

From Edmund G. Ross to My Dear Wife

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My Dear Wife[.]

I left Lawrence at 12 o'clock Monday night & arrived here at 7 the next morning. It is dull enough here, I assure you. They are having a great [*text stricken through*] scare along the border just now.

Reports are rife of hundreds of bushwhackers just over the line, & the troops are on the constant move. There are about 800 troops at Aubrey, 16 miles from here, & the commanders are talking of going over into Missouri to hunt out the whackers. I think it will be done. Meanwhile, there is a very fair prospect of our having to lay here on this infernal court martial, till the fun is all over. E. Co. came down from Lawrence last night, & went over to Aubrey this afternoon, which looks as if a raid into Missouri were intended.

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I have pretty strong hopes of getting back to Lawrence when this court is over, which we now think will be about the first of July. I shall try to get of to Topeka then, for a few days, so you hope for the present[.]

Your aff[ectionate] Hus.