



Ans. 5/1/18.

San Diego, Calif.  
April 15, 1918.

Dear Friend Getchen:-

I received your most welcome letter and was glad to hear from you as I always am. I guess you do go out a great deal and your mother said they always were great to entertain. It certainly is nice that you can get to see Charles as often as you do, there are so many now days that don't know when they will see their husbands, maybe never but I suppose Chas. being in the band won't have to go for a long time.

I do not remember if I told you that my chum Genevieve in S. F., has a brother down at the Naval Reserves at Pt. Loma same place Lawrence Schultz

was stationed while here, he has been  
down here a month, is Petty officer  
48 men to look after, he says it is  
funny how dumb some of them are.  
He is just as welcome almost at our  
house as if he was home as we have  
known him and his folks so long,  
mama remembers when he was so  
little he was wearing dresses. I had  
him at League and last Sat. night  
for part of the business meeting,  
he had to leave at 9 P.M. but he  
has met a lot of the folks. The  
business meeting wasn't as long  
as sometimes, seemed to go along  
pretty nice, it was kind of hard  
to keep some quiet as every one was  
to dress poorly, a couple of the boys  
were dressed like girls, I think  
Rev. Schully looked as funny as any-  
one & Harry Farr; I did not dress  
tacky as we had company for supper,  
made about \$1.40 from the boxes  
the girls brought, the crowd is pretty  
young we have, had election, same  
officers except 4<sup>th</sup> Dept. John Weckerly.  
I guess you wish you could see  
Katharine's baby, a friend & I met  
Herbert B. with his father & mother at  
Babba yesterday, he said she was  
coming home to-day, said it was a  
fine boy, I guess in a few days  
we will go over, Lillian S. I heard  
had a nice one, met Hazel Silver  
with her husband & a fat, boy a  
month old the other day fine baby,  
Eda & Mary S. look fine, mother

was to see Mrs. Schully to-day but she was in bed up-stairs & she did not go up as her sister just arrived.

I guess you have heard that Alice M. was down, she wrote in my album this time & quite a friendly verse to. Some her letter will write some day, wrote quite a few lately to Wiley & the boys that went to France, rec. a card from one the other day saying they were safe overseas, so we know they passed subs. safe any-way. I wish the war would end; last week they left us 45 min. one night, & 1 hr. another talking Liberty Bonds, 147 bought, amount 17,400 raised in less than hr. Good for one store, I can't buy any more for awhile. Every time I write I think maybe Marie tells the same things, but I can't help it. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Your loving friend as ever.

Alice



5.  
I found this half a sheet and thought  
I would scribble a little more. We  
had a nice time Easter, I went  
to bed late<sup>at</sup> and was up at four  
in the ~~morning~~ morning, new  
time as Mr. Goldsmith was coming  
after me with Florence I guess you  
know they are seen together quite  
a bit, and her mother & Dot & I  
made the party, went to the Mt. Helix  
Prayer meeting, it was great, the  
sun came from behind the Mts.  
so pretty, the singing was fine,  
it is fine to have a man like  
Gen. Strong at the head of a camp  
like Camp Kearney, we took some  
pictures but they weren't very good,  
will enclose a program so you can  
have an idea. We got back home  
about 9 was after 10 when I got  
cleaned up & to Sunday S. Alice M.  
had my class, so I went to Phil.  
first time for months, quite

small to what it used to be; we  
sang several anthems etc. had  
a good crowd, Easter S.S. collection  
almost \$49<sup>00</sup>. Our meetings I  
think were the best we ever  
had at Central since we were here,  
any-way; next Sunday new  
members are to be taken in,  
I guess you were surprised  
about Harry Boyson joining  
and coming to the altar one  
night.

To-morrow night going to  
hear Bishop Leonard & Stuntz  
at a Patriotic Drive at White  
Temple, something almost every  
night.

I am going to enclose a name  
of young man that is Leut. ~~Leat~~  
Angel Island, he married Lorina  
Roseman a girl a little older  
than you a few months ago, she  
doesn't know any-body up north,  
her father said he wished you  
could call on them with Shas.  
Leut. Crawford, they live on the Island.  
Good-bye dear.



San Diego Calif..  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

Dear Friend Gretchen; -

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. I have many letters to write now days, it keeps me pretty busy in my spare moments. I have written quite a few down at the store of late, but I can not write very good as there are always people just a looking, not much buying among any of them, I guess because they are like some of the rest of us, don't have much money, and the things are so high, Hazel and I were kept busy last week marking



ribbons up, they are so much higher now. and you also know how people are always asking where other Depts. are, also the P. O. as it is moved a couple aisles as they are so much busier now, they had to enlarge it.

As far as your Birth day I would have liked to do more but you know how scarce money is now days, my heart was in the right place any way. The store urged us to get Thrift stamp every week & also wanted all to sign something for Red Cross, & then our L. Bonds & last Sunday subscription for church. but we will all have to get along with less till the war is over, & with Gods help we hope it will be soon.

Since in France I have received one letter from Wiley, the mail goes pretty slow I think, of course they are not allowed to put any date on letters. I have written several letters over there, hope I get some answers soon, even tho they cant right very much. My chums brother was only here about two months, he left with his company of 50 taking charge of all money etc. they are still in N.Y. but by his last letter, expect to leave any time, he said the people in N.Y. are just grand to the boys, & while there, were off every night also Sat. till Mon. 7:30 A.M. The young man from Naval Base I have been friends with, making our house, home to him, while here as he knows & no one else.

Expects to be here some-time, he has become Mach. mate, is out in boat on the Bay; will enclose snap-shot of myself taken over at Naval Base one time when I went over with the boys, had Chow or eats in the tent Sam standing by, enjoyed it pretty good but would not like to eat like those poor fellows have to, all the time not sleep in a hammock neither, but they get kind of used to it. In France there is snow & rain besides, & no friends to come and see once in awhile.

I guess you heard about "Hearts of The World" up there, you know Sam & not a picture goer, but we were to see that last week, it is a good thing to see it brings the war front nearer home even tho it is sad; the picture lasts 3 hours



San Diego, Cal.

Aug. 20, 1918.

Dear friend Gretchen:-

I have <sup>been</sup> looking for a letter from you for some time, but as none has come I thought I would write a few lines to you. I feel kind of in the mood, wrote two letters so far to-day, yours is the third, one to France, one to N.Y. we all like to receive letters but some times don't feel like writing.

I guess you are back to your work & regular routine again, I know how it is after a trip, kind of hard to get settled for awhile; after my vacation the days seemed like they would never pass; I enjoyed myself very much this year so far. the pictures I took were all pretty good the ones taken on S. S. picnic were not as good as some of the others but will enclose a couple, often wondered how yours turned out.

I guess Marie is having a

a nice time, she was pretty tired out. I suppose she was at Harry + Faith's wedding, were you a little surprised? Agnes Nelson also got married pretty sudden, her husband must be in France by now. Eda Davis had a baby girl Sat. night. also Ruth Randall do not know if you remember her or not, she has been gone <sup>from home</sup> over a year, has a baby girl too.

Mary comes over once in a while in evening to see us, her baby is very sweet, also good, poor Mary misses Jack, but I guess she will go to S. F. soon.

Florence has a nice diamond seems to be happy, hope she will be, she tries to be nice to every one, + she has quite a bit before her. It must be near four, where I am I can't see the time without getting up, I am selling

embroidery now days, our Aug. sales don't bring the people like other years, I guess people are too short of money, I know I am.

Some times it looks like the war will end soon, and then again it don't. Francis Rice wrote to me last week + he said he thought the war will end by Fall or early Spring; Gladys Day has a brother in France now, and one this way.

Last week Marston's celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary store looked so nice Wed. night the trimmers worked all night, during the time of celebration worked 24 hrs. extra. I am going to put in one of programs, but it don't tell very much.

You remember Minnie Pruitt she took a months vacation + married a soldier in 21<sup>st</sup> Inf. is back to work again. Julia Campbell got married Wed. night. I am finishing this at home

don't look at writing, ink is burn.

Not home very many evenings,  
but when I am, always have so  
much I want to do going to try  
to dress a small 'doll' for Ruth  
to-night. last week made myself  
a pink hat to go with my sweater.  
Lots of new girls at Warstone  
most all are married, or going  
to be, Mr. Rhodes joked to-dact  
& said on transfers he under-  
lines Miss now, he's always  
teasing some-body.

Mama + Ruth are doing  
the dishes, but guess I will help.

So Good-night Dear.

Hoping you are well,  
and hope to hear from you.

As ever Your Loving,

friend, Alice J.  
Au Revoir - Wee Wee.

P.S. - Je vous félicite - Me comprenez  
vous? Il est près de huit heures.



I want to write<sup>9</sup> one more letter to my chum in L.A. she did not get married as her fellow enlisted thought he would be in San Pedro for quite awhile but was only two weeks there and now is somewhere back East; it's best she did not as her father is an invalid and she can stay and help her mother. He was a good boy but did not care much for church, & now she is going to church more again.

Next Sunday is Children's Day, I guess we will have a nice program, I got three boys to speak from my class & I have learned one, & if I am not too scared I will speak, I used to speak pieces quite a bit.

The Choir is now practicing

quite a few new <sup>10</sup> songs as we  
are going to give a Concert some  
time next month; decided even  
tho Soldier's Chorus was pretty it  
was to German to sing during  
these war times.

Two weeks from next Monday  
I expect to go on my vacation.  
Will not go very far from home  
this year. I like June as the  
beaches are open & the weather  
is pretty nice. We have had a  
very cold month so far, but it  
is nicer now, real windy to-day.  
Took this extra piece of paper  
as it was already torn. Seems, dear  
when I begin to write to you I  
can't get done, I always have  
so much to say. Best Wishes from  
all to you and Chas. and love  
to yourself. Your friend as ever.  
Alice.