

Chicago

Sept 23-11

My True Darling Gerlie,

your sweet

letter just to hand and
surely did help me
greatly - I was down at
Frank's house all day
helping him with the
auto and daddy brought
me the love message
after supper - I was
playing pool at the

time he arrived but
take it from me the
game was immediately
discontinued when I was
handed a letter from
Alevie and such a
letter as it was - Gee!
it seems that your
letter grow sweeter every
time.

What you think Sweet

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I was expecting to go
to work at the Famous
Monday and got a
phone call tonight
asking if I couldn't
start in tomorrow
(Saturday)

Well angel the
folks at home know
that I put my application
in at Buntz Bros. as

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I received a nice
letter from Georgie
today stating that
Bellfair got wise to
this fact but at the
same time they don't
know whether or not
Im still here for I
didn't go to work for
Bunte and haven't
seen them since I

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ask for work. This
should not interfere
with our plans even
if they knew where I
was working and every-
thing — I can't see
why you worry so much
about them knowing
where I am. When you
arrive here I intend
to leave the Van Loons

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and tell them nothing
of my whereabouts so
if any mail should
come for me it would
be returned to the
sender. "O" if necessary
I'll change my name
at the new place but
really I don't see any
use in all this
play business for they

7

wouldnt bother me
if they could. I
havent worried one
second about my
folks trying to butt in
for Im quite sure they
wouldnt and you should
feel the same way.

"Bless your little
heart you was nervous
about the divorce wasnt

8

you" but dont worry
darling everything
will come out ok.

I really cant
understand why you
haveent already departed
for Texas - spouse Judge
is waiting to see if
he cant bring you
there during fair weeks.

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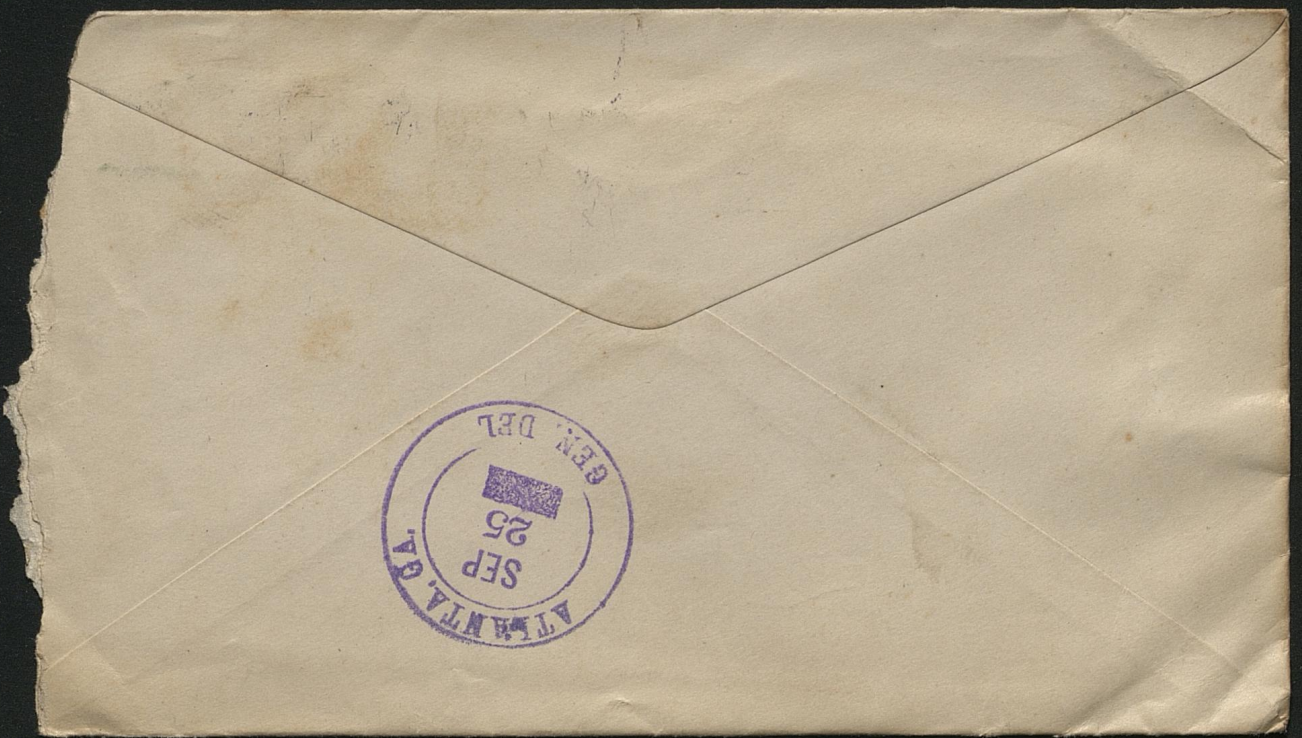
I'll be tickled
to death when the
trust reaches me but
still that isn't Almie
must close now
and go to Aumland
with lots of love and
kisses for the dearest
girl of all

I am yours till death
J. J. Jenkins

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
H. E. VAN LOON
2237 WEST MONROE STREET
CHICAGO



*Mrs Annie Ruston
90 Gen Delivery
Atlanta, Ga.*



Chicago Ill.

Sept 24-11

11:30 P.M.

Dear Darling Sweetheart;
Today
(Saturday) was my first
day with the Famous
and believe me I'm one
more tired kid but not
too tired to write little
Aenie. That is I'll
start the letter and
finish it some time
tomorrow.

Sweetheart this is

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my final letter as I
will not write another
till after you have
visited Chicago, not
that Im angry or
anything of that sort
but really if you intend
to reach Dallas by
first of next month
cant see how another
would reach you in
Atlanta —

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Would rather not
write you at all in
Dallas for fear it
might cause some
trouble - Now be patient
little one and see
if you cant get along
just as nicely
without hearing from
your boy whom you

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may rest assured is
being true to the
only one he loves
and that's Alice.

After I finish this
letter or book it
should be called
I'll lay down my
pen to never be
picked up again till

5

after the sweetest
girl in the world
arrives. as for the
tablet, I guarantee
there wont be a
sheet left and take
it from me its very
near a full tablet
too.

Gee! but this was

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sure a long old
day and I had to
work from 8:30 till
10 o'clock, after I got
off I walked up
street to get some
stamps and found
the post office was
closed - I then went
into the Union depot

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Thinking I could
get some there and
at the same time
take a look at the
building as I'd never
took the trouble to
go in before - Well
darling I thought
I had seen some
sweet buildings but

8

nothing that could
compare with this
why honest you
can hardly believe
your own eyes - words
could never tell
how gorgeous and
grand this depot
is on the inside
if you can possibly

9

arrange to come in
at this station
please do so for its
beautiful. but say the
feature of it all was
I saw a little girl
that looked exactly
like you, goodness
but that sure made
me blue to think it

10

wasnt ready you
and me coming to
meet you.

Darling Alene
if you could just
be with me tonight
and tomorrow I'd be
willing to die the
next day to pay for

the treat possibly
I love you too
much but I can't
help it.

You're the one I've
chosen among many
others and I think
I made a wise
move when I did so.

12

This old city is
running over with
cute girls but none
that could half way
come up with my
sweetheart.

By the way darling
the two letters from
Mrs Albright you will

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receive under separate
Cover as this letter
will be thick enough
as it is, however I'm
enclosing a bunch
of post card that
might be of some
interest. Many thanks
for sending me the

two letter from Mrs.
Allbrih as I was
glad to see something
from Dallas but at
the same time there
was some things in
them that I couldnt
understand never-the-
less you need not

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Attempt to explain
for its really none of
my business what
you say to one
another — I'm quite
confident you would
say nothing that you
wouldn't be willing to
explain

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Bless your little heart
you're beginning to
prove your love more
and more every day.
What a grand little
girl you are.

Be sure and
write me every day
but be carefull to

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All that no one
is "peeping"

The songs you
said you were
playing are all
very cute but are
runder worn out
in Chicago.

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Frank and I
went out to
Sears-Robuck's last
week and believe
me its certainly a
large factory - they
have their own
parks, tennis grounds,
and everything for

19

The employees to
enjoy themselves at
noon hours.

Darling - all way
from St. Louis to Chicago
I want you to be
masting up your mind
as whether or not you
would be happy with
yatus — Remember

20

you'll have to give
up a great many
of your former
pleasures as Yatio
is making very
little money at the
present. — No nothing
like I was getting from

21

Dallon Broo but a
a great deal happier.
That goes to show that
money does not
always bring happiness.
Please Angel one,
think all these
things over before
you make the leap

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for I wouldn't have
you disappointed
for the world.

Understand darling
you're to think of
this while on the
train bound for Chicago
then if you change
your mind I'll get to
see you anyway.

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God protect and
guide you safely
to me, for I must
see my Queen within
fifteen days from now.

I can hardly
realize that this is
my last letter to
Atlanta and naby
Dallas too

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Just think this
over also and see
if you don't think
it best for me to
not write you in
Dallas as one little
page might keep
you from securing
the divorce. I'm
anxious to write

25

you every day but
at the same time
I want you to be
on the safe side
and believe me you
wouldn't be if you
would walk in my
room now for I
could love you to
death. Talk about

26

me asking you to
not squeeze so tight
what do you suppose
you would be asking
me at that same
time.

Love is a funny
funny thing and
I've got it bad, who
wouldn't Love after

27

being taught by
such a darling as
you.

They say Paul,
loved his queen as
much as anyone
could love a girl
but at that he
hasn't got anything

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on me, All I ask
is a chance to prove
my affection. and I
feel that God is
going to allow me
that privilege.

"Sweetheart I'm
sending you a
Chicago paper by

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this mail so you
can read it on way
to Dallas as I figure,
you'll leave one day
after this reaches you
(September 27) that's
the very latest you
could leave in order
to reach Court by
October the first.

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Be sure and meet
Georgie for I know
you'll like her. She
said in last letter
"If Almie like to
go horse-back riding
we will sure have
some fun for I have
a dandy horse." I can
picture you horse-back

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riding in Dallas
but she couldn't
pay you to ride
even one block.
and say him what
you think, Georgie
herself wrote, and
ask if I would try
to get Cecil to join

32

me when he got
able - wouldn't it be
perfectly grand if
I could - you tell
him I can get him
a position and we
can live together
Mention the fact
that the reason I

33

went to Chicago was
because you wanted
me too and since
it's Georgie's wish,
he ought to act
likewise — You may
also tell pappo that
I wrote you a post
card stating that

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I was in the line
of business that
I am for that
would twisted him
to death. Let me
know how Jap is
getting on - I miss
him so much.

Am beginning to
get a little sleepy

35

now so spose I'd
better discontinue till
tomorrow. Be a
good girlie and
remember your boy
mighty, right and
Im off to dreamland
but in all my
dreams I dream of
you.

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-there is only 15
more pages in my
tablet so the letter
can only be 51 pages
long - that ought to
last you quite a
while anyway - Well
Darling Girlie I must
kiss your picture, say
my prayers, and retire

37

so good night dear
Pleasant dreams.

Time 1:30 Sunday Morning

Sunday Noon:—

Back

with my girls again
and feeling fine too.

Wonder how little
Aline is and what
she thinking about
this rainy day.

38

Hope you are
preparing to leave
for Dallas but am
afraid not. Goodies
how I want to see
you, it seems as
though the days are
twice as long since
October is so near.

Darling will the day

39

never come when I
can truthfully say
you are my dear
little wife. Gee! but
I'd give the world
to have that privilege
now.

Just think, how
happy I would be
even if we had to

40

live on bread and
water.

I'd be willing to
toil 15 hours every
day if I could
spend the other
9 with darling
little Aelie.

You may say
what you please but

41

no one ever loved
a girl as I love
you. Come sweetheart
let us "make hay
while the sun is
shining" for when
we are dead we
are a long time
dead so why not

42

be Lappy while
we have the chance.

Oh! if I could
only find words
that could express
my true love for
you, I'm sure you
would admit that
I'm wild about

43

little Aleine, I is only
about two years
since I first met
you and it seems
as though I've
known you forever. —

I've loved you ever
since the day you
first came into
our parlor although

44

it took some time
for me to make
it know.

God bless you
darling - you're the
dearest and sweetest
girl under the sun.

I've seen quite
a few girls in
Chicago who looked

45

very much like
you but I'm positive
none of them had
the sweet disposition
you have. neither was
they fortunate enough
to possess your cute
and winning ways.

Sammi and Dickie
are playing and singing

46

so loud that I
can hardly hear
myself think so
if I make any
mistakes please
excuse same.

Dickie plays
quite a few of the
pieces you use to
play and it sure makes

47

me blue when she
does. Frank is
spending the day
here ~~today~~ and
he's took hold of
the piano now -
believe me he can
surely waste if
talk - I've told
him about you and

48

He's anxious to see
you. Says we can
all have a time
together as he and
his wife are quite
young too. See!

I'm so anxious for
that glorious day
to hurry and come.
please don't make me

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Of all things
you might do, please
dont forget that
yates is waiting for the
girl whom he swears
he loves most of all.

Be sure and
leave your forward
address at General
delivery Atlanta for
fear some of my letters

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were delayed.

Oceans and oceans
of love all for Aline
with a kiss on every
wave.

May God protect
you is my prayer.

Be a good girl
and remember why I
came to Chicago.

As ever your own true boy,
Gates Jenkins

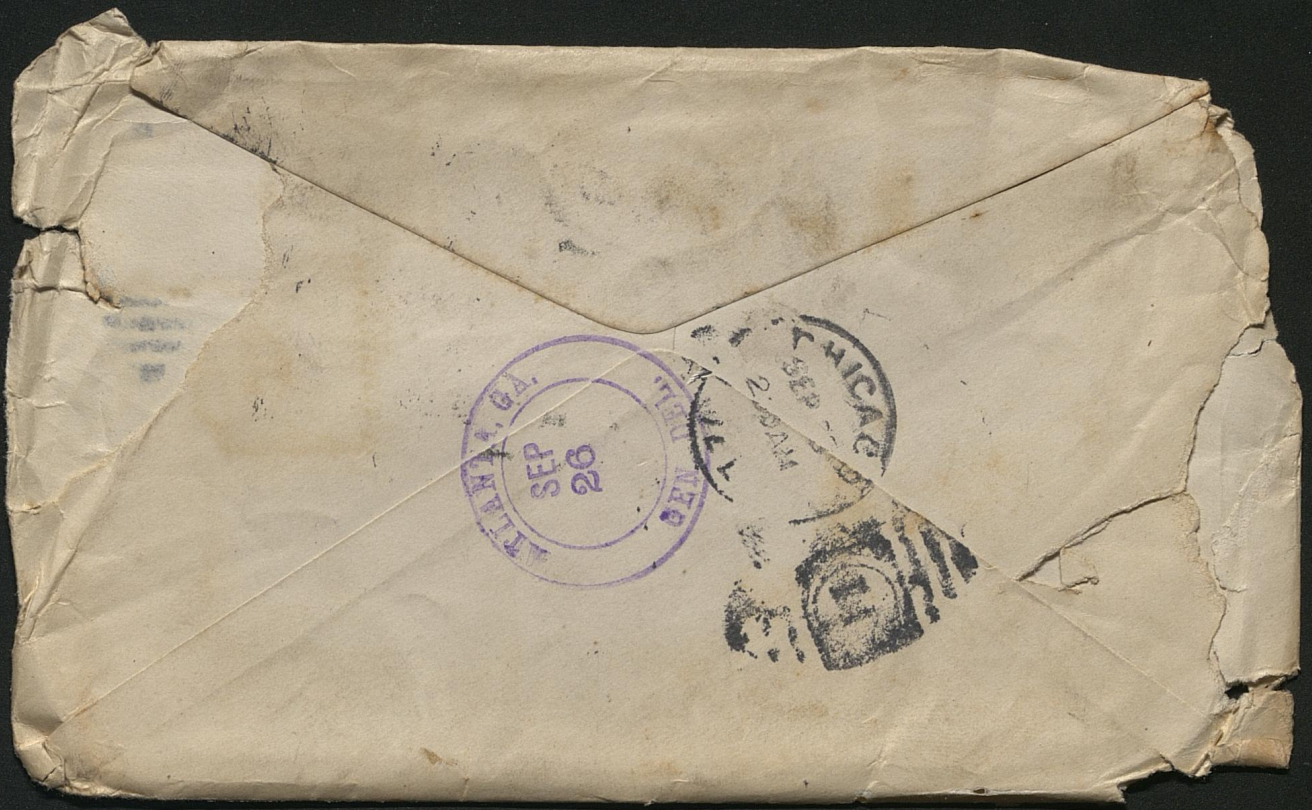
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Miss Almie Dukes,
c/o Gen Del.,
Atlanta, Ga.



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look form

9-25-11

Sunday afternoon.

To the sweetest and dearest
boy in all the world "my Denny
Boy" - you you are mine
all mine aint you huh?

I know my last notes (not
letters for I was too worried to
write a letter) have made
you worry some but not
mind shape. Yalie you
Gillie was just so blue to be
here with you now. I want
this horrid divorce business
over - goodness but I want
to be with you "bad" now

I am blue all the time
if any body looks

at night at ⁽²⁾ me long at a
time. Brother is so worried
about me and does every
thing in his power to keep
me cheerful. He thinks I'm
just worried over divorce
business but to you too
anxiety - just want to see
you "also" had I'm nearly
crazy. Who worships
Yolene? "little allie"
that's also! I love you
too much I'm afraid
Oh how I want to be
with you. Please write

me long ⁽³⁾ light letters
and cheer me up for
your letters can help me
more than all the good
things brother dear can do
for me. I love my big
brother but I want Yolene
for my best lover for life
instead of my brother.
I know our marriage is
going to nearly kill him
but he'll get over it
so will the best it
nearly kills. Time
goes by so slowly I

feel tho' I will hear ^{it} any
Xonoman (Monday) from
Judge. If I do I'll send
his letter right on to you to
prove to you I could
not leave earlier. If only
you would believe me
more. Tell me in your
next letter if you intend
always doubting me. I
want to know. I have
got to be trusted by Yates
he me & working and
am now and will always
be true blue to

Do you ^{love} love me as much
as you did when you said
goodbye to me at Depot
one evening last July? Tell
me if you love me just
as much and if you are
sure you are not making
a mistake by marrying
this little girl who has
been married. I want you
to love me and be sure
you will fall in love
with another after we
marry. I don't believe
you'll ever love another
as much as you do me

and tonight about 6 I dear?
and I believe you will
always be happy with me
for I'm going to make you
so. God bless and
protect my boy. Oh how
I idolize you, yates, you
are everything all to
me. I'd die for you -
"You are my very life!"
Sweetheart, I want you to
believe me when I say
I'm coming up to Chicago
next month to marry

yates just 5 and forever
live happily. Wait we
be happy tho' - Don't let the
time pass by slowly!
Huh, when do you go to work?
that worries me. I want
you to be working and
living in something
for my little "stomach"
when next month comes -
Please get some kind of
work to do. Please - I'll
close now with all my
love for you dear
and kisses kisses

Kisses from lips all
yours - (8)

Jim your own devoted
"little baby wife"
"until death"

alover -

give lots of love to "mother"
van and girls and tell
"Daddy" van "Howdy!"

Long more love for Gerke

from his loving little
girl who worships him.
Just wish we'll soon be

together "never" to part
again as long as we live.

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SEP 25
1230PM
GA.



Mr J. Y. Jenkins

Chicago -
Ill.

2237 West Monroe Street -

Monday Morning -

9-25-11

My own darling sweet heart :-

I am feeling so much better today - Heard from Judge this morning and so that accounts for your little girl feeling better eh? I may leave any day now but will let you know before what day I'll go and send you my love.

Thank God for another good fortune today - Big brother can't get off - they refuse to give him two weeks and he won't go with me I K takes three going and three returning so he would only have one week there that way so he told me at breakfast he couldn't go - I'm afraid he'll change his mind and go yet - I can get off to Chicago so much better if he isn't with

ing for he would be right at my
heels constantly - Please take a
look at your name in Judge's letter
that proves you can't be a
witness for the lawyer on D - side
may have seen you and together
let's down town - Judge wrote me
a sweet cute letter eh? Return
to me at once - also the two I

sent you from Mrs all right and
Judge last week. I hope Judge
won't find out where you are -
Please don't write any body
but your baby sweet heart - and
after I arrive - and I'd rather you
get another boarding place for us
^{not} as Mrs Van will worry us questioning
us so much. But I'm willing

To come here to board if you
wish it that way - Sweet-heart I'm
so delighted over you begining your
new work - work hard and make
good at it - I feel sure you will.
I'll write a long letter tonight
just a note to ~~enclose~~ letter for
Judge - Return at once love
hugs and kisses from
your own baby wife

Wm. Washburn
Denny Bay

More love -

Just think this time next month
I'll be sure of my future
glorious! I'll be so happy

so supremely happy
and I believe Gale will
be too wed But will keep my
a secret a few months

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