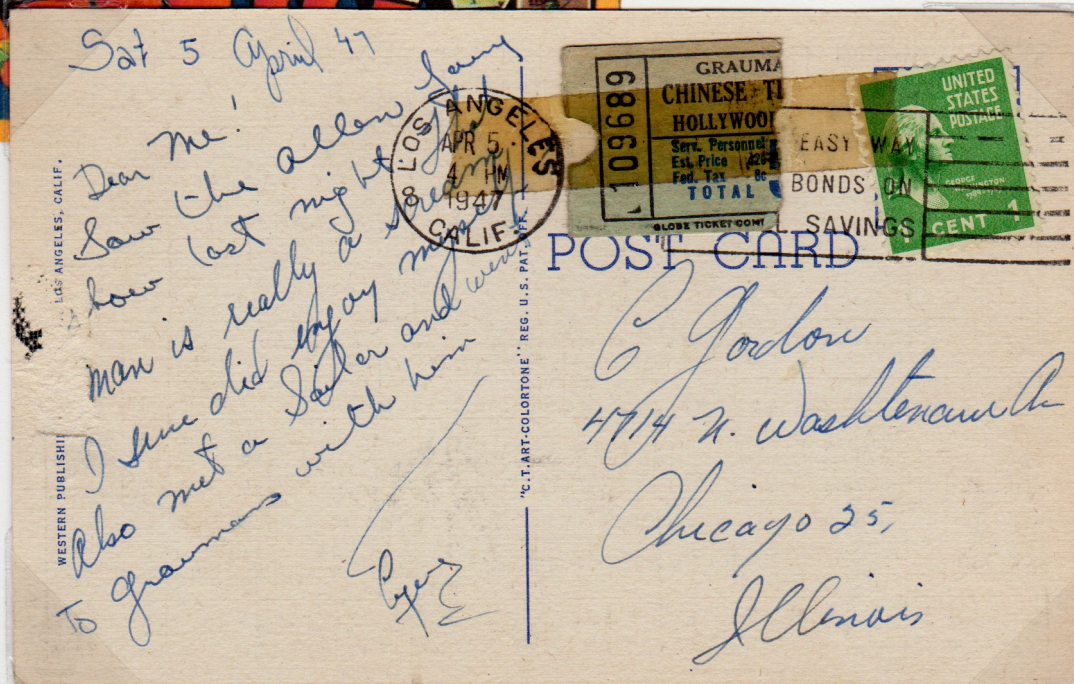


Mysterious Date with a Sailor in Hollywood, 1947



← Picture side of the postcard (photo, 75% of actual size)



Postcard, circa 1940's, by Western Publishing, Los Angeles, California. Postally used on April 5, 1947, from Los Angeles, California, to Chicago, Illinois, with 1-cent Presidential Issue stamp (U.S., 1938), which paid the domestic postcard rate (July 1, 1928 – December 31, 1951). Machine slogan cancel reads: **SAVE THE EASY WAY / BUY U.S. BONDS ON / PAYROLL SAVINGS.**

Half of a Grauman's Chinese Theatre ticket is taped to the card, over the slogan cancel.

The message on the postcard:

"Sat 5 Apr 47. Dear Me! Saw the Allen funny show last night. That man is really a scream. I sure did enjoy myself. Also met a sailor and went to Graumans with him." [signature illegible]



**U.S. Navy sailors
(U.S., 1945)**

Mysteries of this postcard:

- Did the sender send it to herself? It's unlikely that a woman would be telling others that she went on a date with a sailor whom she had just met in 1947. Also, the card has half of the Grauman's Chinese Theatre ticket, which the sender presumably kept.
- If she sent the card to herself, why did she do it?
- Who is Allen, the entertainer with the "funny show"? Is it Allen Young? Fred Allen? Steven Allen?
- What happened on the date with the sailor?