

Algerine Camp March 24/54

My Dear Dear Mother

I have been intending to write
for some time but was afraid uneasy or something
but I must hear from home again it has
been a year or more since I received any letters
though I have not even answered them
but if you will write me on the receipt of
this I will answer it I will not make
any excuses about not writing as it would
be impossible to make any good ones
it has been a long time since I heard from
home but a long much longer time since
I saw you all but indeed Mother I never
expected to stay away so long I almost forget how
you all look could you send me your Daguerre type
of you all all who love me. of all I love are you
all still at home how I should like to be with
you send me all the news for the last year
all all I am in good health doing
nothing as usual and see but little prospect
of ever doing much my love to you all

your most affect son
P.S. the next shall be a long letter Dorell

Direct to Sonora Cal