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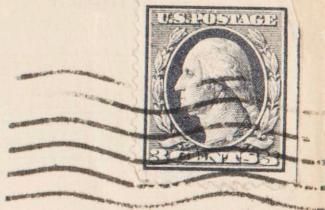
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Mrs. Elmo S. Culbert,
Salt Lake City,
Utah.

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Thursday Night.

Sweetest little girl:-

Dear sweetheart, where shall I begin? I've been in such a rush just going every blessed minute ^{and} speed - wow - I never knew what it was before. I believe that yesterday ^{and} today I've walked 100 miles ^{and} I feel a hundred years old tonight. Oh, I'm so tired, but then, I'll get used to it. There is some confusion here, owing to the vast number of arrivals - from all over the country. North, South, east, west ^{and} the Islands. We have four Filipinos in my company.

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We get up at 5:40 - mess
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and fix ourselves up until seven.
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Then mess again - Drill starts
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5:00 - We are supposed to keep
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our shoes shined - Inspection
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nine thirty - and no writing
letters or reading during

this period. And we need
this study period, too, dear, for
all of our drill work has to be
learned word for word - Oh, boy,
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Baby, lights go out in a
minute, so I'm due for bed.
Want my little sweetheart to
know I'm loving her every minute,
and working just for her. Only
about 60% of the men here made
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[[Nick Dante 8/26/15]]

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[[image – gray U.S. postage 3 cents stamp of
President Washington facing left]]

[[image – black emblem LITTLE ROCK PIKE
BRANCH; center: OCT 26 8pm 1918]]

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