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[[image of church, palm trees, and downtown New Orleans]]
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Dear sweetheart Mary
tonight I received your letter
of 2 very happy to hear from my
love glad you feel fine so far
I feel the same

Now honey here I am in
Louisiana woods yes we have
plenty snakes but I don't bother
them they won't bother me either

Honey last night I dreamed
very nice dream I wish comes true
some day then I don't have to
dream such dream about my love

Bye the way darling you says
my brother Emanuel tell you
he raised me and he used give me
couple of slaps every day oh no

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New Orleans is one of the few cities in the United States where the
architecture of her original inhabitants has left a permanent stamp.
A city within a city, the Vieux Carre (French Quarter) still remains
the same architectural flavor as of a hundred years ago. Founded in
1717 by Bienville, a Frenchman, New Orleans has grown from a small
settlement to the South's largest metropolis. She still, within her
modern buildings, industry and commerce, retains her Latin quality
due to her close alliance with France and Spain. It is to be
remembered that this city was a century old before it became a part
of the United States.

honey he didn't raised me if you
want to know something oh well
I'll tell you when we get
married

Now about me to tell them
I don't want go cross yes but
if don't go then they can't
find anybody to take my place
they need me very bad but
I don't care if get change
to get out of this outfit I
will

Yes honey about your Bagulese
they are not good I don't
like theme no one only my
love Mary they are very jealous
people but don't worry honey
if God give us good health
we going have a good family
honest everything I don't like to
let people laugh on us.

Now don't worry darling
about what your girl friend
told you if you want to
know something your girl friend

[[image of river]]

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she try to find out something
off you to see what you had
to say about me I know
honey I think she's little jealous
too about us don't worry if
God keep me in health I came
home marry you if you
still love me because I know
some good friend here he used
have sweetheart home she used
write to him and he used write
to her but she got married with
some body else after he got
furlough he went home he find
out she was married that's bad
he almost went crazy

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Bayou Teche - one of the most beautiful in all Louisiana - winds through the lush countryside which provided a setting for Longfellow's immortal poem, "Evangeline." The Bayou, a lazy stream which flows from the bluff lands of the south central Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico, is beautiful in its serenity. Along its banks masses of water hyacinth bloom, huge oak trees dip their draping moss in its waters, and sprawling plantations surrounded by fields of cotton and cane present the same panorama of years gone by.

but I hope won't happen to
me because I go crazy then I
love you very much honey
little to much

Now honey you says when I
come home again we going get married
yes but its going be after this war
is over but I hope I come home
soon because I want to marry
my love Mary I like to be
married man don't you like
to have husband its me ha" ha"
oh well I wish would be true
very soon.

Bye the way honey I'm
glad you like it the little ring
I give you yes I know next time
you going get different ring from
me. Now darling I'm not coming
home if I come home I let you
know 1 month before because
we going get married about it
darling?

Now sweetheart I don't have
much more to say I wish you
best luck in world God Bless You
your
Darling sweetheart
Pete Centofanti

Solong now honey
I love you very
much with all
my heart

do you love your honey?

[[image two hearts with faces]]

I love you Mary
Bye bye now
love
Pete

Honey its good thing I send
my radio home because
some boys they have radio here
can't use anymore

I love you

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