

Neva Creek

July 25, 1901

My dearest Love -

Two lovely long letters from you came yesterday, one post marked June 10th one - do - 17th glad to hear all is well and happy, am about ready to go to work sluicing here, will enclose the first gold panned out on Neva creek, will be a nice relic if the creek turns out to be any good.

Tom seems quited disgusted, talked yesterday about going back out. Not enough tools here yet for all to have enough so he is quite put out. I don't see that he has any claims to work on, any way, only one and nothing has been done on it. I have not had 1/2 enough tools myself, but more will be here in a few days.

The picture of group is fine, a very good picture of all. I hope Jim C. stays till I return if he is satisfied.

Am going to commence on Dan Creek as soon as tools come, will finish an 800 foot ditch to-morrow about 250 feet of it goes through snow about for feet deep, quite a hard job. Louis killed two raindeer sent one quarter to my camp, it was very fine, first fresh meat I tasted since left Nome. I think Ma is at Quartz creek am going down to see her in a few days. Left Andrew Fontana there on No. 10 ditching with some men. I want to commence there as soon as I can leave here.

Mr. Johnson panned out \$3.15 in one pan on claim No. 11 joining our No. 10 and a man on No. 9 panned out \$1.50 in one pan so I guess No. 10 is all right being between them both. I could do ever so much if I could stay here this winter, but am not thinking of doing it though.

I guess haying is well advanced on Hay R. by this time, I do wish I could be with you my sweetheart this very evening, am

not home sick, but a little lonesome these long, long nights.

Watch papers and see what Stam - does in the east and let me know.

The misquitos are so thick I can hardly write at all, and one scarcely sleeps at night. Will send you a sample of some I killed while writing.

Love my dear little babes lots for me take good care of them and your own dear self.

You spoke of coming here next summer, I am sure you would find it any thing but pleasant, we will talk it over when I see you.

Bill sends best regards to you and all.

All of my best love for my dear ones. I am as ever yours  
devotedly

Paul

Can't use ink very well sitting on bed on ground. Will send a sample of Alaska flowers next time. Let me know how pencil writing stands the trip.