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Hazel Park, Mich.

Feb. 14, 1941.

Mary dear,

This is probably very unexpected isn't it? I am writing you so that I may wish you a happy and remniscent St. Valentines.

As you probably know by now, we lost a very good and dear friend Wed. morning, Hal. Poor Mrs. Hart is taking it so bad. Hal will certainly be missed, he was very kind to me in many ways and I counted him as a very good friend of mine.

I also want you to know, Mary, I still cannot understand our misunderstandings. You say you wrote me several explanations, but I never did receive a single one. I'm not saying you didn't write me, but they never reached me, it must have been the same mail trouble as we had before. I'm deeply sorry and I apologize if ever I hurt you in any way. You very probably know that very old saying, "true love never runs smooth," and I'm ready to believe it. Mary, I love you more than ever. I've tried to forget you but it is an impossibility. There never has been anyone but you and never will be. I just thought I would let you know, in case of a small chance that you might be interested.

As Before and Always
Allen.

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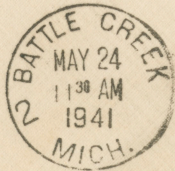
I keep forgetting were there —

Allen

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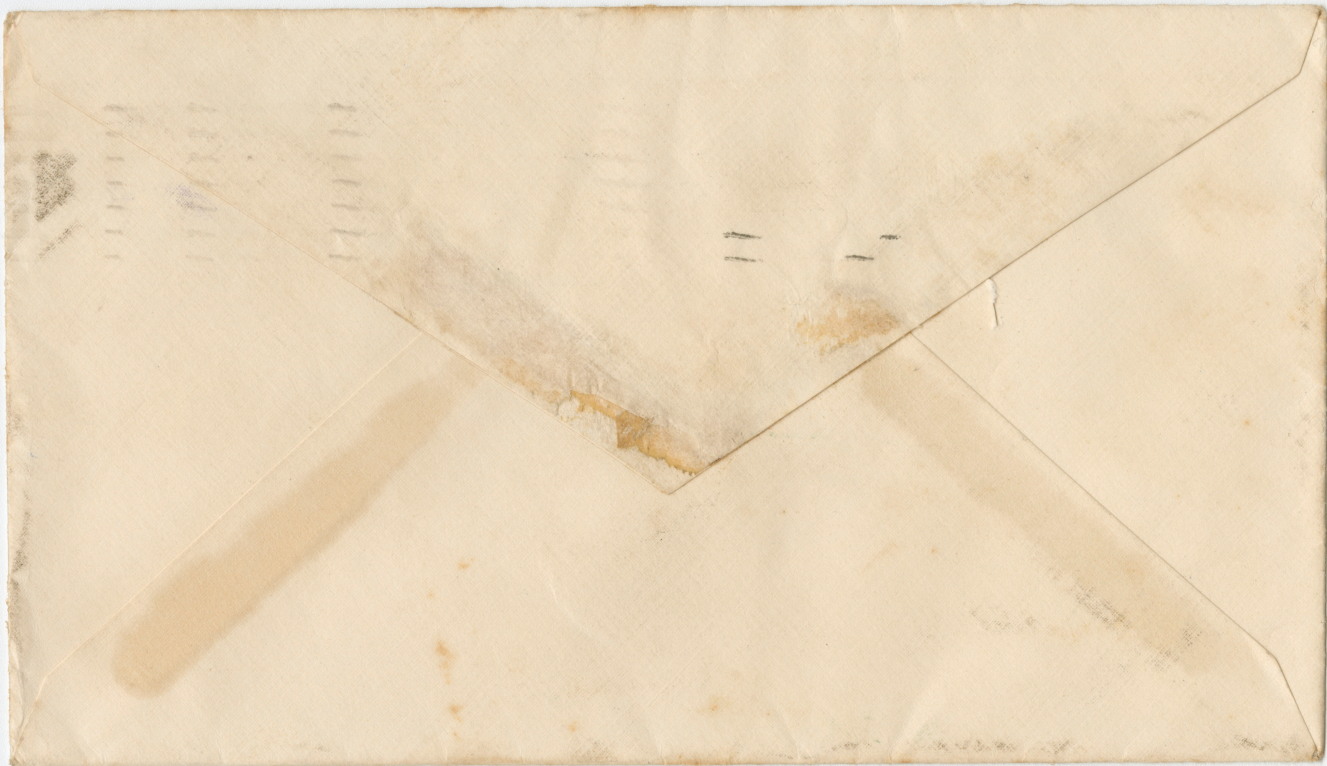
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C. C. R. R. C.

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Fort Custer, Mich.

Mary Dear,

Perhaps you are surprised a little to hear from me, and perhaps you don't care — but I hope you do. I want you to know how terrible I've felt since our engagement was broken. I know I shouldn't have said the things I did, but I was so hurt I couldn't help it.

If you had been in my place I'm sure you would have done practically the same thing. The trouble was and still is I don't understand what it was all about. When I received the ring I never received the letter that was supposed to have accompanied it, nor did I receive an explanation, which you referred to in a letter I received from you later. You know yourself how much trouble we had with our mail, and we couldn't ever seem to remedy it, although I went to the P.O. and complained about it.

My one letter that made you so mad & upset was my own crackpot idea, I was so darn muddled, mad, & hurt. I never had any legal counsel, and then you replied by saying you never promised to marry me. Did you really mean that, Mary? I was

candidly honest when I told you I loved you and asked you to marry me. I didn't have any subterfuge in mind.

I still feel towards you as I always have and I love you very much, you can't know how much I've missed you this past year. I'll admit right now I tried to forget you after we broke up, but I found that an impossibility long ago. I've met many nice & pretty girls since then and I've had chances (no bragging) but it was no go. Every time I took them in my arms I thought of you. I was often asked what was the matter, but I could hardly tell them, could I?

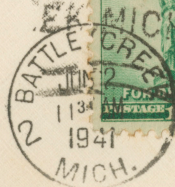
I would like to know your true feelings, so won't you please answer with as candid and honest a letter as I have written you? I would like so much for us to bring our separation to an end. Please answer soon.

Always
Allen

Please excuse the pencil.

Fort Custer.

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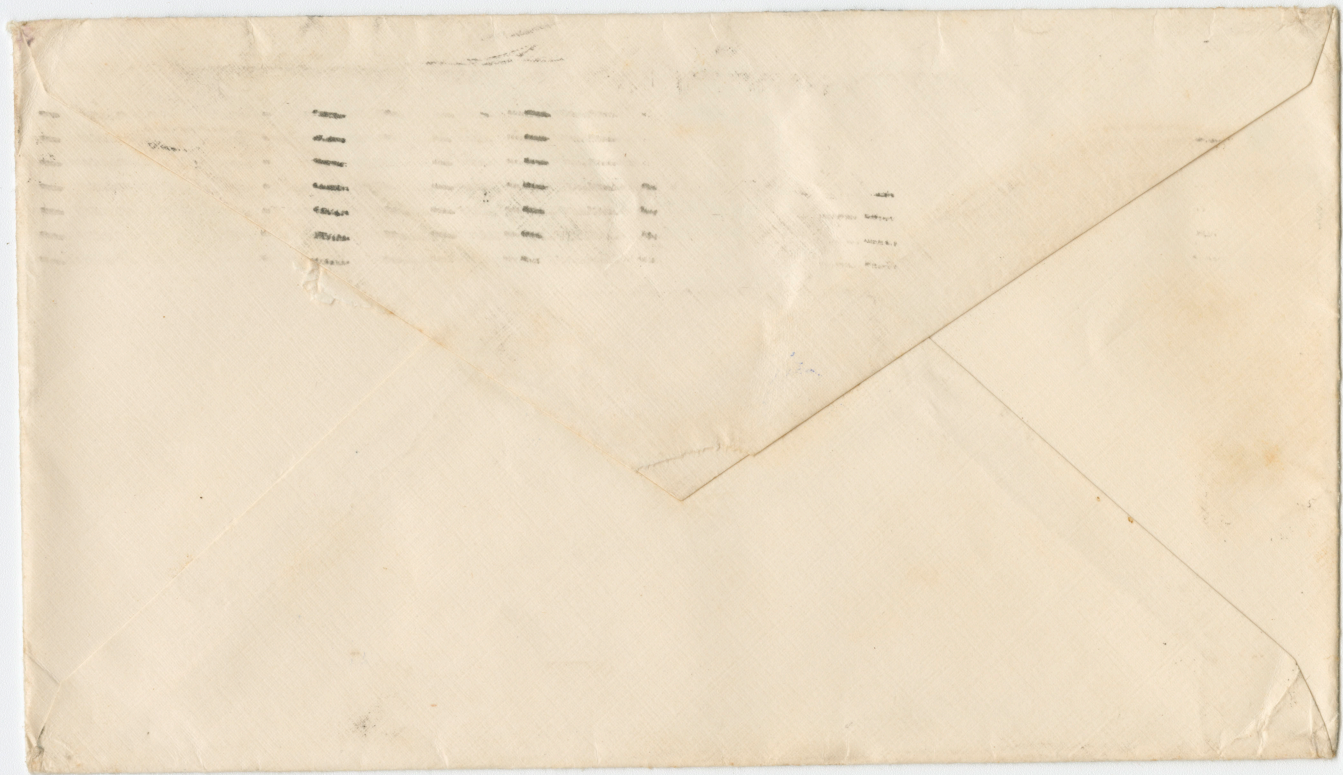


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Btry. A - Hdq.
9/14/41

Mary dear,

Hi there, I wonder, do you remember me? I hope you have a few fond memories, not too harsh. I don't know how you are or what you are doing, perhaps you are engaged again. I do wish you would write to me, even if to tell me you are no longer interested in me, are you? I have lots of time to think about things down here, and Mary, I honestly believe we gave each other a raw deal. I do wish you would write me a letter, it would be so grand to hear from you. I'm not begging, but will you please write to me? Tell me how we stand and if our relations are possible to be improved. Will you answer?

Always
Allen



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(A.A.) Hdq.

12/7/41

Mary dearest,

Please let us call off our differences, let us be adult about us, and cut out our peevish about each other. We are the ones who are really suffering from it. Mary, I love you, please understand, so terribly much, I always will, I've missed you so much. I think about you every day, I've been punished so much in not having your love, even by way of letters, and now ^{with} this news coming up about war, it is unavoidable now



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after tonight's news.

I want some assurance Mary.
Please tell me if you still care.
In writing you this way, surely it
proves it is you I love, no one
else, Mary there never has been
anyone else, I've been miserable
ever since we broke up, can't
we repair that now? I've never
been more honest in my life, please
be frank and sincere in your
answer, you will answer won't you?
I've never been humble before to
anyone in my life. I've cast aside
my pride, won't you?

It's you I thought of first. Love,
Allen

after tonight's session.

I must have a measure of sleep.

Please tell me if you will the same.

I am writing you this night, I am afraid

perhaps it is your last letter, and one

also, that I shall never see again.

Myself also, I have been

ever since in bed, and I

am afraid that I shall never

be able to see you again, please

be kind and write to me

again, your last answer was not good.

I have been thinking of you

and my life. I am not sure

my father, what you?

Get your strength first, then,
Walter

Btry A 95th C. A.
(A. A.) Hq.

12/8/41

Mary dearest,

We are leaving for overseas Jan. 12.

Will you come to me?

Love, Always
Allen

Found out tonite, & no leaves or furloughs
granted.



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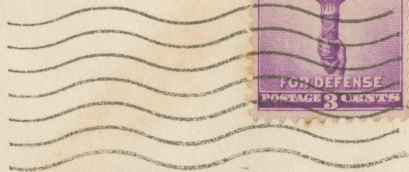
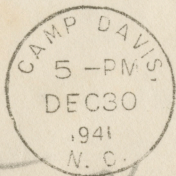
Btry. A Hdq.
12/30/41

Mary dear,

To let you know I leave for San Francisco, Thursday, Jan. 1, from where I will sail for the Philippines. If you care to write, address me here.

Just
Allen

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