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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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My own darling,

Although you have only been gone from one part of a day, it seems so long since we separated! Your coming & stay among us seems more like a dream than reality, & I feel so heartless that I can settle down to nothing & must write you a few lines. God bless you, my darling & bring you back safe to us

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is a prayer I have uttered a hundred times I believe already & you can never imagine how I shall count the long, [weary] days until your safe return to me. I may seem cold & undemonstrative when you are near, but it is only my little way for in my heart of hearts lies the deepest fondest, truest love ever a wife felt for her husband – after being united for ten years (for the 15<sup>th</sup> will be the tenth anniversary of our wedding day) I feel as much your

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sweetheart as I did when first I consented to unite my life with yours. Well, my darling I must bring a little business into this letter as well as love. Will you tell me if you had your light Karki uniforms in the Yukon with you? I cannot find them in the luggage you brought here with you & they may be in Regina. If not, I shall have to look through the cases, but I think you brought them up. I enclose two letters which have just come in & I must confess you certainly have the happy knack of making true friends, judging from Mr [Patton's] letters & his heartfelt prayers are reechoed by many others. Baby seems better this morning, but the poor pet cried so hard for you this a.m – Flora & Gertrude are as usual [bit] lonely also. Write when you can. Heaven bless & protect you, my own love – the little ones join in fondest love & send kisses – ever your own true, loving, little wifie

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