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My dear sweetheart, I did get your letter to-day[sic] and I sure was glad of it, it didn't come until this afternoon though and I was afraid that I wasn't going to get it, because I generally get all my letters in the morning. They have been teasing me all morning because I didn't get a letter, but they can't anymore now.

Won't you come go swimming with me? We are going in about 20 minutes.

Well honey I've been but it was awful this afternoon we didn't go where we generally do, but went out to one of these pools and it was awful dirty, we generally go out to a place that is kept up by means of springs and the water is awful clear. Every year they say the same thing about Kidd Springs, but I guess it is a pretty bad place. Have you been in swimming yet?

We went to San Marcos again yesterday, I guess it seems as though I didn't do anything but go swimming somewhere, but I do study every now and then.

I had a letter from Sutcliffe?? again the other day and he sure is anxious for me to come to San Antonio, he has been trying awful hard to get his release from the aviation, but hadn't succeeded up until the time that he wrote. Stone is already in France but I don't know where Puck? Is. Stone was taking engineering [sic] and they put him in the engineers and they never stay anywhere very long. That's what I would like to do, not stay in a training camp for a whole year. I know that that would get awful tiresome.

Three of the boys here at the house intend going to Galveston next year and so they are going to Galveston next Saturday and enlist in the E.M.R.C.?? register and get everything ready for next fall they want me to go with them but I'm not going to I'm not figuring on going to school anymore after August, I only wish I knew where I was going to land. You know it's awful not to know what is going to become of you.

Last Saturday night we went on a little watermelon hunt again and managed to get eleven rather small ones but they were all good. We still have three left. Two of the boys went to Georgetown last Friday and brought back two chickens and a turkey which they shot on the way. No we are not regular thieves but just so nothing which we want gets in our way.

I sure am glad that you got another raise honey, you see t hat just goes to show how much you are worth, you have absolutely no right in this world to feel useless.

Oh sweetie I wish I could come to see you tonight I would just give anything in the world if I could. I wish we could come rolling up in the car sometime when you were down at the house, but goodness me brother can't ever get away from down here and I know he wouldn't let me come up by myself.

Honey I wish you would tell me what you want for your birthday, won't you, please

I had a letter from Ethel last Saturday. She writes just like she always did. She was telling me about what a cool room she had.

This morning just a block from here a man was electrocuted and then was brought back to life again with a peelmotor??. It sure was a funny thing and when he came to he was fighting awful hard to get it off.

Well Gainor, darling, I wish that some one would come and offer to take me to Dallas in a car tonight.

We had an exam in physics the other day and someway I managed to make 98 in it. I don't know how it happened. In two weeks from now the first term will be over and then if I pass I will have only half the number of courses I am carrying now.

I can't hardly wait until I see you again. I only hope no one else is around.

With all my love, dear,

Otto