alone.
It seems as if my heart would
burst with joy.

God bless my dear kind
man and bring him home unharmed ^{Helena}