

Somewhere in the mountains

March 16, 1944

Hi Honey,

I'm sitting on a rock enjoying the beautiful scenery while writing you this letter. I wish you could see how beautiful it is up here, this stream is so cold and clean that you can see the bottom almost any place. I have seen several fish right by our tent. I saw some deer tracks just a few yds. upstream; and I sure would like to hunt and fish some but we don't have any equipment. There is rocks up here as big as a house and in the cracks are little lizard's that can run like hell, you can hardly see them they go so fast. I see two of them on a big rock running them self's.

I shaved yesterday and boy did I have a time, this water is so cold that it just about froze my face, but I sure felt good after I finished. I washed my feet this morn in the stream too.

It rained about all day Mon., but has stopped at the present and the temp is swell during the day time. At night it frost; everything white and even freezes ice in some places.

I'm sorry I let my close get so dirty, I promise I won't do it again; often I come from the mts. How are you getting along with your new job? Don't work too hard honey.

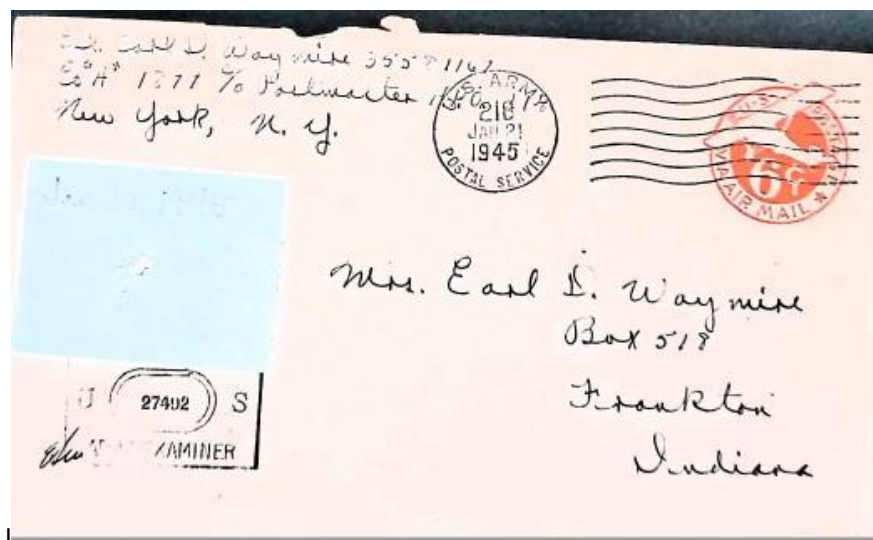
Mr. Bean got a pass tonight. I hope to get one tomorrow or just as soon as I can. We work 8 hr. shifts so as soon as I'm on the 7:00 am to 3:00 pm I should get a pass. It's about 50 mi to Fresno. I must stop honey, and eat supper.

I'm on 11:00 pm to 7:00 am tonight

Bye darling

I love you very much.

Your husband Earl



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To my Darling Wife:

I got a package from Dot today. After I opened it I found that some of the gifts were from Diana and you. I can use everything you sent me. I think the picture of Diana is beautiful, I'm going to trim the edge a little and put it in my folder. Where was the picture taken? I couldn't ask for a better Xmas gift, darling. All I want now is a picture of you; soon as I get enough pictures I will change them, one for every day in the week.

I went to the movie last night, didn't enjoy it very much - a murder mystery, "One Corpse Too Many." Jean Parker and Jack Healy were the leading actors.

I don't feel very good tonight, I have a little cold and headache. Soon as I finish this letter I'm going to bed.

I will write to Dot and thank her for the gifts. Thanks for everything, darling.
I love you more each day
Yours forever,
Earl.