

France.

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My dear darling:-

I wonder what my baby is doing. no doubt you are in your room taking a nap, for just about now it is 2 o'clock in the States and I'm sure your work will permit you to take your beauty sleep. Hope so anyway dear. Not that you need it, because really you don't, but I want my darling to be young all the time.

I have just finished answering the new mail, and believe me Darling that is some job. And one job I intend to give up should we have another officer assigned to us.

We are carrying it best, but only an special duty. Which means that as soon as we are filled up with officers he will be returned to the H.Q. He is hoping that he will be transferred back to the company. Not personally I don't think there is

a chance.

Today we have spent in cleaning up around our cellit - also cleaning our radios for every man was made to take a bath - Not because he needed it but because we wanted to get rid of the germs which came to visit some of them while at the front.

These little friends are very persistent and are long stayers unless you take baths often and change under cloths, and be sure that the suit is sterilized before wearing it again. Wonder if you have guessed by now what these little friends are that I have spoken of. Well dear they are sometimes called "Cavities" another very good name given them by the apothecary which has been handed down from generation to generation are seam squirrels, which in my mind is a very good name because they certainly do stay up and down the seams of your underwear. Of course their real name is Body Lice. and darling they are very plentiful around camp & are boys after

seeing that every man took a bath -
 and changing his underwear. We had
 a little time left so I took the boys
 out for an air drill. Which was
 followed up by a "cortis" inspection.
 In spite of each man taking a
 bath and changing his clothes
 I found five men with lice on
 them - Well I will stop talking
 about such - for I'm sure you have
 already imagined before now that
 something is traveling up your
 back. But before I stop I want
 to make you feel better by saying
 as yet I'm free of them and hoping
 your boys want to always be because
 they are very annoying. Then to
 you have to hard them in addition
 pay their traveling expenses.

Last night I told you I thought
 I had a good bed will sailing tonight
 I can verify my statement. It is
 a very good bed and I slept well
 last night. Some time during the
 night I was woke up by rain -
 but did not stay awake very long.

I came near loosing my self in
that feather bed last night and
this morning I was ~~down~~ so completely
covered up until Pearl had to
come ~~wake~~ me this ^{Evening} ~~morning~~ and
then I came near missing my
break fast. Guess you can not
guess what I had. Well it was
a real nice stake, for dinner I had
real army beans, and for supper
I had ~~beef~~ stake - Don't you think are
good lots darling -?

I also promised to tell you how
the old lady & I got along - Well to
my surprise, she is soft as fat as
I thought and has been very nice
this morning she had hot water
for me to share with - Are you jealous
darling - Why should I ask that when
I know my precious are trust
me any how and with any
one - You noticed I said old
lady she looks to be about 70 yrs
old - Her husband is dead and from
what I can understand from
talking to her she has four sons

in the war. Don't you know the French women, according to my way of think here bore the brunt of this war because the government took husbands & sons away from them and left them to fend for themselves. Were it not for the old men & women working so hard France could not maintain the army that she does. Why darling they work from sun rise to sun set and get nothing for it - a labourer is paid 3 francs for a days work which in our money is only about 60¢. Think of working all day for such - I sometimes feel sorry for them. I feel that a woman's work is in her home but not here. They do all the farming and very little house work. It is nothing to see a woman slugging mud during the war men can't even be expected to look good and I'm hoping that it is only a matter of a few weeks before Germany will surrender - which seems to be the only thing that

the Allies will except. I read the
terms that Austria signed in
today's paper - and really she surrenders
when you condemn it - Am sure
there is rejoicing in the state
since, those out of favor of our
enemies have surrendered on
signed terms to that effect and
I'm sure by the time you get
this letter peace will be so close
until you will be wondering
when I will be coming home.
Well my darling you will not
have to worry about that for your
boy is going back to the army
he looks just as soon as Uncle
Sammy says the work for I will
now be satisfied until I have
made your life happy, by having
for you all things that you
wish.

Carrie Darling I love you
more than words can tell. I
only wish you really knew how
much I did love you, but please
you will now know because I

have not words sufficient to tell you
and when I return I will not be able
to do those things which in my mind
expressed from the amount I can that
I have for you dear - but still think I
can do which will be my pleasure
make you happy by applying my
self & forming to the world what
I can do.

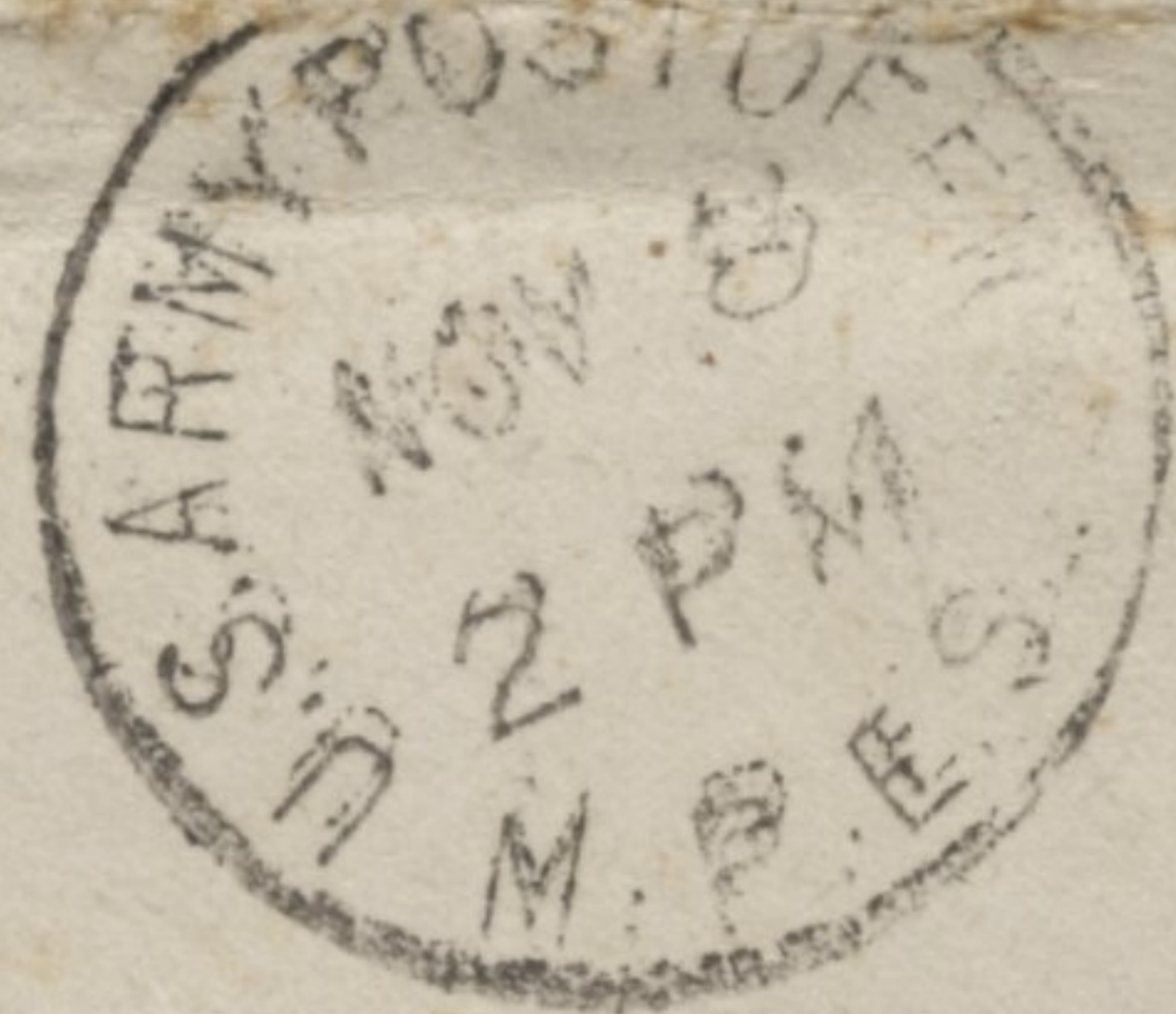
Darling I mailed you the money
order last night. You may get
this letter just & straight if you
did you would know that I had
sent it.

God be with us until we
meet again & may he continue
his blessing upon us both
while separated from each other
Millions of kisses and oceans
of love from one who loves you
best.

Yours very own
Fanny & son
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