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Nov. 4, 1943.

Mary dear,

I've waited to hear from you but to no avail, so something must be wrong and I've an idea what it is — that is I can't think of anything else that might be the reason. I rec'd your wire and was happy and disappointed too. As I was in the hospital I wasn't able to meet you, so I sent you a wire via of a Red Cross lady (C. Union Sta.) explaining why I couldn't meet you but apparently there was a mix-up someplace and you didn't receive it otherwise I'd surely have heard from you before now. As things stand I have a feeling I'm in the well known doghouse — Am I right? Surely Mary, I rate a better opinion, I wouldn't purposely ignore your message. Surely you know my feelings in the matter — this delay isn't exactly a compliment to me.

And so the fact remains that I'd like to see you. — I'm still in this d — hospital, I'm starting on my fourth week. Fact is that I was actually ill, I had veris pneumonia and all of the accessories. They fed me sulphadiazine to no avail and then gave me serum & stuck my nose in an oxygen mask for several days — and now I'm on the



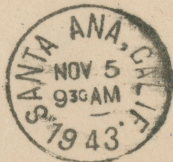
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way to wanting a pass again. Was wishing you could be my nurse, I'm always wishful thinking —

May, are you at the convalescent camp or somewhere else, I'm rather curious. I know you enjoyed your leave so there isn't anything I could remark about there. I only wish we could have managed to get together.

Always
Oles

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Nov. 12, 1943.

Mary dear —

Greetings sweet, and here I am with another apology again, guess you know by now what a campaign the Red Cross made of my request — was rather surprised myself when they put their sleuths on your trail — did they bowl you over? ha — In the meantime Jim reached you with one phone call. I didn't know you were on maneuvers until today when I rec'd your letter which was mailed Oct. 30. It went to Sq. 26 first, then Sq. 44 — and finally reached me two weeks later.

For awhile I was a pretty sick guy but I am now practically out of here, thank God, and I go to Palm Springs convalescent camp some time next week, probably Monday. I was and am really disappointed that you weren't able to come out, seems like we are unable to make connections — and me a former G. I. communication man! I wanted to call you from the ward here but the battleaxe said no, so I couldn't leave the ward either and so I unloaded my woes on the Red Cross and they were very concen^(sp)tious about the whole thing —

I won't ask you if you are enjoying maneuvers as I know only too well what they are like, and seeing as how I'll miss out on your newsreel



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I'd shore like to see you in your battle togs -
'Cute & betcha.' I heard via Jim that you
think you'll go overseas soon, if that's your
idea, I don't like it - and if it's someone else's
I still don't like it. Wish I had some
drag, I'd keep you here whether or no - and
then I s'pose you'd get stubborn!

And so you've changed, I'm awfully curious,
I wonder when it will be satisfied? I know
I've changed too, better or worse I don't know.
Maybe I'm a little uglier. I have less hair -
and some gray ones too! No bald spots tho! -
As for education I've become very cosmopolitan
and know hundreds of mixed drinks by taste
test - I try to support the better bars. I
jitterbug after the tenth one and I'm musically
inclined. If there's more I'd rather you found
that out - Four years - I never did say
much, guess I don't too much now, I think
a lot, guess I should say more of what I
think. This is when I'm abstaining however.

Are or rather will you return to Palm
Springs? I would be just my luck if you didn't!
I imagine I'll be there for at least two weeks -
if only we could get together there a wonderful

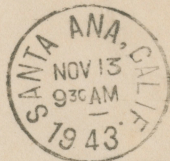


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time could be had. They will give three
day passes Xmas and it would really be
grand if we could get together then. What are
your plans? If things could be arranged
I promise to be very charming to the best of
my ability and other things — perhaps they
would bore you though — fishing again —
— My favorite is people will say were in love —

Love
Allen.

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Nov. 23, 1942

Mary Grace,

Hi, I arrived here yesterday but don't know how to get in touch with you. I'm fourteen miles from Palm Springs. I can come there once a week, either Wed or Sat nites. If I had some means of transportation I could probably get an overnite pass. They have guest cottages here and if you could get out here you could stay for several days if you could arrange for a pass. If someone could come and get me + bring me back I might be able to get a three day pass. That's the big trouble, no transportation. Mary, I'd like to see you very much but how can we arrange it? He probably be here for two weeks. The phone here is Morongo Convalescent Camp, Whitewater Calif - 1 long, 3 shorts. My address is S.A.A.B.C.C., Whitewater, Calif. The camp is in Mission Canyon just about four miles from Desert Hot Springs. — Can we get together??

Love
Allen



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Nov. 25, 43

Mary Sweet,

Greetings were one, and here I thought all the time you were at Palm Springs you were having a regular tour of duty, and instead you were ill! I probably wouldn't know that now if your cousin hadn't told me — and here I could have been heaping my consolations upon you! you shouldn't keep secrets, hear?

I wanted, desperately, to get personal the other nite, but I didn't exactly care to entertain the fellows hanging around when I called you, and then of course I had the shakes too, it is you who is to blame for that — I can truthfully say you are the only girl who has that power over me — I felt like an inexperienced fifteen year old boy.

Not only do I want to see you just for yourself and for myself but Doc had something hanging over my head for four years — and so I really want to clear up some misunderstandings and I have a score of apologies that I must make to you. I want, intensely, to redeem myself if that is possible. I have to get it off my chest before I can gain some self respect back. And so I have ambitions, not only concerning the above but some others too — if the other can be cleared up — I'll need cooperation. I could say more here but I'd rather say it in person. Doc bounced twice and then Mom gave me some



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advice, and so it's a long story. There should be a
song - Is there a chance for me - red roses and
all.

We had a scrumptious dinner today, and so I
thought about you seeing as how you're rather
delectable too - I saw and talked my head off about
a pass but I can't get one until I'm in stage 2, I'm
in stage 1 now and will make 2 about Sat. I think
that I stand a chance of getting one then if I can
find transportation out of this secluded spot. The
Captain said, why didn't you come out here, and I
said you might not be able to get a leave, if you
could, there are some cute cottages at the dude ranch.
If we could meet in P. Springs would be swell too,
or if I got a three day pass I could come there. Oh
to be a civilian again!

And so you've changed - your voice is lovely as
always -

My Love
Allen

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Nov. 21, 43

My Sweet -

Hells you - and so the old love bug is working overtime, nice little bug too - I never realized before how short twenty-four hours could be, they were by far the most wonderful hours I've spent in four years. I never thought I would meet a girl again who would knock me for the proverbial loop as you did - and I didn't meet her again until yesterday morning - I've got it bad and that's good, never did lose it, though it layed dormant for a long time.

I hope you are thinking, overtime, and deciding which is to be, which you will decide and admit to yourself. If it is yes I won't be able to do enough to make you happy because I'll be a deliriously happy fellow. If it is no, then it has to stay no, because even though I love you very, very much I wouldn't try a third time, I'd just be more miserable. Man, be very sure of your decision - don't keep me in doubt too long. Honey, we've had some tough breaks in our relations, we could have smooth sailing. I feel you love me but I won't really know unless you say so. Time goes so fast and I dislike thinking of the years you weren't with me - I love to think of the years we could be together, I want

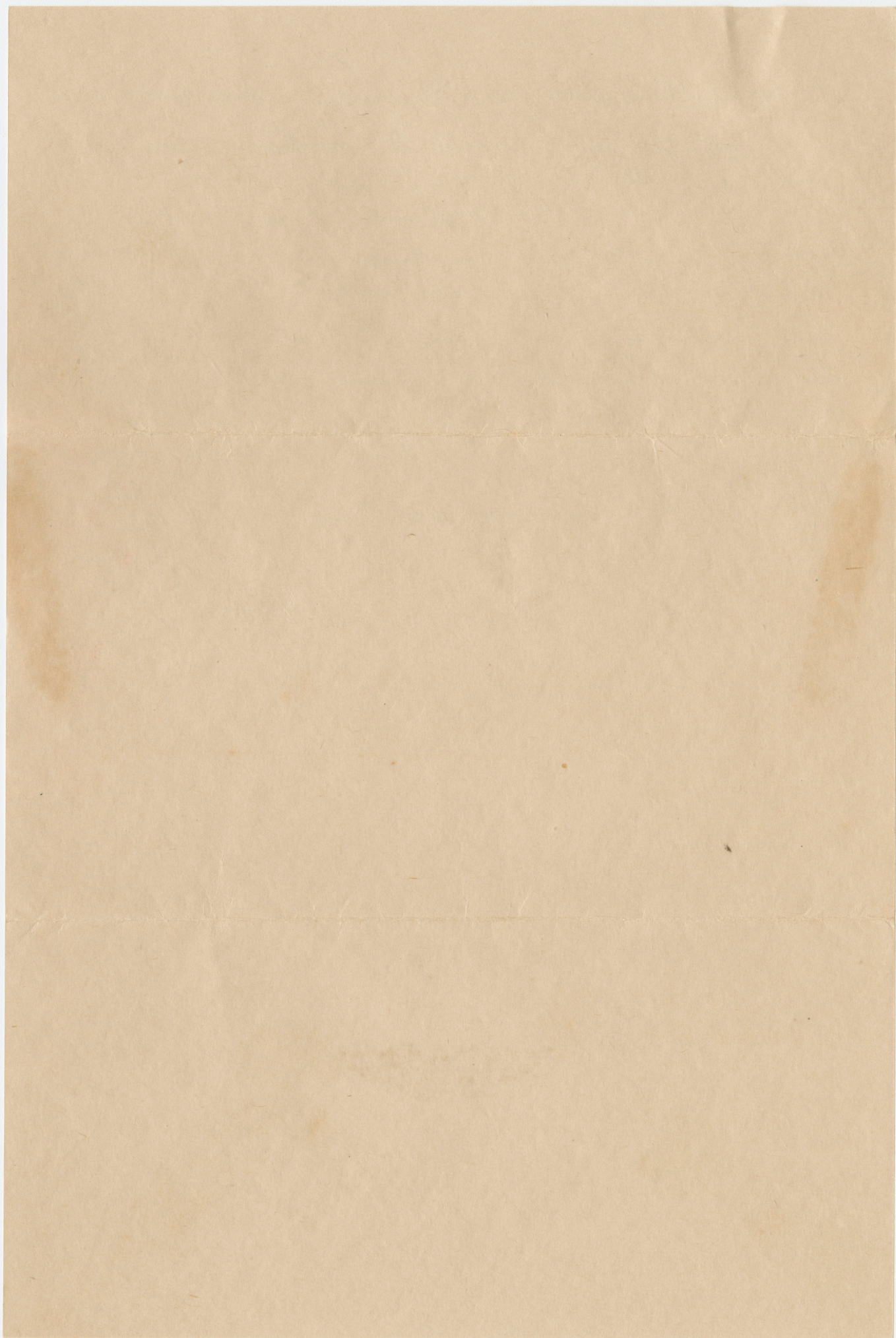


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to spend them with you. I want you now and always.

After you left last nite I wandered around and ran into some of the fellas, and so we hit some of the bars but they were sure crowded - 'twasn't fun with you gone anyway. I was thinking about you and your cold ride. I had one tab, darn near froze. I managed to drag myself out of bed about 8:30 and so I missed breakfast, have to wait and see what dinner gives - the steak managed to hold me over without dire effects. I'll try and find the works for B.B.'s today. Bye Rebel.

My Love
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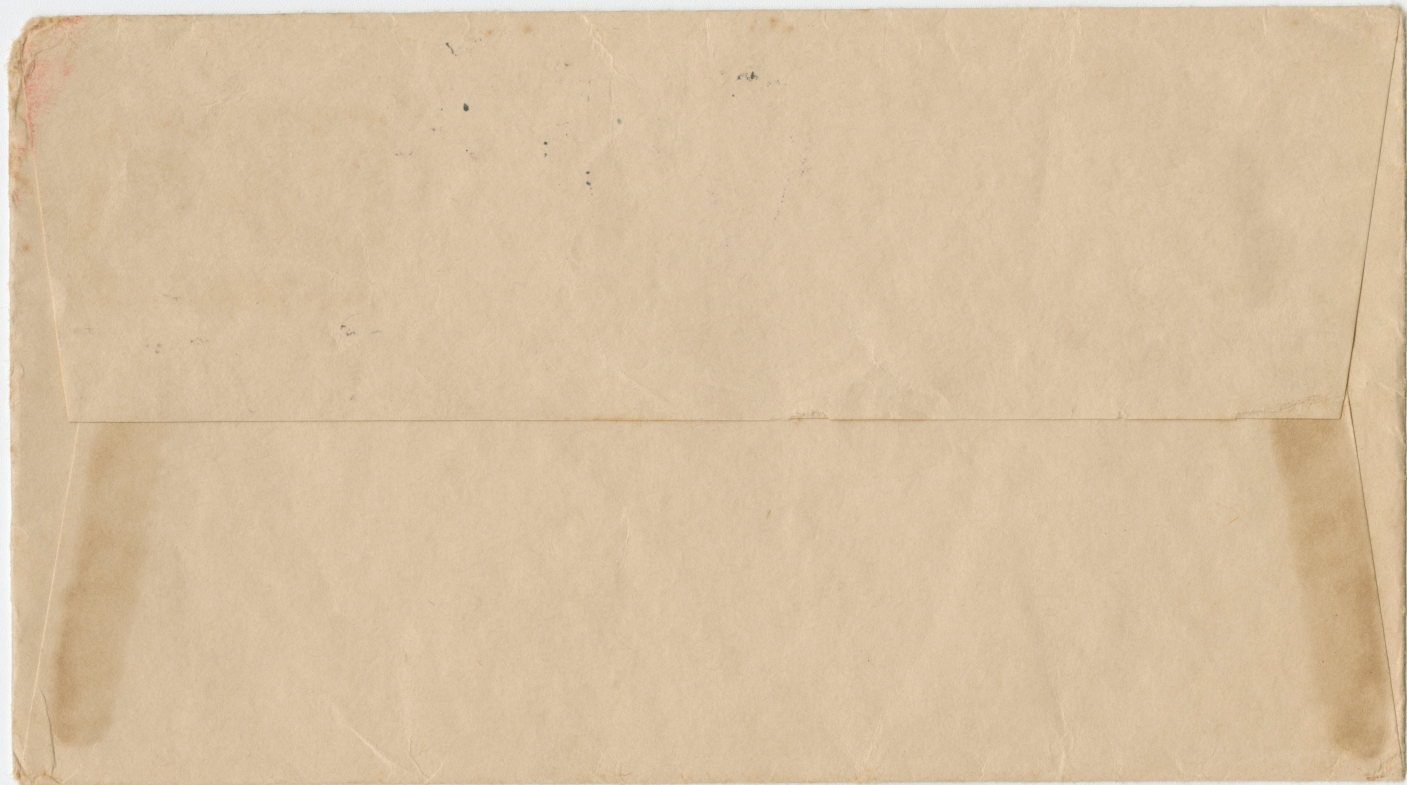
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Nov. 30, 43

Mary My Darling,

Continuation of our phone call, o.k.? Never did I realize I would love anyone as much as I do you - I've always had that certain feeling about you, but my god I never dreamed seeing you again would make me love you even more than I did before - I'm helpless, I don't know what to do. Apparently the conventional way is for the girl to be the one who is half crazy - but me, no, I have to be unconventional. It seems that I'm the one who is on the dangling end, while you are the one who remains calm and apparently unaffected.

That's at least one thing I've never been able to fathom about you, are you actually calm, cool, and collected - or do you have an invulnerable mask of self-control? If that is the case don't you think it can be controlled to the extent where it could be dangerous to your interests? I know you are a lovely, desirable girl - and here I am plugging along having to be content with what you deem wise or unwise to keep me fairly contented. Mary, I'm asking you to tell me something definite. I'd be an awfully proud and happy guy if you would tell all so I wouldn't have to keep guessing where I stand with you, and I believe you know I want to stand in top place



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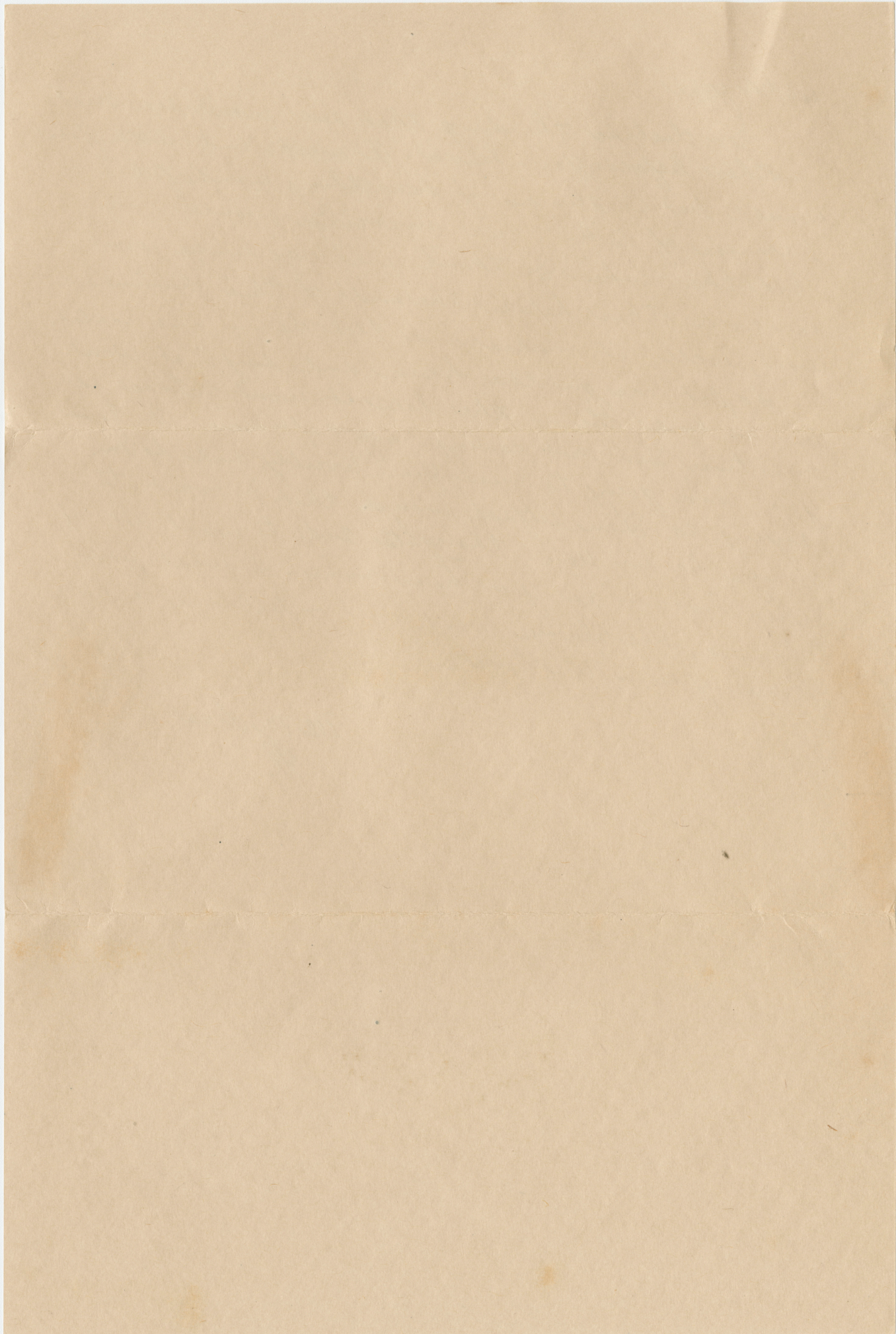
with you.

I dislike thinking that we won't see one another before you leave. A week-end with you would be a glimpse of something wonderful - a promise of what our marriage would mean.

And then when I think we very likely won't see each other before the end of this damned war, well, it makes me feel damn miserable.

- So pat me on the head and say, "it won't be so bad, Al" - the hell it won't! This is one time I'm not casting rosy aspersions. I love you, I'm going to miss you terribly and so I'm saying so. I'm selfish enough that I want to always be in your thoughts and to want all of your love - as you have mine. I want you darling, I'll always want you - tell me I will have you. - 'Nite Sweet -

All My Love
Al



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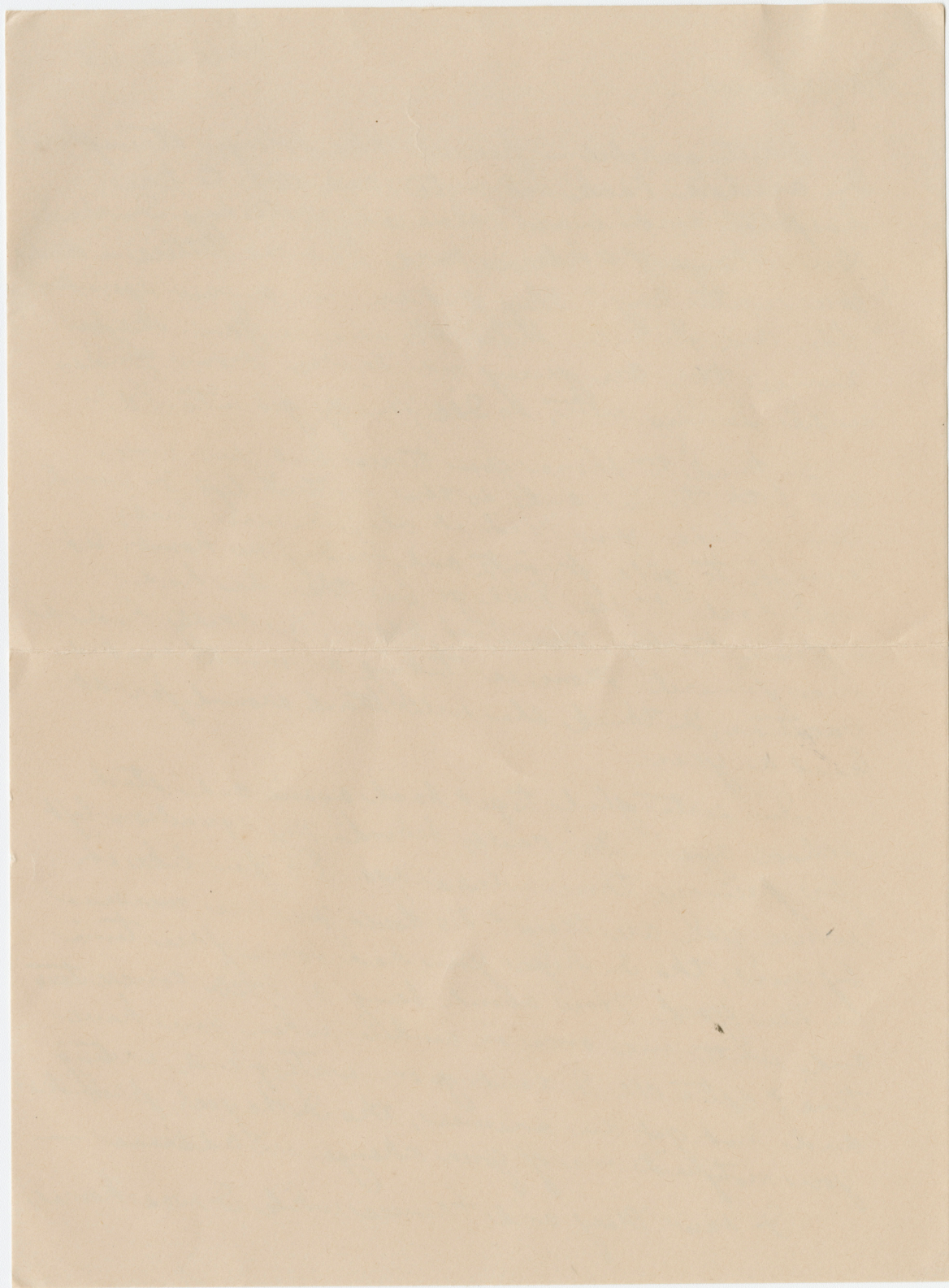
Dec. 22, '43

Mary Sweet -

Greetings rebel - how is the foreign atmosphere? I arrived back Sat. nite, reported to the hospital and was released yesterday. I rec'd your change of address card but no letters - did you write any? They put me in a new squadron, #2, and I will start classes in Jan. As for Xmas they are giving us passes from Friday until Sunday nite, so I'll finally get into L.A.

I tried to phone you twice but you were out both times, and so the nite I left I wired you - hope you rec'd it okay. I was lucky enough to get a priority and so I flew home. It was hard to see Dad go but then he had suffered, terribly, the last year. He really had a nice funeral. Mom is taking a much needed vacation, I think she will travel around for at least a year.

I'm sorta glad to get back again and start school again, I'm really behind. My squadron left for primary three weeks ago. Do you like it where you are Mary? No doubt you are overseas by now, tho I hope you had some free time in New York. How about being a little conscientious and write me once in awhile when you have time? After all, I can't go on writing and writing and not get an answer, tho I do feel proud you notified me of your change in address - I saw Mary and Frances while I was home,



life is treating them okay - Mary's really crazy about her job. Bill and Mary have a really cute house, I want one similar to it - I'm always very sure of what I want -

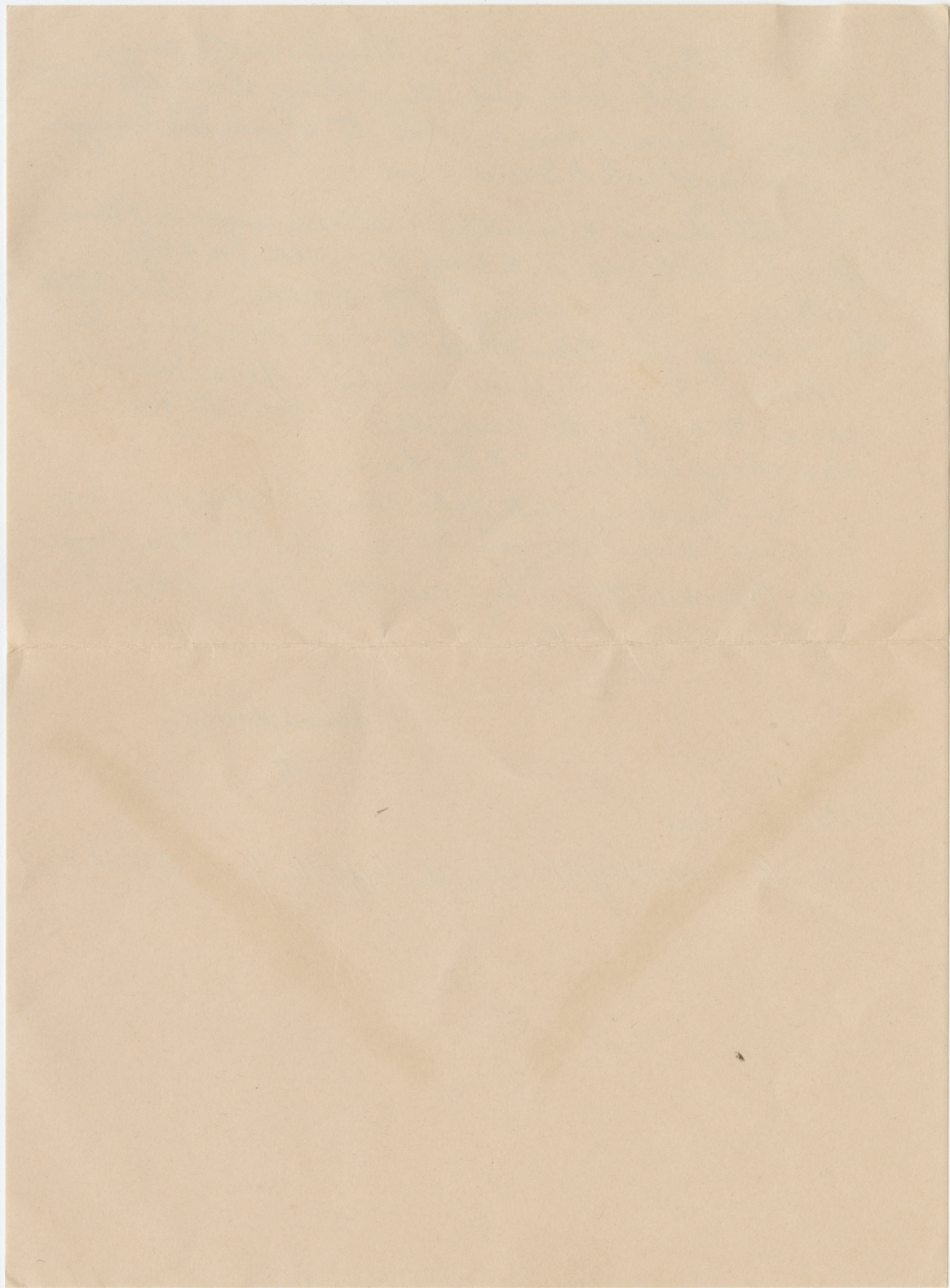
It's almost a month since we were in Palm Springs, and yet in a way it could be only yesterday - my memory is that good - what little I had of you then has to last me for a long while - how is your memory? Have you ever come to a definite realization? How do you like "for the first time"? I do -

I heard a cute joke about "Paperdoll" when I was home. "Do you know why all the boys like "Paperdoll"? - They can tear off a piece anytime they like -

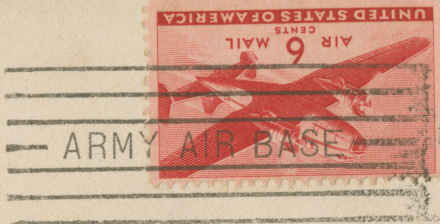
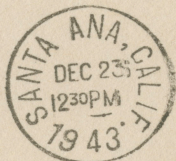
Much Love -
- Al

Write soon, dear!

- A very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year Sweet -



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Dec. 28, 43

Mary dear -

Greetings rebel, I rec'd your letter of Dec. 2
Today with a stack of other letters that finally caught
up with me.

Perhaps it was the moon five years ago, and
it never went down until now. I'm a funny guy
Mary - I fall in love with too many girls, and I
fall out of love just as easily - although it has
lasted longest with you. I'm too susceptible at the
clinking moment! I really didn't intend to express
myself so strongly that Sat. - but I did. And for
that weakness of mine I've become involved in
some unpleasant and narrow escapes. I jump
at the spur of the moment and I tire as quickly,
but once I become involved, it calls for a careful
campaign to release myself with the least trouble
and unpleasantness, and still manage to hang
onto part of my reputation so all the women won't
be down on me - and so far I've always managed
to let the girl save her pride and have her break
relations - my feelings are impregnable. I've been
around a lot and probably always will, I would never
make a good husband for that very reason - that is
why if ever I do get married it will have to be some-
one who knows the score as much as I and won't
sit home breaking her heart. I think I would be
better off if I weren't so lucky with the fairer sex,
but as things stand I can't leave them alone and
woe to them, they think I'm quite a guy and if I



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don't take advantage of my good fortune someone else
is always there to take my place - so you see
how it is.

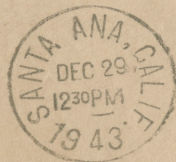
I honestly believe you are too good for me
anyway - I hurt you once and I've always
regretted it ever since. And yet so far as I know
you are still a virgin - I've always been satisfied
with just your company and that is saying a lot!

And so, Mary, don't be afraid you will hurt me -
you won't - save your love for someone who will
always love and appreciate you - someone who
doesn't want just an affair or a few years of marriage.
I'm just the wolf at heart, Mary, - marriage without
the benefit of Clergy - Be good and be glad you
aren't in love with me, you'll never be hurt that
way. I would like to keep hearing from you if you
care to write and I would like an answer to this
letter. I'll always be interested in you, not only
for yourself which is much, but also you are one
of the few girls I've never had - And if I possibly
can, I'll get those wings!

Always Al

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