

Aug. 19, 44

My Darling Rebel,

Hello Sweet, has been more than two weeks since I wrote to you last but I've sorta been down in the dumps - "c'mon please." I haven't heard from you in ages but then I hardly expect you to write often as I know you're probably sack time weary at night. Do you like these snaps? I hope you do and now I think I have a right to expect some in return - so, they'd better be in your next letter - hear?

I'm on furlough now so I came down here to see Mom. I report back the 30<sup>th</sup> to my new station which will be Monterey, Calif, back to the ground forces. I wound up my flying career with 175 hours which is good and I have ninety hours in twin-engined stuff. They really rused a lot of boys in my class and I happen to be one of them. My downfall was partial panel on instruments, was okay on full panel instruments. The check pilot told me if I had about six more hours on instruments I'd have made it okay - but time is precious and pilots are plentiful. Lacked the grand total of six hours and I'd have graduated. So near and yet so far, huh Rebel?

How are things with you? This long distance love isn't so good so you'd better win the war in a hurry while I sit on my can back here which I



hope won't be long, probably be going over again before  
Xmas - maybe I'll be seeing you - in a job - hole  
built for two, room service and innerspring mattresses.  
How about that? I've got a quart of good bourbon I'm  
hoarding. - Bye for now and Mom said to say 'hello'  
and she sends her best. I would like to hear from you.

All my love  
Allen

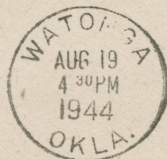


AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO



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Sept. 12, '44

My Darling Rebel,

Hi sweet! At long last I rec'd a letter from you - yipe what a relief, didn't know what had happened, but I had a hunch 'twas because you were busy and moving around - and I hope that is the only reason your letters are slow in coming.

I rec'd your letter yesterday just before I left Monterey. I'm in Camp Haan as of today in a gun battery. The outfit is alerted to go overseas but believe I'll be transferred to another outfit, yes me darlin' I'm no longer in the Air Corps. Seeing as how I transferred from the ground forces to the Air Corps they shanghai'd me back without a chance at bombardier or navigator. It's kind of a rough deal as I was so near and yet so far - with a few more hours I'd have made it okay. However I'm going to apply for O.R.S. soon as I'm transferred, at the present and perhaps future - I'm a p.o.t.

I left Bakersfield Aug. 16 and went home for two weeks to see Mom and my step-dad and then came back to the Presidio of Monterey for two more weeks and then came down here today - seventy miles from L.A. Monterey is a smooth little place and Carmel too - met two lovely naval ensigns, nurses no less! Had quite a time







convincing them that the Army is best - cold blooded creatures said they wouldn't even give the Army first-aid. As things stand now I believe they'd cooperate - I prefer the Army -

Everyone back here is counting up their points - need fifty to be eligible and so far I have fifty-two - referring of course to the outcome after the war with Germany is over. Have you had any fun as yet Rebel? Bet a three day pass with a luscious blonde that you've been high on champagne from some village - and I'll bet the double bed in the bed-room that you do Paris up brown when you hit it if you already haven't got a champagne hangover from some brat's lousy with guys who want to make love to you like I do - Maybe you got stung but the bees didn't!

Guess I'll go to bed and dream awhile, you can't imagine how I have to rely on my dreams - sure gets lonesome sleeping alone - maybe you'd better fix up a double fothole. I'll bet not many girls have lost their honor in a fof-hole. Maybe I'd better stop. 'Bye Rebel.

All My Love  
Allen



commencing them that the camp is best - call  
the camp first - but the things there are  
the same as the camp - I prefer the camp  
the more with the camp in view. Then you  
will find out the best - but as they are  
with a business plan that your best  
on champagne from your village - but the  
the better part in the business this year  
you will know when you see it if you  
don't get a champagne liquor from your  
camp with you who want to make sure to you  
like & do - **Thompson** got that but the best

General Lee go to bed and dream about you  
and imagine how to love to help our country  
and get business helping alone - maybe you  
better fit up on double fold. All but our money  
girls have lost their honor in a foot - but, maybe  
letter top. 1871 K. Lee

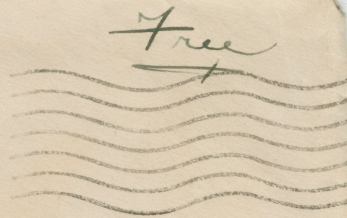
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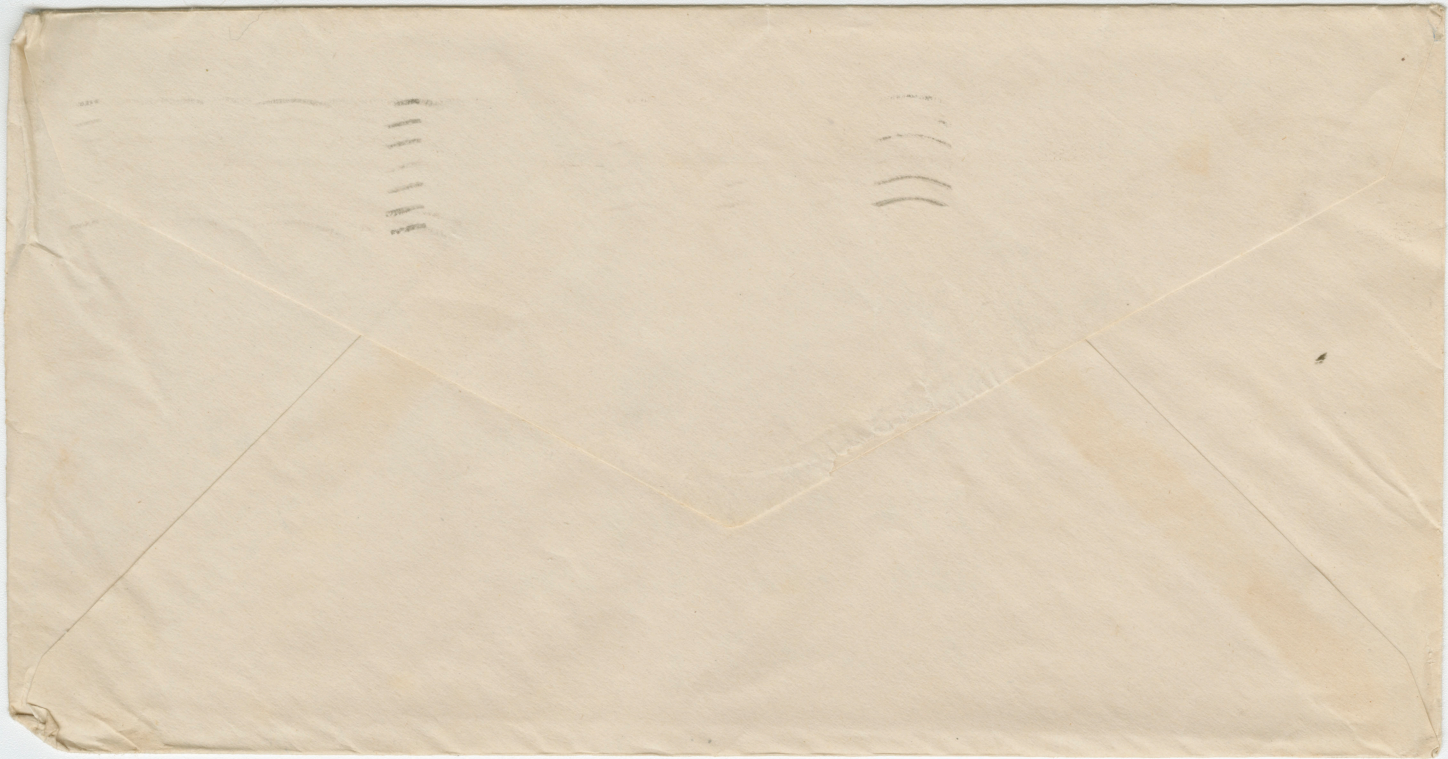
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Nov. 15, '44

My Darling Rebel,

Greetings, you, 54-40 - I rec'd a package today from you via Mary and, well it's certainly grand! Thanks a million Mary for the set, I've been wanting and needing one for ages and now I have a really sharp one - and while we are on the subject, why haven't you written to me? God knows how much I value your letters and I haven't had any for two months. As is I don't know how you are or where you are and to me that's important! Seeing you are the gal I love and hope to have for a wife in the not too distant future, I hope.

Come Sat. and another year will be added to my mounting string, this is about the last one that I'll acknowledge as thirty is too close for comfort - and it seems only yesterday when you were 17 and I 18 and dating for the first time. I hope the next six years will tell a story of us together and loving and having fun and enjoying you every day instead of one day in four years!

If you are disappointed that I haven't sent your bracelet as yet, please don't be because I refuse to send a run of the mill type and when I find one I know you will like it will come post haste. Xmas is close around and I'm stumped on what to choose for you. I'd like to give you jewelry or perfume. but everything I think of is strictly civilian - what would you like honey - maybe I'll get a letter this way - I hope.

We've been out in the desert for the past two weeks and it's rained most of the time, and cold,



Nov. 15, 44

My darling

Dear one, I have not written to you for some time, but I have not forgotten you. I have been very busy, but I have always thought of you. I have been very well, and I hope you are the same. I have been very happy, and I hope you are the same. I have been very busy, but I have always thought of you. I have been very well, and I hope you are the same. I have been very happy, and I hope you are the same.

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As cold it takes me about half an hour to shed my clothes before I can hit the sack - don't know exactly how much longer we'll be here but I hope to spend Xmas someplace other than out here. Won't be long until Palm Springs will be a year - I wish we could have a repeat performance. We only had a day but it's lasted me a long time - it was a lovely day, having you near and where I could look at you and make love to you and enjoy you - even if I couldn't have you. I sure wish you were as near now and we could have a lovely Xmas together.

L.A. is 130 miles from here and Las Vegas 165, so I've been dividing my time between them. Been hitting the Clover Club and Mocambo in Hollywood and sometimes Ciro's. Sharp places and a scrumptious time, sure wish we could bend elbows together - have lots of good liquor here again as a result of the liquor holiday and there's another one coming up in January. How's the Champagne situation over there and are you getting a chance to have some fun Mary? Break down sweet stuff and be a nice "Rebel" and write your man something's he's wanting to hear from you - how about it, you're overdue! Bye for this time and stay lovely and mine -

All My Love  
- your yank -



the other day I told you about half an hour to take  
my other paper & say to the bank - this  
and really had more to say than I had  
time to say. I was surprised to see  
then. What had I said? I had said  
a year - I would not say a year or so  
performance. The only thing I did at the  
was to say that - it was to say that, being  
your own but where I could not say  
in - what I said to you or to say you - even if  
I could not say you. I was with you and  
to say that and we could have said X or  
together.

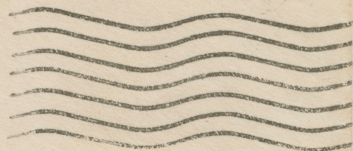
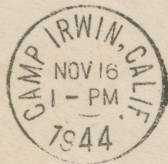
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All the best  
Your friend



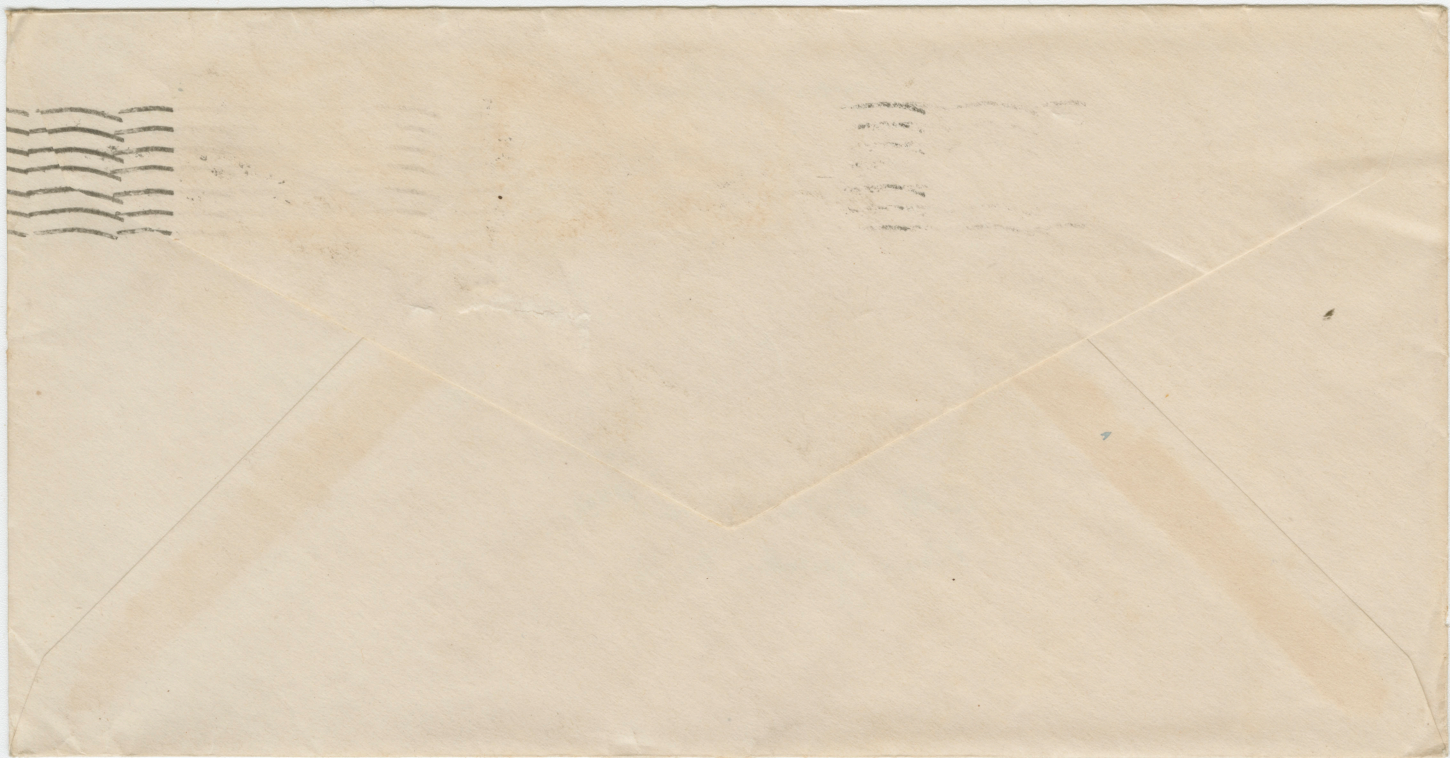
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Dec. 30, '44

My Darling Mary,

Wells again after so long a time. I was holding off in hopes that I might hear from you. I didn't and I know it was because you weren't able to write to me for some reason. You are probably in Germany with Hodgee and I wish you weren't there. It's all wrong, everything is switched around.

You haven't rec'd a Xmas present from me I know and I apologize.

My intentions were good and I bought your gift the 14<sup>th</sup> and sent it out but it hasn't come back yet so I could send it on to you. It should be here before Sat., I hope, and when it does get here, then you'll receive it eventually, whenever that is. I had wanted to send you something I made but couldn't. I've cut and polished some really nice agates out here and planned



Dec. 30, 74

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that I might hear from you. I  
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Germany with the hospital and I wish  
you weren't there. It's all wrong  
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Your heart's love & affection  
I am not a hard one & I apologize  
The intentions were good on all  
I thought you off the 14th and sent  
it out but it didn't come back you  
had written me it on to you. It  
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you something I would but couldn't.  
Don't cut me out please love really  
mine again but here are please



on having them mounted and giving them to you. However the people who do the mounting said they couldn't take care of them until after the first of the year, stymied again. I do hope tho that they'll shake the lead out and get the engraving finished. Guess I'm pretty much of a flop all the way around as I haven't as yet found a suitable bracelet for you. All I do is promise and you must be as tired of that as I am.

Your gift came today and it is lovely, on the sharp side. My thanks my rebel, and it couldn't be a hint could it? I am rather ashamed for not writing oftener, but then you are way behind too. I really like leather do-ma-jigs all the way around. I've still a sharp set of leather cuff links (Civvy) and stuff at home. Darling please do have



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given a suitable receipt for  
you. Well I do in promise and  
I'll be sure to try to get it  
done.

Your gift came today and  
it is lovely, on the cheap side.  
I've thanked my label, and it  
couldn't be a bit kinder if I  
I am rather ashamed for not  
writing often, but then you are  
my dearest too. I really like  
leather do-mingis all the way  
around. I've this a sharp set of  
leather buff label (only) and I'll  
at home. Working please to have



patience with me as I did plan things differently. My conscience bothers me as is!

Months and months ago you promised some snaps to me when I sent you some and I'd still like them. The only snaps I have of you are four or five or six years old. Break down that icy reserve and make your man happy, please!

I'm still out here in the desert and if present plans mature, I will be here until Spring. We are still firing X.P. rockets. I stayed in <sup>Camp</sup>mas (Garciguely) but we had a nice dinner. There were only forty of us here and half of them are strictly coke hounds so the rest of us really got stunko. We had six quarts of bourbon and twelve quarts of wine on the table and honey we really did it justice. Guess I'm doomed to stay in



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happy, please!

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of present place matters, I  
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myself (forgetful) but we had  
a nice dinner. There were only  
four of us here and half of them  
are strictly cake bakers so the  
rest of me really got stuck. We had  
six guests of honor and twelve  
guests of mine on the table and  
I was really did it justice.  
I was in business to stay in



New Year's too. Won't be like the last one - a good Table at one of the best Hollywood nite spots, gallons to drink and burping in movie stars faces by the dozen! And I was just as stinks the next day, that's champagne to blame no doubt.

This time last year you were in New York, right Mary? And the phone call I didn't receive - how I would have loved to hear your voice. My furlough comes up the last of Jan. and I plan on going to Detroit. There's a girl there, still, who's determined she will marry me. I believe I told you about her in Palm Springs. For some reason I really confessed my sins - do you always have that effect upon men darling? Who knows I might actually fall in the clutches of some designing woman if you don't assure me of your love in a letter soon! Even a card once in awhile would leave



Two years' too. What he likes the  
had one - a good table at one  
of the best Hollywood with spots,  
gallons to drink and keeping in  
newer styles faced by the days!  
but I was just as thick the next  
day, that champagne to blame no  
doubt.

Oh this time last year you  
were in New York, right? I hope  
but the phone call I didn't  
remember - but I would have loved  
to hear your voice. My husband  
wasn't right the last of Jan and I  
planned on going to Detroit. There's a  
girl there, still, who's determined  
she will marry me. I believe I  
told you about her in Palm Springs.  
For some reason I really confessed  
my sins - to you though, but that  
affected your own belief. Who knows  
I might actually fall in the  
crotch of some sleeping woman  
if your last account one of your  
level in a better room! Even a  
cover over in which would have



me happy. I wonder how many  
fellas are in the same vicious  
circle that I seem to be in. I  
keep going round and round but  
the brass ring keeps eluding me!  
Aren't you skeptical of the Amateur  
scarlet women Mary? How? What was  
it the nurse from the South Pacific  
said - when she jumped she thought  
it was a fox-hole - but ~~with~~ it  
was occupied and turned out to be  
a wolf hole! And that reminds me  
of the latest bra advertisement,  
United we stand, divided we fall!

Guess I'm doomed for the  
duration as a lowly Pvt. as all  
ratings are frozen and from all  
appearances no relief is in sight.  
We are slated for the Infantry in the  
Spring and until then I think I'll  
stick around here as our work  
is most interesting. When we are  
finished here I plan on applying  
for OCS. Not much interested in it  
though since the Air Corps. As



Dear Mr. [Name],  
I received your letter of the 15th  
and was glad to hear from you.  
I am well and hope these few lines  
will find you the same.  
I have not much news to write  
at present. I am still in the  
same place and doing the same  
work. I hope to be able to  
write you more fully in the  
future.

I am, dear Mr. [Name],  
Very truly,  
Your obedient servant,  
[Name]



things turned out a lot of the boys  
got the sack after I did, those  
precious wings! I still get weak  
knees when I'm close to a plane.  
Still hurts too.

How are you, Mary? I mean  
that. I worry about you often and  
wish you hadn't ever left Stateside.  
I'm interested in you because I love  
you, you are woman and music and  
to me that is more important than  
anything else that exists. I remember  
you very easily and very well my  
darling. Shadows and memories and  
a promise that someday we will  
have each other for always and  
always. That my darling is a promise  
for our share in paradise, when  
a man and a woman are in love -  
you and me.

All My Love  
Your York

- And please write!



things turned out a lot of the boys  
got the sack off their backs, there  
were many more! & that got much  
more when you came to a place.  
Best love to you.

And one day, Mary & I mean  
that I worry about you often and  
wonder how you are getting on.  
I'm interested in you because I love  
you, you are a woman and I want  
to see that in your important than  
anything else that exists. I remember  
you very much and I will miss  
you. I should and I mean  
a promise that I shall see you  
I have had other for change and  
change. But my darling is a promise  
for our love in forever, when  
a man or a woman or in love  
you and me.

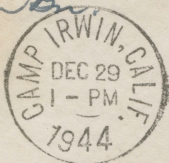
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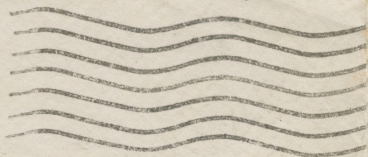


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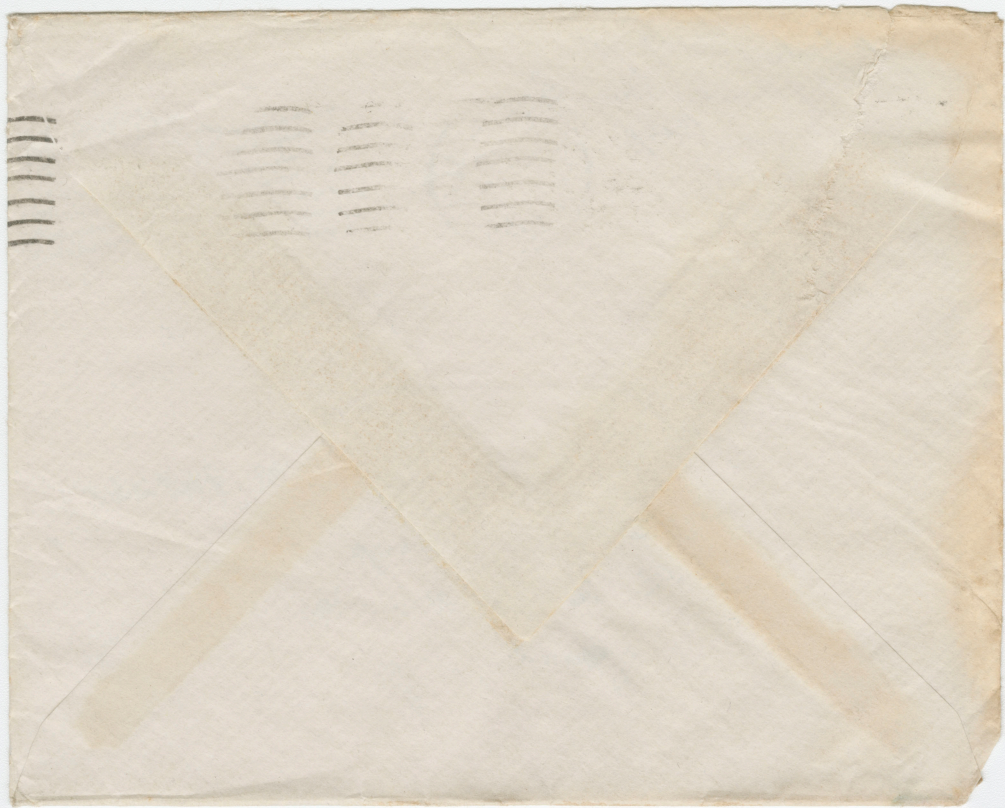


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Jan. 2, '45

My Darling Mary,

Hi Rebel, I actually heard from you today, not one but three letters, it's unbelievable! I've been glad to hear from you Mary, I've been wanting to for months, in fact the last letter of yours I rec'd in August. The pictures you sent are wonderful, and makes me, more than ever, wish we were together. So cute be you, wish I could whisper in your ear -

I know I haven't written to you every week but still and all you should have rec'd more than two or three letters from me. If they haven't arrived by now then they must have been lost, or else will turn up mildewed and full of moths!



I wrote you a letter last week and asked you for these snaps, I thought I had waited a long time — and now it appears you just rec'd the ones I sent all of six months ago! I hope your morale doesn't suffer anymore on account of the mail situation. Somebody ought to give the P.M. some cascara, maybe he'd snap it up for a time, do think I could have walked and done better myself, the Pony Express would put him to shame!

Hey and what's this about all the men darling? I literally foam at the mouth when I think of some lucky guy being close enuff to share a bottle of Scotch with you — hope you scotched him — Just remember you



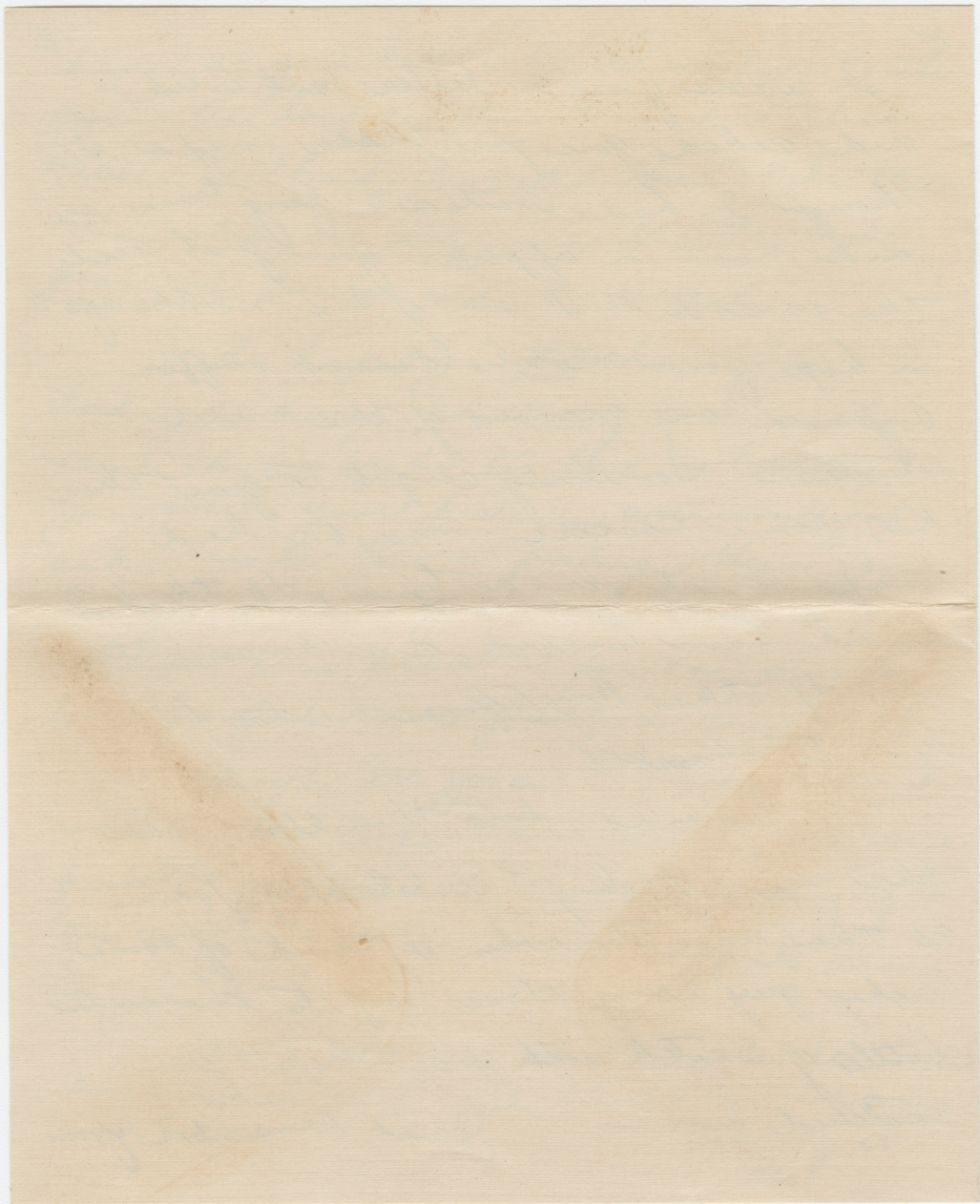
3 I have a guy here who is in love with you. As long as you remember that Rebel, I think I'm safe. Hmm?? In the meanwhile I'll fortify myself with eight year old bourbon and Civilians!

I do hope you ~~for~~ have fun, darling, at every opportunity and wish that things aren't too bad wherever you are. Your pictures are wonderful and mean more perhaps than you realize. I love you more than I thought was possible for one guy to love his girl, that's you and me.

Maybe I'll get an OCS call soon. I wanted Air Corps Administrative but will probably get Armored Force or Cavalry if I get anything at all. Which appeals most to you?

About all for this time, will write soon again, and you have my address now.  
All my love  
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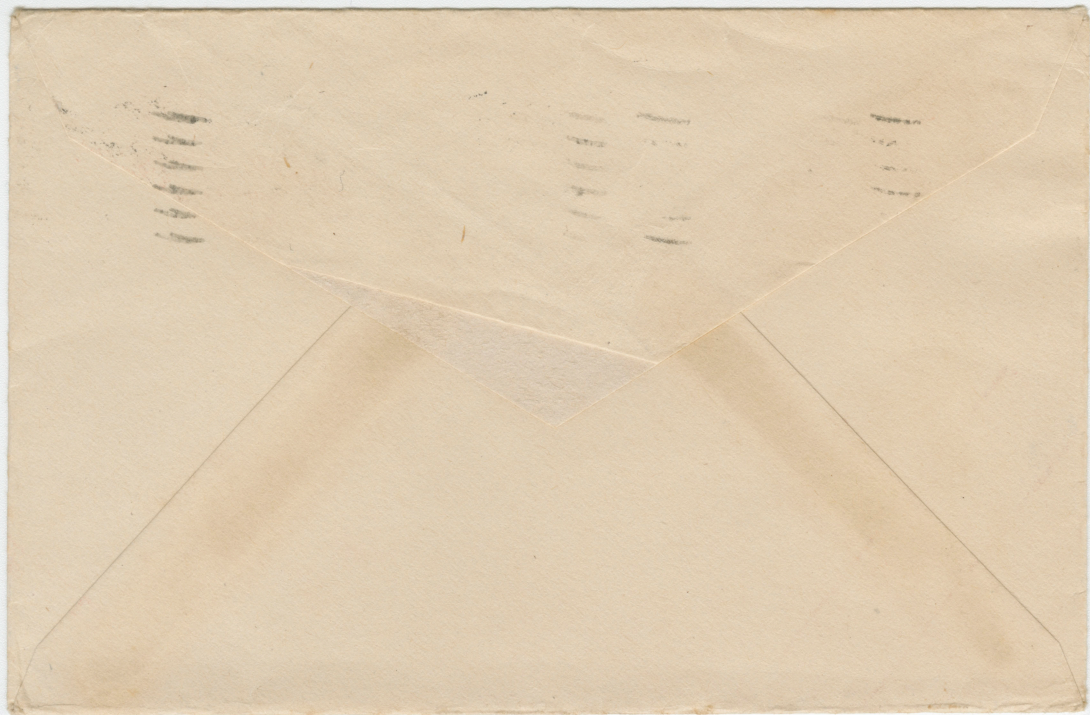
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Nov. 25, '45

Mary dear,

Perhaps I'm a bit late in saying I'm glad you are back, but the sentiment is there. Mary told me you were back, as for myself I've been a Civilian ~~three~~ weeks today - I like the feeling.

I've often wondered what happened back in January as you stopped writing, and so I stopped and no explanation ever arrived, still would like to know. Mary left Thursday and if I knew a welcome sign would be out I'd have run right along with her as I would like to see you.

If you aren't rushed for time and I'd like to interest you in the idea - why not come back with Mary and spend Xmas up here? I could think of a helluva lot worse ideas - could you?

Apparently most everyone here had me married off for no good reason at all - was rather surprised when I got here and so I had to go around and set the people straight - after all I'm an old bachelor of twenty-seven years and something like that is rather apt to floor me, it's a new experience and one that easily scares me as somebody is always eager to set the loop.

Write me and talk about yourself, I'm much more interested in the second person than the first anyhow. And soon?

Much Love  
Allen



The 22/4

My dear

I have just received your letter of the 20th and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same.

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