

San Diego April 4th 1918.

My Dear Gretchen and Charles!

received your welcome
letter and was in deed
glad to hear from you and
many thanks for those neat
and nifty presents Eda and
Grandma send their love and
say many thanks Eda likes
to hear from you and then
she will write her address. ~~for~~
before I forget

Eda M. Sawyer
Box corner Howard and
Stoney
East San Diego
Cal.

Please write soon and many
thanks but don't bother her
present

well Gretchen I am glad
Onkel Otto is good to you
I like to hear that. you know
if Henry is in the Hospital
yet in Carolina. At Onkel
Otto I think will know
so please tell me when you
write again, we wrote
him and we didn't get any
answer yet. I wonder if
he is sick yet, or if he had
to go to France, I hope not.

what do you say. Kathrine
has a Baby Boy. I haven't
seen her yet, but will go.

This week I didn't like to go
to the Hospital. I hope she
is all right I am anxious
to see her and the Baby. I
bet it is another little Henry
although they will call him
Paul I guess. I haven't seen
any so I don't know. —
where do you want to work
in Oakland or San Francisco
well I hope you don't have
to and if you should have
to I hope you find a good
place. her is everything
the same old thing
working hard sleep and

eat and that is day in and
day out, I like to have a
little change to, but dont
know if I ever get it. -
well Gretchen excuse the
many mistakes, but I thought
may you could read english
better than German.

how those Charles like his
job? hope all right. dont
Ed have to go pretty soon
to France, how is Aunt Minnie
she never writes, tell her
I have to get after her.

I will close for this time
hope you are all well and
have a good time. Love
Love from us all to you

Charles and Minnie please to tell me and the boys
how they are getting on and if you can write them
and tell them I am all right and love them
and the boys

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Oct. 26, 1918.

Mr. C. B. Swope,
Ft. McDowell, Angel Island,
Oakland, California.

My dear Charles:

The photos received yesterday and we were certainly very glad indeed to receive them. We think they are simply beautiful and certainly bring back delightful memories of our trips, and when the Kaiser's Goat is got, and we are free once more to roam thru the high-ways and by-ways of Southern California, we will bring forth the hook and line, put a canteen on board, with water, of course, and a sandwich or two to stay the inner man, and hie into the hills, and Dolly is some speedy little car, too. Why old Liz isn't in it with her. When Dolly goes around a curve you can just see her flip her tail and hear it crack and the rough roads simply smooth right out. I have had the car three months now and have obtained some new kind of varnish which I have refinished the fenders with, and my how she do shine! Should I ever break my looking-glass, it would be a very easy thing to get a box and go out into the garage and use the car for a glass, and that is not an exaggeration, either. Now that I have discovered the way to polish my car, I will always have a new looking car.

We went up into the mountains Sunday, leaving home at a quarter of ten, returning at a quarter of eight in the evening. We covered slightly over 124 miles and did it very easily. We went out thru Flinn Springs, over the paved road, thence on to Descanso, and stopped a little way above it and had lunch under a big oak tree. Thence we continued up north thru Green Valley, up to Cuyamaca Lake, and then down to Julian where we got a couple of boxes of fine apples at 3¢ a pound, then down thru Santa Ysabel, Ramona, and Lakeside, and then home. The roads were all very good, most of them having been newly surfaced with decomposed granite, and we made very good time over some of them. While we were in the mountains a great thunder storm rolled over us to the West and passed south down towards Alpine, and they had a regular cloud burst, and a terrific hail storm, which we fortunately missed, but would have run right into it had we attempted to go back the same way we came. We watched the great roll of clouds with considerable interest and a little alarm as we heard the thunder roar. During the day we had to dodge rain clouds, but did not get but a sprinkle ourselves. The day was somewhat cool, but quite pleasant when the sun shone. There

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C.B.Swope #3.

was quite a difference in the temperature around Cuyamaca and Julian than that down at the coast. The foliage is beautiful, just beginning to turn, and the mountain air is simply fine and bracing.

Do not know where we will go or what we will do tomorrow. I would like to go on another trip again, but Evalyn does not seem to want to go. She is getting over a very severe cold, and had, in addition, a severe attack of asthma, which has left her very weak. We are glad that none of us have had the Flu, and you ought to see Verna and me with our masks on. All we need is a tin can, about one-half gallon size, buckled onto our waists, and a line of hose, to make you think we were in the trenches and the Germans surely were after us. Everything is closed up around here, theaters, churches, schools, pool halls, etc., and no sign of a let-up yet; needless to say it has had considerable affect on business. We hope that it will not last long.

Did I tell you of the trip Russell made with Uncle John and me one Saturday afternoon out to Sweetwater? I caught nearly all the fish while Uncle John and Russell fished right along side of me, frantically, and when I pulled my fish up, always with a fish on it, they would drop their lines where mine had been and never got a bite. They simply turned green with envy, while I pulled out 15 in rapid succession and during that time they got 2 Or 3 between them. A couple weeks previously we had another trip and a man fished near us and did likewise and we could not get a bite. Am going to try to arrange so that I can go out Monday afternoon. Certainly wish you and Gretchen could be of the party.

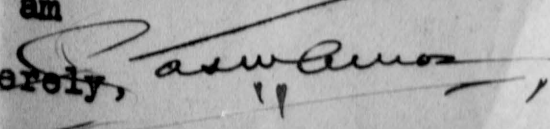
Hope you are both well, and want you to write us a letter soon. I will not try to give you any of the news of your family of Uncle Al's, as I suppose they keep you posted. I presume you know that Aunt Ella was going to get married. This news certainly "jarred" us, as they say, but she is running her own matrimonial affairs, not us.

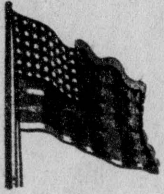
Well Charles, I must close and try to grind out a few sheekles before we close. This being Saturday, I am going to try to get away early. I make that threat every Saturday and succeed in getting home later than usual.

I am sending you herewith a picture of Dolly, tho' I did not get the camera focused very well. Let us hear from you just as often as you can find time to write, and accept again our thanks for the fine pictures. With love from us all, I am

CWA:N

Yours sincerely,





"WITH THE COLORS"



9th Co. Navy Radio School
Cambridge Mass.
January 24, 1918.

Dear Charles,

I don't know all about what you are doing. Are you a Jack, Marine or soldier? Are you still connected with the aerial division? What instrument are you playing.

I too have some desire for aviation. A graduate from this school becomes an observer when he continues into aviation. I think that I will stay on the water or under it.

New England is nice at times but is sometimes very raw. At school we are indoors about eight or ten hours each day so we are not exposed much. School is in four periods of two hours each so you see we don't move around much. It gets very tiresome to be in class for two hour periods.

We Jacks kick among ourselves about chow and quarters, but to outsiders we always say we have it nice. We do learn to put up with a lot of things. But talking



"WITH THE COLORS"



it all around we are treated fine here. We are in college dormitories. However they are probably not recognizable as such because where two men occupied a room before, we put ten in.

Boston offers large opportunities to hear good programs, especially musical. "Athens of America" is what they call themselves. Altho I cannot go to all I do go some.

We here are quite close to active service so are very much in earnest about our work. I will be shipped in April. Where and what kind of ship I don't know. A lot will depend on ~~how~~ what I ask for and I haven't yet decided. I suppose I won't until the last minute.

I will be glad to hear from you and know how you are.

Yours sincerely

Lawrence H. Schultz

Peach, Cal. 12/10/18.
My Dear Children:—

I must say a few words.
Your letters of Dec are being
sent and I am glad
you to write often and keep
us fully advised just at
the time when you are to be
turned loose. I know that
the last few days have been
anxious ones for your children
as well as for us. I sincerely
trust you are free by this time.
In your last you thought it

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would not be later than today
just one year or war.

That is quite sufficient, is
it not? I say so. Now

we have and we will

plan for the future.

We note what you say about
having Mrs. Barth with us.

That will be fine. We do

that. I'm sure she will

come. I think you are right

in investigating work conditions

here before leaving. So into

it thoroughly, for we do not

know just what we have

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in front of us. Russell and
Marie both have good average
jobs and in this way we may
be able to tide over. I will

~~be within a very few days~~
Only about 20 tanks of
kelp left and they use about
8 in 24 hrs. So you see it
is winding up rapidly.

Now, dear children, you
know we can hardly hold
ourselves until we have
you with us for good.

Keep well and get to

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

March 25, '18

Dear mother:-

We arrived safely and had a good time at the beach yesterday.

Today I went to the exemption board and found that my case has not been acted on yet. So I had to telegraph the San Diego board for permission to take my physical examination in Los Angeles.

I will probably have to wait a week or so before I know what final class I am to be in.

This afternoon we went to San Pedro and visited Carter

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for a few minutes and from there I went to the Ship yard to look for work.

They have even got a sign up, no electricians wanted.

I waited in the long line for my turn to apply, but there was nothing doing."

I also canvassed the shops in San Pedro.

This may be a large city but ~~it's~~ It's a "Bum town".

We Rented us an apartment for a week on second st. But I've forgotten the number. we will

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move Tomorrow, and next
time I write I will give you
the correct address.

So far I have read the verses
for each day in the Testament
you gave and as I read each
word I think of the wonder-
full love that my mother
has for me and it makes me
sad. Give my love to Bruno
and Katherine and all with plenty
for yourself.

your boy.

Gerhart.

learned that publicity is
not the best & wisest policy
after all.

She & Hazel are good
friends yet & I think
she has decided to be good
friends with me. Perhaps
so she will have a good
stand-in with "all" of the
family. Of course you
know this is just
supposition. I know this
much she will never
have a stand-in with
Lawrence. He thoroughly
dislikes her.

I met Eda today.
She was leaving for

Nebraska where his folks live. She has a fine healthy baby, but oh my! how homely. It has a pug nose like hers & also those big staring eyes.

Poor Florence I wonder how she likes "Cholly" by this time. It is nauseating to me to think about it. Fuh! Just to look at him is enough.

Minnie, the other stereo. at the office is expecting her lover back and just to make the bosses at the

office appreciate us, we would like to leave at once. That is "boy of us together") They don't realize what we do do. They never have to pay any attention to us & we have been there so long & know every little detail that they don't realize what valuable help they have. I am not throwing coquetry at myself but I do try my best to do good work & think I accomplish part of it at least.

You know Mr. Wansley.
He used to work at the
office & then got married
& joined the Navy. Well,
he has written to me
right along. He amuses
me so for he never
fails to send "his best
love to me." Just heard
from him the other day.

Lawrence would go
crazy if he only knew.
Sister, I would just
give all I possess to see
Lawrence this evening.
I am so lonesome for
him. Bless his heart.
I wish he could be here.

Bethel Ohio

June 23 18

My dear nephews wife
you no doubt will
be surprised to receive a
letter from me. but I want
to tell you how proud we
are of you being a brave
soldier. I do not think there
are any slackers in the Swope
family. perhaps you do not
know! that Jesse is somewhere
in France, and last reports
he had not been to the
front but expressed a desire
to go. and Edna has been
at the baniment in Little Rock,
Ark. since the first of Feb.

I hardly think she will ever
be taken to France. Josie is
working for the Goodrich
rubber company at Akron. they
make some government goods.
she made application quite a
while ago for a government
position but has not received
it. they weren't taking ladies
at that time in her line of work.
Silbys health prevented him
from doing any thing to help
win the war. he was exempted
on his first examination. I
want to tell you that the Red
Cross is doing good work...
trying to make it comfortable
for our boys. for we all

feel now. like you are all our
boys. and that ^{no} sacrifice that
we can make is to great. I
myself do quite a lot of
knitting. and meet with
the others every week to sew.
I am so glad that you are where
your wife can be near you.
and see you often. Maggie Snape
has been quite sick. but I
do not think it any thing
serious; we are living in Bethel
at present. we have been
expecting Russell back to Ohio
to get that girl. he left behind.
has it all been forgotten? he
seemed very much broken
up on having to go without

her. I suppose Mildred is
getting to be quite a good sized
girl by this time. and Marie
is working at the same place.
sorry that your father was not
feeling well. this war is rather
hard on all of us: every thing
is very expensive. but we will
have to economize and do
every thing we can to help
win the war. the farmers have
a fine wheat crop. but all
kinds of fruit is scarce in
these parts of Ohio. but good
old Ohio is doing her share
in sending the boys to the
front. Hope you and wife may
some day make us a visit I will
give you Edna and James address

and I know they will be
glad to hear from you.

Edna Swope A.M.C.

Fort Logan H Root
ark.

Jessie Swope

Box 104 Goodrich St Sta
akron
Ohio

with love to both

Mrs Mary Swope
Bethel O.

Peabody Kansas
June The 22 1918

To my dear Grandson Charlie
I wrote after so long a time I will
try and answer your good and
ever well come letter which I received
sometime ago and thought I would
answer it in a short time but
the weather has been so very warm
and some three weeks ago I fell
down stairs and hurt myself
considerable but broke no bones I
tore the skin of my right arm
above my wrist which was quite
sore for some time what kind of
weather do have where you stay
it has been so very warm and
dry here some days it was a
hundred and five and some days
with a hot wind

I had a letter from your uncle
George the 20 of this month said
it was very warm at Pt said
they was all well said he had a
fine wheat crop said his
Tobacco plants was large enough
to set if it would rain

had a letter a short time from
your uncle Joe they was well
said the last they heard from
their Boys they was well Albert
was in Grange Charlie some
where Texas the last letter i had
from San Diego they was all well
but so afraid Knossell would
have to go to that awful war
Charlie i hope this will find you
in good health with Plenty to
eat and a good bed to sleep in
you dont know how glad i am to
know that you and your dear

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little wife are so you can
see each other often oh how
my sympathy goes out to those
that have to part with their
ones some never to return
Charlie my prayer is that you
may live to return to your
dear ones that you may have
good health and live long to
enjoy life now Charlie if you
think this worth answering
I will look for a letter soon
with love and best wishes
To my dear Grandson C B Swope
from Grandma

San-Diego January 4.
1918.

Mein lieber lieber Gretchen!

if you were not recd this letter, then will it not
that only more in Germany.

Danke Herz und Kraft von Dir, und
du wirst, und ob du mich geliebt hast
sich kann gezeigt werden, die allein
von Lina, und Charles kann nicht
mit sein. Es ist am 2 January
ein langer lieber Brief von
Charles, wie alle teilen mit ihm.
er wird sich wohl bei den Gästen
zufinden, und es wird für den wohl
besser gefallen, besonders wenn er
nun in der Hand steht. Herz ich
mich für die meine besten
wünsche, und hoffe daß der böse Krieg
bald ein Ende hat, und ich bald
mit bald nach Hause kommen.
Ich bringe, und werde mich für ein
mein lieber Kind, bitte geben Herz den
Lina für dich, und für dich meine
my darling, darling, Gretchen. Hast
du mich warum Verurtheilt?
und warum nicht? warum nicht?

Du wirst oft kommen. bin so froh, und
 danke dem lieben Gott, daß Du kommst
 wachsend mit Antel Otto sein, bist
 Du weißt ob Du lange in den - Franke
 bleiben kannst, so wie ich so dankbar
 sage Antel Otto ich bin ihm sehr dankbar,
 wünschste Gutes Mirni war zu klein.
 Du wirst lesen kannst, sage
 Antel er liebt den Brief für dich.
 Deine sehr ich werde eine tolle Kunde
 mit Betty zu sein, sie will auch
 Gretchen schreiben, die Komma spricht
 so warm und schön, und das liebe
 Ding wird jeden Tag Dinge klüger.
 Gestern und heute ist es nicht so heiß.
 aber fast schon Mitternacht und nach Mitternacht
 Bayern. Katharina weiß fleißig zu
 den lieben Baby Oliver. Herbert
 sitzt mit Brunkows und. Bess
 ging zur Betty am Freitag, Betty
 ist mit mir, sie findet sich
 sehr für Antel Charles und Betty Gretchen.
 Ihre Pflichten sind mit vielen Dingen
 was ich alle zu dir sind auch immer
 marna.

San Diego Calif
June 2 1918

Dear little Gretchen:

How are you by this time?
We received a nice long letter
from Char. B. and while E.W.
is answering that, I'll answer
yours and then you and Char B
can exchange.

We went out riding
to day and stopped a little at
Bessie's. My how the twins
do grow. Roy and Bessie
are both working at the
Court House now for the County.
If you send her a letter addressed
to my house I'll see that she gets
it.

Chas. W. has finished his letter before I found Chas. B's letter and now he says for me to answer Chas B's questions.

Harrison is getting along fine in school and he is teaching himself to be a soldier. All little boys do around here. It's funny to hear him say the flag salute. They have a little one for little folks and he does that ~~one~~ fine. He spoke a welcoming piece at the children's day exercises this morning. He got a great many compliments on its delivery.

The Orchestra at Central ~~at~~ is a back number now. Chas. W. plays but Miss Flint does not

come any more and it isn't very often that Earl and Worden play. They played for C.D.

Mr Farrar comes to church at night on Sunday and to practice on Wed. eve. He has joined the First M.E. and sings with their Choir in the morning.

And tell Chas. B. we didn't get any prints. He said he was sending some. We would especially like to have some of you and him.

Oyes I have heard from Marjory a good many times since her marriage. Her address is 1819 Vassar St. Cleveland Ohio. A.T. Bachman.

I'd like awfully well to hear your band play. I'll bet its fine alright.

I got a letter from my brother. And he is at Camp Travis Texas. I made him a pillow and some pillow slips as he said he didn't

have any and wanted some.
I would like awfully well to see
him.

Well this is Monday evening.
I did ^{not} get this finished last night.
Chas. is working late and didn't
come home to supper. I'll finish
this letter and write another therefor.

I went to see your little nephew
and he was awfully sweet. He
looked a good deal like my last baby
boy. The Shultz baby looks like
Brother Shultz.

I am making me a pongee
dress and am going to bead it.
I don't have much time to do it
tho'. you might come help me
then I'll help you.

Well I must close as I'm at the
bottom of the page. I send love to both
of you and wish you the best of
luck. Good bye this time Evalyn H. A.

Dear Uncle Chas.

Thanks for slippers

With Love Betty

Dear Aunt Gretchen

Th
thanks for slippers

With love Betty.