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July 4th 1922

My own dearest Eric -

Remember where we
were a year ago today?

We were happy - weren't we -
+ not a thousand miles
apart. I'm down at the
beach again today - Someway
I couldn't seem to catch
the spirit of work yesterday
so I took the day off + came
down here - I'm having
a lovely time - + a real
rest. I wish you might
enjoy it all with me.
I hope that some happy
circumstance will present
itself to make this
a happy day for you.
I'll be waiting for
your letter telling me

how it was spent. (2)

I cant tell you how glad I was to get your letter, dearest. By this time I imagine Hutchinson is about finished. & then you have 8 more days of work - I hope you can finish everything in that 8 days -

But - listen - Eric, dearest - please dont let them send you anywhere else - I didnt marry you, to live a thousand miles away from you - if they try to make you stay away another two months & more - resign & come back to me, & I'll take care of you - That's how my feelings

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feel about it - maybe
I really dont mean
it tho. My position
in life should make
me the best friend you
have - + I hope I'll
never stand in the way
of anything that is good
for you - just because
it's hard for me. You
always know the thing
thats' best - so do it. +
remember - if they keep
you away for forty
years - I'll be loving
you every minute, +
waiting for you to come
back - but why be
unhappy over the thing
that probably will

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never happen. Why not
rejoice over what will
undoubtedly be the happiest
moment of both our lives -
the day you're coming home -
just 8 more days - &
then a few to get here
in - Oh - I hope they'll fly
so soon. There's some
good times waiting for
us - dear - swimming
& camping & everything
that's good in summer-
time. And then there'll
be just our own little
nest - where we can love
& think & hope & plan -
with the rest of the
world shut out. I love
our little nest, dearest -
but it seems so

vacant when you're not in it.

I haven't much else to say, excepting I'm taking care of everything here, so you need not worry about anything.

Take good care of yourself + be a good boy, + I'll take care of your own little girl.

Alma

July 4th 8 P.M.

P. S. Am home from the beach + wish you were here. It's been the longest 4th of July I ever lived.

Am enclosing a tax blank for you to fill out. Hope it reaches you O. K. Please let me know.

Love you always
Alma

3000-20th St. N.
Wash. D. C.

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Mr. Eric S. Stearns

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