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From
Benjamin E Carver SE
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(Sender's address)
% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco Calif
(Date)

Dear Auntie,

April 10

Little I should say about anyone being slow writing but I did wonder whether or not you received my letter I was glad to hear from you again. I have been in about the same conditions as Donald only in a different place. Today I hope to get plenty of letters out because tomorrow we don't know what will turn up. When you speak of making garden it makes me hungry for some vegetables and makes me want to go barefoot in some good Indiana soil. Mother wrote about Richard but everything will work out for the best. I always try to think it does. I cant say it is so warm here but thats all. I'm still tickling okay plenty to complain about but that doesn't help so I keep my mouth shut. Has Donald ever said anything about getting any mail from me? I've written twice and wonder if it has gotten through. It takes time and I guess I know that as well as the next one. About run out of words and space. Hope you can read it. It looks pretty bad to me. Maybe I shouldn't be in such a hurry but I have several to go. Write when you can — all for now

Love from
Ben

Benjamin E Carver SE [redacted]

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