

Absent mindly I sent you
the wrong letter the other
day.

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Dear Dr. Allen,

Have delayed writing to you
for so long that I'm ashamed
of myself. The best I can say
is that I've had good intentions.

I called at your office some
time in June, but you were
out, and since I was pressed
for time I failed to get back.
After being overseas for two years
I had so many places to call
that I just couldn't make
all of them. The twenty-five
days leave seemed to vanish
into thin air.