


AVIATION CADET
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES

Feb. 7, '44

Mary Sweet,

The postman was extra good to me today for he brought me a letter from you, really "Rebel" I'm very glad to hear from you - I've been wanting to hear from you for what seems to be a long, long time!

I haven't hid my head as yet Mary - I was sort of counting on having you read between the lines but then perhaps I made the face value too strong and you couldn't see the subtle part. You see Mary, my pride is perhaps one of my drawbacks, because once it is injured or when I think it will be injured - I do everything possible to cover up and give the impression I'm impregnable. Well I ain't so, I have the same feelings as anyone else, although at times I manage to pass myself off as a pretty hard character when in most things I'm just an old Softer: -

You see Mary, seeing as how I thought my chances with you were nil, I had to pass myself off as not much good and that I was inconsistent as hell in matters pertaining to the heart - and that I nonchalantly went overboard that Sat. - If you really want to know the truth Mary, and I hope you still do - I'm in love with you, even more than our tragic four years ago - and more in love with you now than I thought I could possibly ever be with anyone. Do you believe me? I couldn't or wouldn't blame you if you didn't after what has

transpired. - So my shingle is still out - do you want it? -

I wish you could have reached me Xmas nite, would have been a wonderful present. I spent Xmas in L.A. with friends and gorged myself on the usual things. New Year's was really celebrated. I had reservations at the Biltmore Bowl, danced to Joe Reichman and got stinks as everyone should on that nite. Really had a good time and even gave a small floor show myself - Jit & Boogie, at least the other drunks enjoyed it! I manage to get in L.A. whenever I'm not on duty - and wish it could have been this way last Oct. & Nov. -

I'm glad as anything you like it there and appreciate the fact that you have good quarters - something different from the desert, huh Sweet? Mary, I hope everything continues to be all right. I have four more weeks of school left and then if I'm lucky I'll ship to Primary. Scholastic averages have gone sky high and it's damned difficult to get out of this place anymore. The entire base will be a convalescent camp soon - our Uncle has 140,000 Pilots at the present that he doesn't need. This class going there now is the last Pilot class to take training and so of course they're washing the boys out right and left all the way through. Yipe - and so I'm really an "Igor Bevar" these days! And as the fly said when he walked across the mirror, "that's one way of looking at it" -

And so Mary, if you are going to fall in

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love with anyone - let it be me, and not someone
who reminds you of me - I know I'd like it that
way! As for snapshots, I'm fresh out but I'll do
my best to remedy that situation - and while I'm
getting some - I'd like some of those bathing suit
sequences of yours, I really would! And Mary I'd
really be unhappy if you sent the wings back. I
knew that you had them of course but I didn't know
you were wearing them. To know that makes me
a very happy guy - so wear them everyday, will
you, honey -
- and write soon -
Have fun and be good.

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Apr. 9, 44

Mary Dearest,

Hi, my sweet! Rec'd your letter yesterday and was really happy to hear from you - I was beginning to think you had forgotten me! Apparently your letter came much faster as I rec'd it in nine days. I'm glad you thought my last letter was "somewhat" better - I thought it was much better than the one preceding it. ha -

I've been here for a month so far and I really have a much better set-up here than at Santa Ana, altho I miss L.A. very much and all of its glamorous nite-life! Inlarc, the nearest town is only 10,000 and dead as the proverbial door-nail - absolutely nothing to do except to Bowl and drink, and whiskey is a thing of the past, just a nice memory of better days! This flying is really the life, I really go for it 100% - So far I have 12:48 hours of flying of which 1:20 hours is solo time. I soloed for the first time Thursday and was so excited! I have three more landings to go before I can leave the traffic pattern.

I only hope I can stick with it as flying requirements have stiffened ~~at~~ and the men who are going thru now are just replacements. They returned 36,000 men to the ground forces last week and they aren't accepting any more applicants - I just happened to be in one of the last bunches to leave Santa Ana! And that is close! The wash-out rate has increased and in Basic they are washing as high

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as fifty per-cent. So my Sweet, all I can do is my best and hope I make the grade.

I've been wanting to take some pictures here but the film situation is really bad, so at the present your hints won't get good results - ha - however when I can find some I'll send them on, until then I'll be expecting those snaps you were talking about? I'm glad you like it there, that's good! But I hope you don't get in any more cards - that's bad - if things go right maybe I'll be seeing you, I hope very much. I know we deserve some time together - so far we've spent too much of that apart. All I have are my memories, and they are lovely memories - but a personal appearance is much better than our memories! - There are millions of girls, but only one you - We've really had more than a fair share of misfortunes and I hope from now on we will have a lovely life - this is for keeps Mary, no more sparring around, I've had enough - have you? I know what I want - and that is your love.

Had a big surprise two weeks ago from Mom. She was married again Mar. 22 and from all accounts she is very happy and so that's good. Guess she will make her home in Okla. from ^{now} on. If you care to drop her a card I know she would love to hear from you as she has always thought you were quite a gal (me too). Her address is, Mrs. William Grizzle - Watonga, Okla.

As a school teacher, huh? - I'd love to be one, of your pupils - in fact I'd like to be your entire

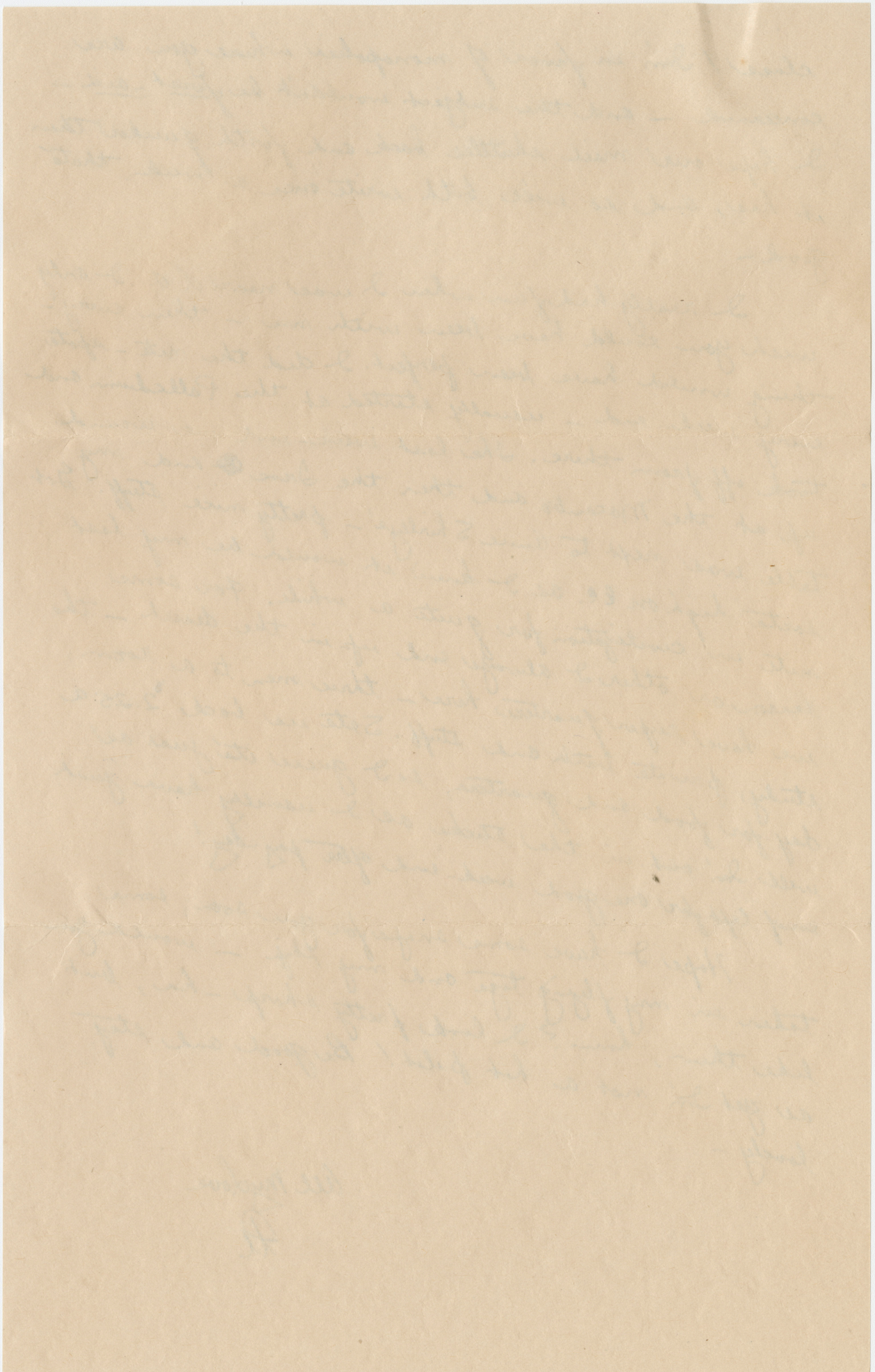
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class! I'm in favor of monopolies where you are
concerned - and the subject wouldn't be first-aid -
I hope our mail shuttles back and forth quicker than
it has, and so will both write once a week, that's
good -

I really had fun when I was near L.A. I only
wish you could have been with me - then every-
thing would have been perfect. I did the nite-spot
every week-end - usually started at the Palladium and
took off from there. The last week-end we wound
up at the Mocambo and then the Iroc and my
table was next to Anne Shirley's - pretty nice stuff. Got
sorta high on C.C. as I knew it would be my last
nite in civilization for quite a while. For some
reason or other I always end up in the desert - tho
we have super quarters here - three men to a room,
study, private bath and stuff. Sets us back \$2.25 a
day for food and quarters, so I guess it's just as
well I'm out in the sticks as I usually have just
enough left for one good week-end after pay-day!

Hope I have some snaps for you soon, some
taken in my flying togs and my ship - would you
like them, hmn? I look pretty sharp - ha, but
as yet I'm not a hot pilot! Be good and stay
lovely -

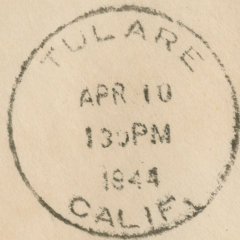
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Apr. 11, 44

My Darling - Mary,

Hi Sweet - I rec'd your lovely letter today - your very lovely letter. - Time has turned back its pages and it is again 1938, I hope it stays 1938 forever. When I let myself remember - how much fun we had and no worries or cares and just ourselves to think about - I was really in heaven those days. I still don't believe we deserved the lost years in between.

I shopped and shopped for your ring until I found one I knew you would like. I don't have it anymore Mary, I wish I did. I kept it afterwards for about six months and I made up my mind that I'd never give it to anyone else - and so I sold it back to the same jeweler and got a man's diamond in exchange. It's at home now. I wish I still had yours, Mary, but I thought I had lost you forever, so I had to get rid of it - too many memories were connected with it.

And now it's 1944 - let's don't ever waste time again, days lost never return, and God knows I love you now even more than then, if that's humanly possible! And so now I'm in the Army and you are in the Army - I'm only receiving Army pay and I'm not able to give you as nice a ring as the other one. I was flush in those days - ha - . The past year has cost me what I had saved, guess I'm not so dependable, but I did have some large obligations.

I hope you aren't too disappointed honey, and I'll do

the best I'm able to do - will you give me a couple of months to find one for you? It has to be a nice one even though it doesn't cost as much. I wish we could shop for one together, 't would be much more fun, yee? It seems like we've always been so far apart - and this time is the farthest yet - letters are our only personal contact - let's make the most of them. I'd love rather make love to you with you in my arms - I could look at you and love you then - now, 6,000 miles is a long way to reach - and I can't express myself as well when all I have is pen and paper.

Spring is here - I know - but it has always been Spring when I think of you. I've known lots of women darling, but I never felt the thrill and have my knees go weak as they do when I'm with you. I've never cared how their feelings were affected nor cared if they were too serious or not. When I think about you I know how it is possible to be helpless where you are concerned. I love you so very much Mary - too much to be separated from you. I want to hold you close to me and make love to you. I want to make you laugh, make you sober. I want to tease you, I want to see you blush. I want to please you and I want you to love me as much as I love you - and tell me everything I'm starved for - everything that concerns you and me, Mary darling, just you and me. I want you for always, then my happiness would be complete. Good-nite, sweet - stuff -

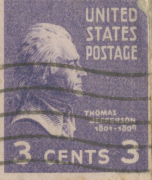
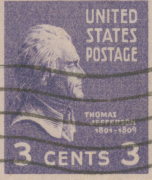
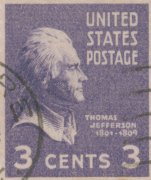
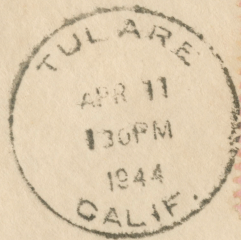
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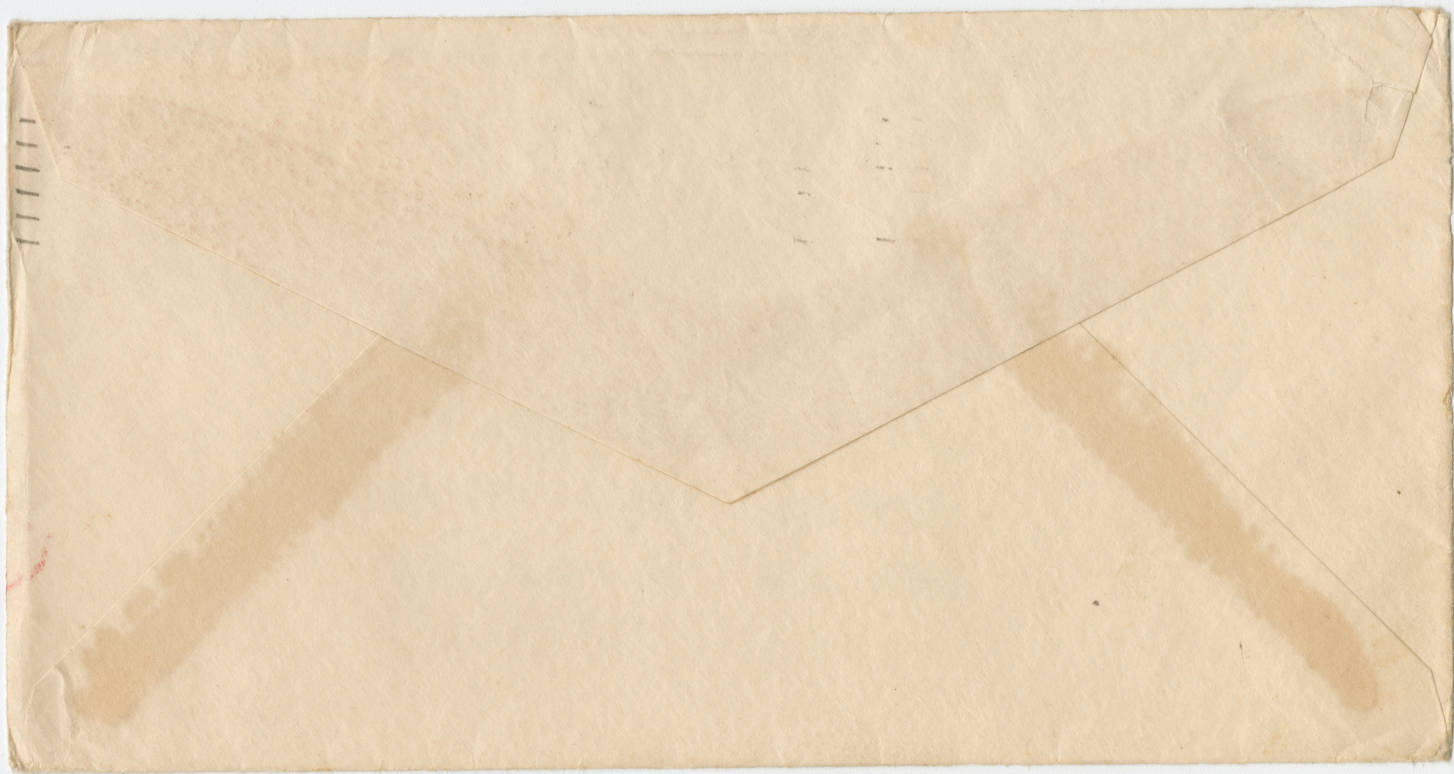
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May 1, '44

Mary Darling,

Hi sweet, I rec'd your letter this P.M., only took a week to reach me - hubba, hubba! Let's hope the postal service continues with lovely surprises. Are you havin' any fun? Sorta sounds like you are, - was it good scotch you were imbin'?' Wish we could be together, I know we would have fun and with some lovin' thrown in as an added attraction, sound good? Sounds wonderful to me when it would be you I'd put my best bistis social manner in operation for - Um -

With all of this invasion talk going on - it has made me rather apprehensive. Mary, do take good care of yourself if you get mixed up in it, won't you? Seems sorta unusual for the guy to be telling that to his gal instead of vice versa - It all adds up to the fact that I like to have you with my stamp of approval - but very much! So, Rebel - don't get your lipstick smeared, hear?

The wheels are really goin' round here, and the fellas are getting reseed by the dozen. It all adds up to the fact that pilots are a dime a dozen and as a result the standards have been upped terrifically. Don't doing my best Mary, but if I get reseed too, it won't be because I'm not in there pitching. The Army has a full quota of pilots now. I passed my twenty-hour check two weeks ago and have my forty-hour check coming up next week - that's the one I'm skeptical

of. At the present I'm in the midst of acrobatics and I'm just as dizzy now as when I came down! I'm doing loops, chandeliers, lazy eights, immellmans, snap-rolls and whatever you desire. Lots of fun and I hope I can stick with it!

I finally found a town close by where Scotch and bourbon abound - literally runs down the gutters, strictly pre-war attitude. I only hope they don't wake up one of these days and realize there is a war on. First I've found since I left my lovely L.A., altho I can't find any bottled stuff I can always tie myself tight to a bar stool - and suffer the consequences next day - as you suffered, huh? Uh huh, I really pity these poor civilians, they have to drink the stuff every nite, whereas I only have to worry about it once a week!

Did I tell you Mom is married again? Was really a surprise but she is happy and that's what counts. Here I am getting more gray hair every day - hard to believe I'll be twenty-six this fall. Hey, I'm getting old, honey! We should have had a couple of kids by now and fixin' the nursery up for the third one - I still want four, two boys and two girls. If this war doesn't end soon maybe I'll have lost my nature! I never did like remote control - And so, as a physco-analyst would tell me - I'm a frustrated man and need the woman I love - as is, I don't need anyone to tell me that! I have a mind and heart of my own, - are you listenin' Mary? - I love, love you!

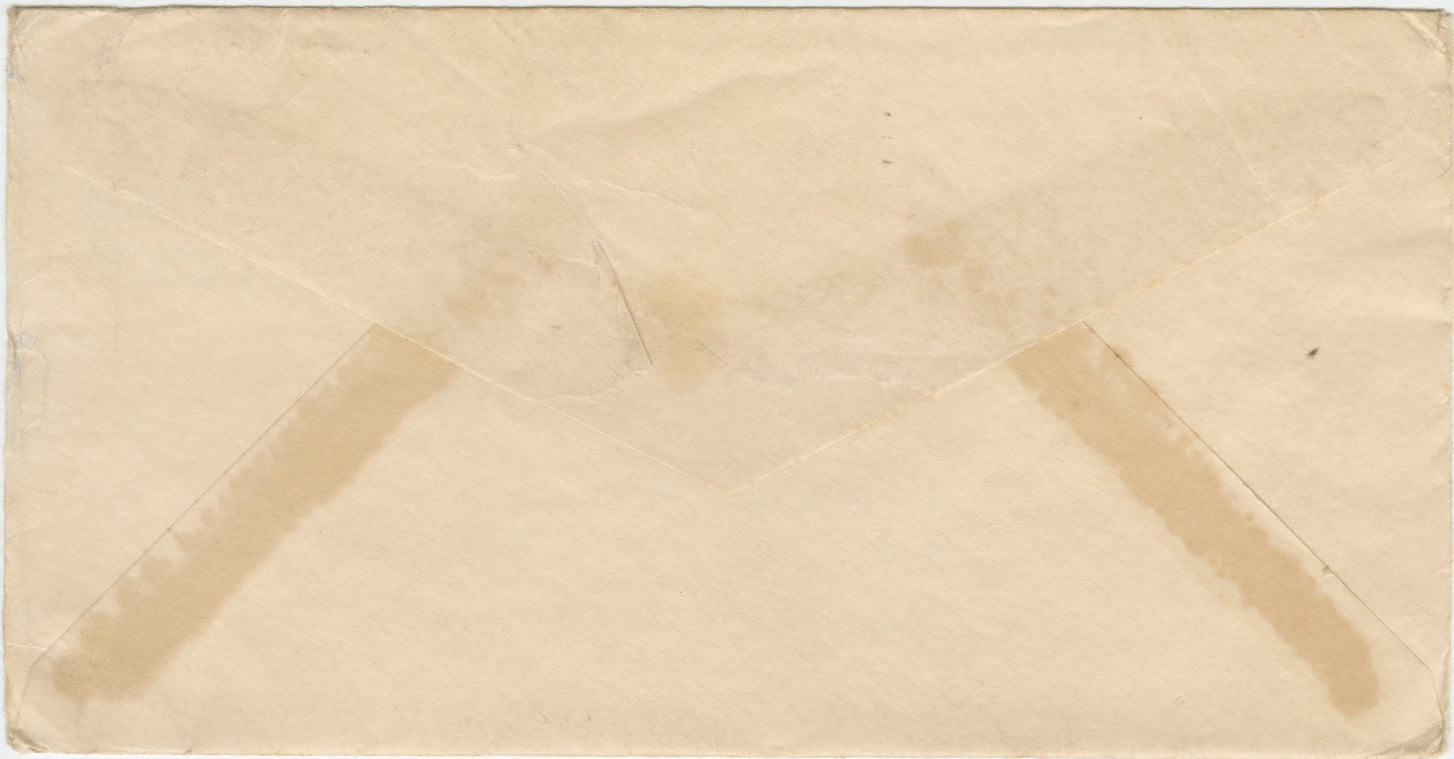
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May 17, '44

Mary Darling -

Greetings Sweet, what's this about mail, hm? I've been writing to you regular as ex-lad - don't tell me we are going to have trouble with the postal department again! That thought is unbearable - things are finally running too smoothly for that!

And so I rec'd your latest letter, and happy I was to get it too. As of this date I've made the grade so far and am off to Basic next Tuesday. Where, under a new program, I'll go directly into advanced, trainers and after that B-25's. I hope to God I'm able to stick with it. If so, I'll graduate next Sept. or Oct. - Still a longways to sweat!

Happy to hear you are having life fairly easy, with moments of relaxation. As for the hamburger - wouldn't a steak be much nicer - aren't I mean - they're fairly easy to find around these hysoc parts. Usually partake of a filet mignon smothered in mushrooms every time I can sneak a pass and go to town.

We have our graduation dance Friday nite, and our pass extends from Fri. nite until Monday A.M. Scotch and bourbon abound in town - unbelievable as it may seem! They've had it for two weeks now and last week - and I really stored up on it physically. Was the highest I've been since New Years', really had myself a time, and between trips to the can I showered my attentions on all, much to my enjoyment. I wonder when will be able to break a glass together - hope it will be soon.

When I'm in Bakerfield I'll only be 120 miles from L.A. and our passes are good for that lovely town - here's where I take my winning manner out of the moth-balls once again - ha - I've really missed that town and its famous strip - meride, mile of course! So off with the rusty dusty, grab my blitz and emerge once again as my old self, the dunkard in technicolor. I really lived while there, guess I must be a conformed Jewfish - shine after dark you know. It's been a long time - too long since we've done any spots together.

I thank ^{you} for putting me at ease on all this Capt. and Lt. business - I perspire very easily - especially when it is you I have my beady eye fixed upon! I was all set to draw and quarter several guys. Your's govt. inspected and have my stamp of approval and I keep that old ole swinging in all directions - a tasty morsel - you - And so when you are dreaming I'll gladly make a grand entrance on the first act and will stick around to make my curtain calls, that is as long as you make vident love to me - have to please our audience you know - and when the audience will be our own kids were bound to be a hit! My love is concentrated these days so it's bound to be extra powerful - so be nice and don't go looking for an antidote - Bye Rebel Sweet -

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