

Sonora, Cal
Jan 11, 1864

Dear Father and Sister

Day before yesterday
received a big bundle of papers
from home and we surely did
enjoy them.

It is raining here today,
and the wind is just blowing
gone.

I have been here for months
already it don't seem possible.

We have been working hard
you know, have been doing
afternoon. I suppose you'd
been taking your time
at home. Mother and sister
writing to you.

Dr. Call's son of Antioch
here to say his wife came
with me.

Although I was laid out to his
Commanding Officer to be sent
about ~~the~~ ~~road~~ at the Chancery
were left of ~~his~~ ~~home~~ and he
felt ~~him~~ ~~men~~ ~~was~~ not eligible
to go ~~home~~ ~~with~~ ~~him~~ ~~and~~ ~~has~~ been
here two years ~~at~~ ~~his~~ ~~will~~?

bring me home this summer.

I have ~~is~~ ~~so~~ ~~well~~

have good of ~~the~~ ~~kind~~ ~~of~~ ~~bread~~
waffles and a few other goodies.

mother ~~was~~ ~~her~~.

Whitaker's road and near ~~Paris~~

5,
are in the
meat.

The first of the
American...
center...
15

About the...
planning to go...
Switzerland...
a week...

I don't bet
get to...
think...

At least...
some eggs...
further...

cup custard and ~~but~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~
and ~~now~~ ~~you~~ ~~are~~ ~~happy~~ ~~because~~ ~~these~~
he loves sweet things to eat,

Bless his dear old heart, ~~his~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~
so you ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~at~~ ~~me~~ ~~and~~
he seems ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~happy~~.

Indeed I ~~am~~ ~~very~~ ~~glad~~ ~~to~~ ~~hear~~ ~~of~~ ~~you~~,
only wish you were here to get a
few ~~minutes~~

Well, I ~~will~~ ~~write~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~soon~~
at ~~least~~ ~~to~~ ~~see~~ ~~how~~ ~~you~~ ~~are~~
and I, I'm

You being daughter,
Joyce,
P.S. Give ~~our~~ ~~love~~ ~~to~~ ~~my~~ ~~mother~~ ~~and~~ ~~say~~
to ~~poor~~ ~~Bea~~, I ~~hope~~ ~~she~~ ~~is~~
better ~~by~~ ~~now~~.