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Hazel Park, Mich.

Jan. 25, 1940

Dearest Mary,

I received your letter last nite and was I glad to get it! I was wondering whether or not I should wire you to see if you had received my last letter, but I see you did. Mary I do wish you could write oftener, as it is I get a letter from you about once a month, can't you write oftener Darling? I'd really ~~st~~ like that.

I've been having the best time lately, dancing, and going tobogganing and such. They have a new half mile toboggan run out at Rochester. It's really fast too. — Yes Mary, I'm really coming down, unbelievable as it is. I plan on leaving here Feb. 3 or 4th. So I'll be there for Mardi Gras. I bet that will be fun. I hope we'll have lots of time together, can we and will we? I'm riding down with one of the fellows I go around with. He was just going as far as Florida and then when he found out I was going to New Orleans, he said he'd just as soon go there, so we are!

I believe I told you my brother wrecked my Buick didn't I? I haven't any car right now. I lost over \$500 on that car. It was really a

Box 134 / Box 3  
High Park, Mich  
Jan. 22, 1940

Mount Mary

I received your letter last night and was  
glad to get it! I was wondering whether or not  
I should write you to see if you had received  
my last letter, but I see you did. Mary & I  
wish you could visit often, as I do not  
letter from you about once a month, and you  
write often looking so really at the  
low being being the best time lately, and  
and going to the swimming and such. They have  
new high mile telephone runs out of  
the really fast too. — Mary Mary  
coming down, and I will be in of the  
leaving here for 3 or 4 days. I'll be there for  
Marie's house. I bet that will be fine. I hope  
will be a lot of fun together, and I will  
see you in visiting time with one of the fellows &  
go around with the boys just going to  
think, and then when I find out I will  
to the school, for I will be just as  
then, as ever!

I believe I told you my letter number  
my Billie's Bill & I have my own right  
I look over 200 or there about. It was really a

nice car too. — I imagine we'll stay at a hotel or something. Is there a good place to stay ~~not~~ close to you? Be sure and tell me how, when, and where to reach you. I imagine we'll get there Mon. or Tues. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Can I phone you? If so give me your number. I'll have to <sup>have</sup> your answer right away to know where I stand. Will you answer right away?

New Orleans is 1140 miles from here. If we average 50 mph. we should drive it in less than 24 hours. — Are you anxious Mary? I certainly am!!! I can hardly wait. I've wanted to come and see you for so long, and I've made so many false starts, and this is the one! It's been over a year and a half Mary dear and that's entirely too long! Don't you agree? You are the one I love Mary, remember that. — From the way I read your letter, would you like your ring Mary? — I was at a "Wishing Well" last nite —.

I'm watching every post for your picture, it's taken me about three years to get it, and I really haven't got it yet! I'm glad you liked your corsage. — Be seeing you —!

All My Love  
Allen

...can't do it. — I'm going to stay at a  
hotel or something but then a good place to stay  
is close to you? Be sure and tell me how  
many, and where to reach you. I'm going to  
get there then on June 25th. Can I  
have you? I'm going to stay at the hotel. I'll have  
the same answer right away to know where I  
think. Will you answer right away?  
Your beloved in 1140 miles from you. I'm  
average 20 mph. We should have it in less than  
24 hours. — One year ago I was 24  
and I'll be 25 next year. I'm waiting to see  
and see you for a long time but I'm sure to  
follow that, and this is the one. It's been over a  
year and a half now. I'm sure it's not too  
late. But you are? You are the one I love. I'm  
remembered that. — From the way I look, you  
would you like your wife? — I want to  
"Thinking More" look into —  
I'm watching every part of your picture, it's  
then we don't know how to get it out. I  
really don't get it yet. I'm glad you like your  
courage. — Be sure you  
All my love  
John

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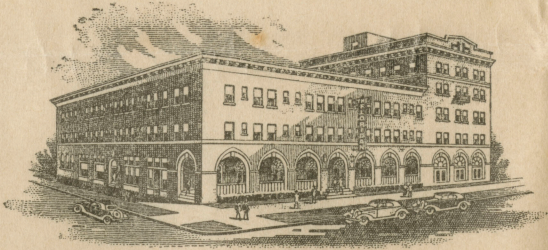


VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Mary Frances Switzer  
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A. Gale  
Box 1134 - Rt. 3  
Hazel Park,  
Mich.

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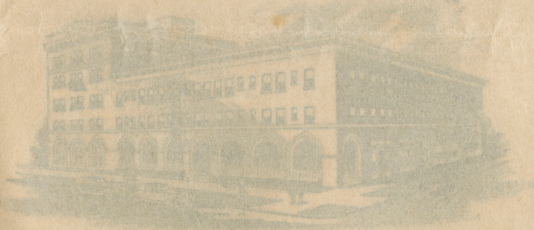
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My Dearest Mary,

I hope you liked the roses Mary, they are one of the best ways I know to express my feelings toward you. I love you so terribly much —. I absolutely cannot wait another year before seeing you. Mary, I really can't live without you any longer. You know yourself how you feel — you didn't trust yourself to park again, I saw thru that, and you weren't cold when I took you home either, were you Mary? Can't you, won't you see how it is with us Darling? God knows I can't live without you any longer, I'm at the end of my endurance. Your picture is very lovely, but I've got

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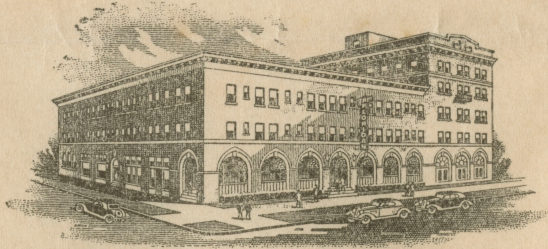
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*[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper. The text is mostly illegible but appears to be a letter or message.]*

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*to have you along with it. Darling do as your  
heart commands. I have to have you with  
me. I love you, love you, love you!*

*Allen*

*I can't go on to Orlando as we haven't time so address  
me at Jacksonville mail P.O. & write to hold it.  
I can't stay long so please ans. soon.*

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*to have your stay with it. I have to leave your mother  
and I love you, love you, love you*

*I sent you on the 10th and I am sure you have had a  
man at Jacksonville near P.O. I want to tell  
I sent you my love and I am sure you are*

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THE SKY IS ALWAYS BLUE IN FLORIDA  
THE LAND OF THE COCONUT PALM

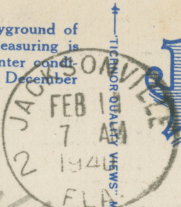
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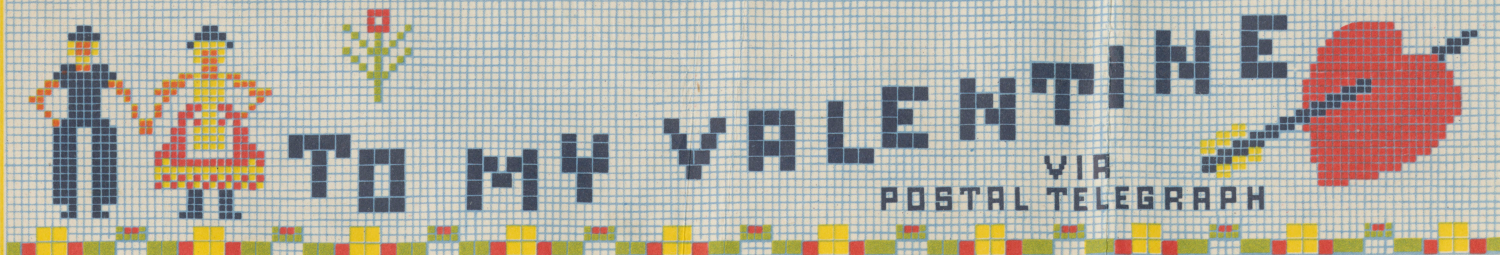


POST CARD



Dear Mary,  
Arrived here at 6.55 p.m.  
last <sup>(Sun)</sup> night. If I knew  
Ketty's address I'd  
stop in and see  
her. Went out <sup>to</sup> the  
Oriental Gardens today.  
Am expecting a letter  
from you when I'm here.  
Allen

Miss Mary Switzer  
2700 Napoleon Ave,  
New Orleans,  
La.



M15NO JF VDG

JACKSONVILLE FLO 109P FEB 10 40

MARY SWITZER

2700 NAPOLEON AVE NOLENS

YOU'RE DEAREST TO ME OF ALL YOUR SEX.

ALL I CAN SAY IS X X X.

ALLEN

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JACKSONVILLE FL 32202 FEB 10 40

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MARY SWITZER

5500 NAPOLEON AVE WOLERS

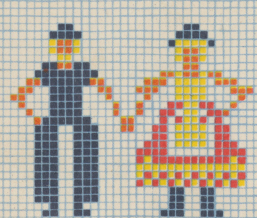
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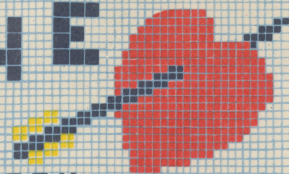
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TO MY VALENTINE  
VIA  
POSTAL TELEGRAPH



M14NO JF VDG

JACKSONVILLE FLO 109P FEB 10 40

MARY SWITZER

2700 NAPOLEON AVE NOLEANS

MY PERSONAL CUPID, DRESSED IN BLUE,  
DELIVERS THIS MESSAGE OF LOVE TO YOU.

ALLEN

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JACKSONVILLE FL0 100P FEB 10 40

MARY SWITZER

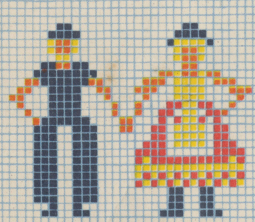
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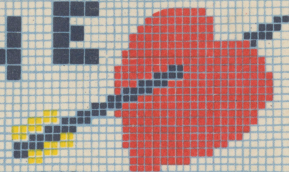
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TO MY VALENTINE

VIA  
POSTAL TELEGRAPH



M10NO JF BDG

JACKSONVILLE FLO 109P FEB 10 40

MARY SWITZER

2700 NAPOLEON AVE NOLEANS

WIRE YOUR ANSWER. SAY IT'S YES. BE MY VALENTINE. I'LL DO THE REST.

ALLEN

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WIRE YOUR ANSWER. SAY IT'S YES. BE MY VALENTINE. TELL ME THE REST.

2700 N. POLK AVE. MOBILE

MARY SWITZER

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# Postal Telegraph



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U S E  
OUTLOOK READ.



Box 1134 - A Rt. 3

Hazel Park, Mich

My Dearish Mary,

We arrived here at 10:30 last night (Wed) We had a heck of a time thru the mountains. We ran into a lot of snow, seven inches, and the roads were so slick it took us six hours to go a 125 miles. Made it O.K. tho. It seems so darn cold here now, nothing like down South, don't I wish I lived there! We had a good time in Jap. Went out to Oriental Gardens and spent all day Sunday at the Beach.

I wrote to you from Tallahassee but you didn't answer. I practically camped in the P.O. but to no avail. Mary, why didn't you write? It meant so much to me. I love you so much Darling that even a letter affects me so much, I fairly shake, and in your presence I can't even think straight, I love you now and always, you won't ever have to doubt my love. Your eyes tell me everything I want to know.

It will be three or four weeks before I'll be able to get your ring. I want to take plenty of time in selecting it so both of us will like it. Please write soon.

I Love you  
Allen

July 11, 1903

My dear Mr. ...

My dear Mr. ...

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 has a ... than the ...  
 a ... and the ...  
 which it ... to ...  
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 the ... back of ...  
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 ... to ...  
 It will be ...  
 to get your ...  
 ... of ...  
 Please ...

I am, dear ...





Via Air-Mail.

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Miss Mary Switzer  
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Via Air Mail

A. Galer  
Box 1134 - A. Rte. 3  
Hazel Park,  
Mich.

Sat. P. M.

My Dearest Mary,

I can't even wait for you to answer. I'm so darn lonesome I don't know what to do. I never have any appetite and I can't even sleep at nite. Every time I see you I love you more than I did before. It's pretty bad! Ed told me I even talked to you in my sleep in Jap! I never did that before, so it must be very, very serious! Don't you agree? No girl ever affected me like that before — no one ever could except you Mary.

Ed got his pictures back this P. M. and they really turned out nice! I hope mine turn out as good. I'll get some of Ed's negatives & send the pictures to you. The pictures of me turned out better than those of Ed. That was too bad, in a way, beca' Ed wanted some really good ones of him by some Palm trees.

Mary, I don't know what to do with myself — I know positively that I can't wait positively



another year before seeing you. It just won't  
work and I know it! Just what are we going  
to do Darling? I can't wait another two years and  
I don't think you can either. Everybody's been  
asking where you are, they were actually positive  
I'd bring you back with me! They actually  
laid bets that we'd be married while I  
was down there with you — you see Darling  
I talk quite a bit about you up here, and  
I think no-one blames me either. — I've  
really got "something" I'm proud of. I've been  
holding a regular art exhibit with your  
pictures, and I've received some most  
favorable comments! They ask me about you  
and then they go and ask Eddie to see if  
I'm really telling the truth, and they find  
out I am! Oh Gee, I love you so much  
Mary, won't you come up?

All My Love  
Allen





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