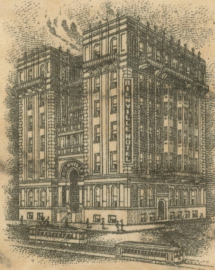


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July 18, 1937

Dear Mary:

I imagine my writing a little girl lost in a big city. Well little one, here I am near home, yet so far. Having a grand time, forgetting women (except mother) and being home-sick. I suppose you are not home-sick, also having a time with the 'big city boys'. I must confess I have not been out at all to enjoy myself, only two times to the theatre and once to a night club in New Orleans.

I was very sick in New Orleans and really never enjoyed myself as I should - however

I will not ask for an answer

because there is no use, however I would like to know if you are having a good rest - or a

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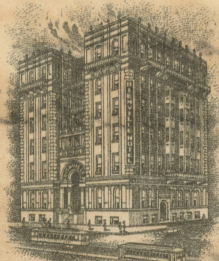
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good time or so in. Get a map and
I will tell you where we went
and of the trip in general -
Jacksonville - pretty good - have
seen better - dirty. Savannah
Ga - terrible, dirty, antique - fooly.
Augusta, pretty, clean, but too
small. Atlanta, dirty, hard to
find way, dumb traffic laws &
people, very changed (or appeared
so) since we moved. Birmingham
good for business to us, dirty, enjoyed
realtives and antiques dirty.
Jackson Miss. Most beautiful,
picturesque, clean, up to date.
Vicksburg (Miss) Historical,
interesting, dirty, good business.
Natchez (Miss) small, muddy
bad roads out, off in ditch one
and almost off two times (not well)
Baton Rouge La. Saw Capital,
Huey Long's grave, interesting beautiful
Clean and beautiful girls.
New Orleans - big, dirty, interesting
historical, good business - but sick.
Gulfport - ^{Miss} fooly, mobile Ala - fooly
Pensacola - don't know.

We will head for Montgomery
tomorrow afternoon and expect

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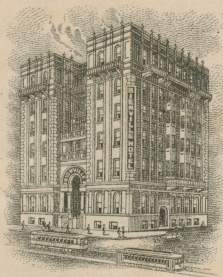
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to do good business. So far it
has been wonderful - too lengthy
to describe.

Well little one, I havint
much more to write but
wanted you to know I hadnt
forgotten you even if you had
me -

Love
German -



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Sept. 27, 1940

Dear Mary:

Seems a long time since I wrote that name---yet have often wondered much about you---perhaps you may think for a married man to write an old girl friend is bad, and if it is I'll just be bad and take a chance that you may write me a little bit of a letter.

I know you are very busy and feel so happy for you that you are doing the work you liked, hope you like "ole N'olens", I loved it so much when I was there. Just bet you a dime that once and a while you remember the little town of Orlando.

Was over to your house the other night and talked with your mother, I suppose you know by now of the death of my mother, every day seems so hard trying to forget, but every hour brings some little memory that is like a knife in the inside. Today I accidently found a card sent to me a year ago by mother on my birthday----it just made the whole day a gloomy, empty and blue one, nothing seemed to go right. I never saw death in such a close way before, and believe me you, its hell on earth. Mother loved Paul and I so much and tried so hard to live in her last illness that it just seems that it was'nt right that she went, but we all have to go sometimes, and as she would have been hard to lose later just as much as now, our only consolation is that the years will soon pass and we too will have to leave.

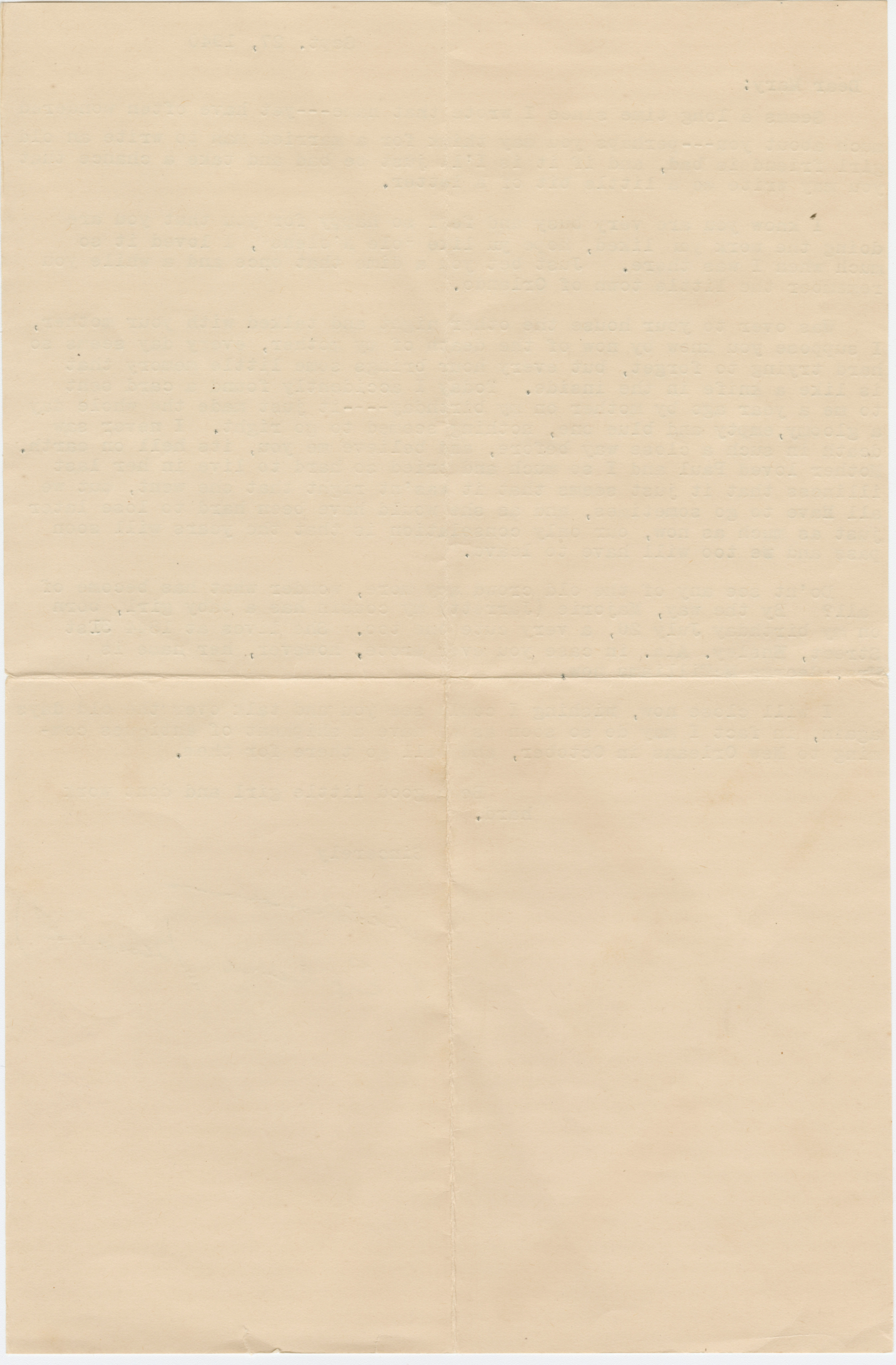
Do'nt see any of the old crowd any more, wonder what has become of all? By the way, Majorie (Jarrett) my cousin has a baby girl, born on my birthday July 20, a very cute one too. She lives at 1844 31st Street, Ensley. Ala. in case you ever wrote, however, her name is Mrs. George McWilliams now.

I will close now, wishing I could see you and talk over the old days again, in fact I may do so soon as we have a shipment of antiques coming to New Orleans in October, and will go there for them.

Be a good little girl and dont work hard.

Sincerely

Gellman
(Excuse pencil)



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