

The cord which  
you sent was  
very good but  
there is no  
danger of me  
not beginning  
shell shocked  
now. because war  
is over.

Saturday Night  
Dec 7, 1918  
Same Place.

My dearest Girl:-

Your very blue  
letter of Nov 10 received this  
P.M. and darling it made me  
just a bit blue, because I know  
my darling was not happy.  
When I think you are happy  
dear I'm much better satisfied.  
One thing dear I know that  
you are better satisfied now  
for our son the papers  
brought the good tidings the  
day after you wrote the  
letter. because I have received  
a letter from you written  
after peace was declared.

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and darling I can imagine  
just how happy my darling  
was because dear you know  
your boy was safe and it would  
only be a matter of a few months  
before you would have your  
very own. I have told you time  
and time again not to worry  
about me kind now darling  
there is no need to worry. All  
that we have to fear now is  
sickness and precious one I'll  
take care of my self.

So Strickland was disappointed  
because he didn't receive a  
Capt. Well I'm surprised my  
self because those who are  
in the service at home are  
the ones who get every thing  
We who have seen service and  
help like the ones are not

getting any thing. I thought  
 one time that I was going to  
 get my promotion, but not  
 a chance now. Orders were  
 issued some time ago that there  
 would be no more promotions  
 in the A.E.F. This of course made  
 us all very sore but what can  
 we do. Not one thing because  
 our hands are tied. We haven't  
 even the opportunity to take it  
 up with higher authorities  
 because all official mail has  
 to go through military channels,  
 and those above us would  
 stop all comm<sup>ni</sup>cations. This  
 does explain why I wanted  
 Lady to intercede for me. It  
 was not that I'm not able to  
 attend to my own affairs, but  
 because I was not permitted to

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do so. Then to it is against  
all military laws for an  
officer to take up matters of  
this kind with his congressman.  
Is that plain to you dear. I  
realize that you do not understand  
all these things and precious  
sure I'm always willing to  
try and explain them to you.  
But at times I find it a very  
hard job. You seem to think  
that I can attend to every thing  
at my own free will. But  
if you suddenly stop to  
think that I haven't a say  
so, about one thing, why dear  
I can not leave this little  
town without the consent  
of my' Vemp. And it is that  
way with every thing in

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Army.

You seem very much pleased  
at me for sending two permits  
home. Well I think I'm the one  
to be proud. Just imagine how  
much nice it would have been  
getting two boxes instead of one.  
The Red Cross would have  
checked up two boxes coming  
to me. And if I could sell  
something over there why  
I'm the wise one. I sent them  
because I wanted to and I'm  
very sorry to stop mother  
from sending her box. I  
felt like spanking you today  
when I read your letter and  
you told me that mother  
would have to destroy her  
permit. You are very conscientious

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in your feelings when you  
think that you might break  
Army Regulations. But when  
I can not do things you don't  
understand it. You seem to  
think that I can do any thing  
I wish. In this case I knew I  
was doing wrong all the time  
but said to myself what the  
use if I can get by with  
it why I'm one ahead. Never  
mind I will toe the line  
here after and I don't want  
you to ask me ~~why~~<sup>me</sup> why. I  
can not do such and such  
a thing. Darling I was joking  
when I said I felt like spanking  
you. You were right I should  
not have done such a trick, but  
I did want mother to send

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me some Fruit Coke. I forther  
more know that Martha would  
wonder why I hadnt sent a  
permit had I not sent it  
for she ~~too~~ <sup>sure</sup> probely had  
been told that she could send  
her boys something. And I  
know just how proud she would  
be to fix a box for me. Why  
darling she would derive as  
much please out of fixing a box  
for me as you did. I'm hoping  
that it will be here in a few  
more days. because I want to  
see what my darling sent  
her boy.

I told you last night that  
we were going to be inspected  
today. Well every thing went  
along nicely and the boys put

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a very good appearance. Healy  
pulled the basin. Cal asked to  
see one of our billets and he  
took them in the front and  
we had well I was not, but  
could not say anything. But  
at that I think we will be  
rated very high.

I thought last night that we  
were going to have some good  
weather, but not so. It is  
still damp & foggy and very  
muddy under foot.

I went over to Bournemouth. Ho-  
Bains this P.M. to pay off  
three of our boys who are  
sick in the Hosp. When I walked  
in their room. both of them  
said Lt. Jim is glad to see you  
I feel so so better already."

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Her temperature was normal today so I don't guess it will be long before they are back with us.

Darling I don't know what to tell you about my coming home. There is lots of talk, but personally I don't believe any of it. I'm only hoping & praying that it will not be long before I can take you in my arms and press you close to my

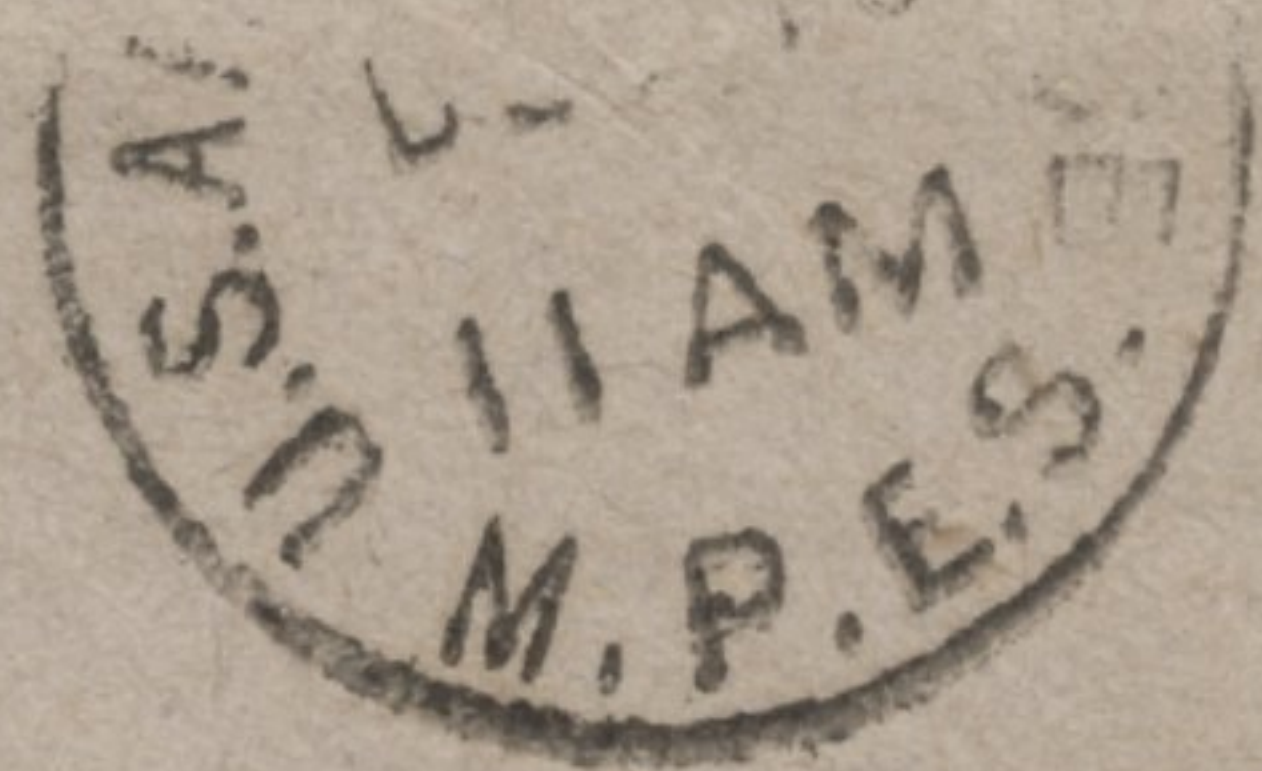
heart & say Carmen has love you with his whole heart.

But darling until that time comes, you will have to be brave and remember that I love you more than anyone on earth and am praying that God will take care of us both.

Always I love and miss you  
From your own - Chas.

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