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Monday, Feb. 25, '18.

Dear Marie,

A letter from you this morning and a cake tomorrow, I hope. I know I need not worry about how good it will be if "S.M.A." made it.

I don't remember what day it was when we went to Rockford, but I do remember that game of "rhum" we played before we went to the theatre.

I think you wore that silk dress with the big pockets — didn't you?



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Anyway, I know how hard it was for me to keep from holding you tight in my arms for just a short second. But I didn't dare to for fear you wouldn't understand. What would you have done, can you tell me?

Gee, little Sweetheart I am mighty thankful that nothing ever did happen to spoil your trust in me.

I am thankful too that I can help you in the way you spoke of in your last letter. Please tell



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me whenever I can help you in any possible way. I am going to try and answer every letter you write from now on. It won't be very long, now until we leave. Tonight another trainload of Engineers pulled out. We could see them from the mess hall windows while we ate supper. It made me think of the last train I took to Chicago and then to You. Well the "Secretary" just said ten minutes till lights out so goodnight. With love, Forrest.



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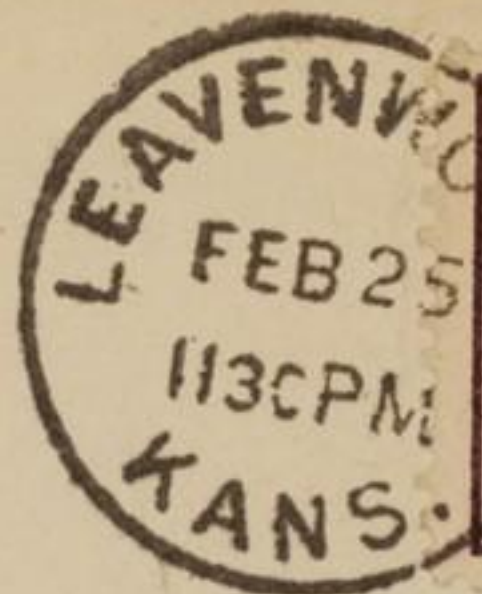
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