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Monday, 17 Sept 45.

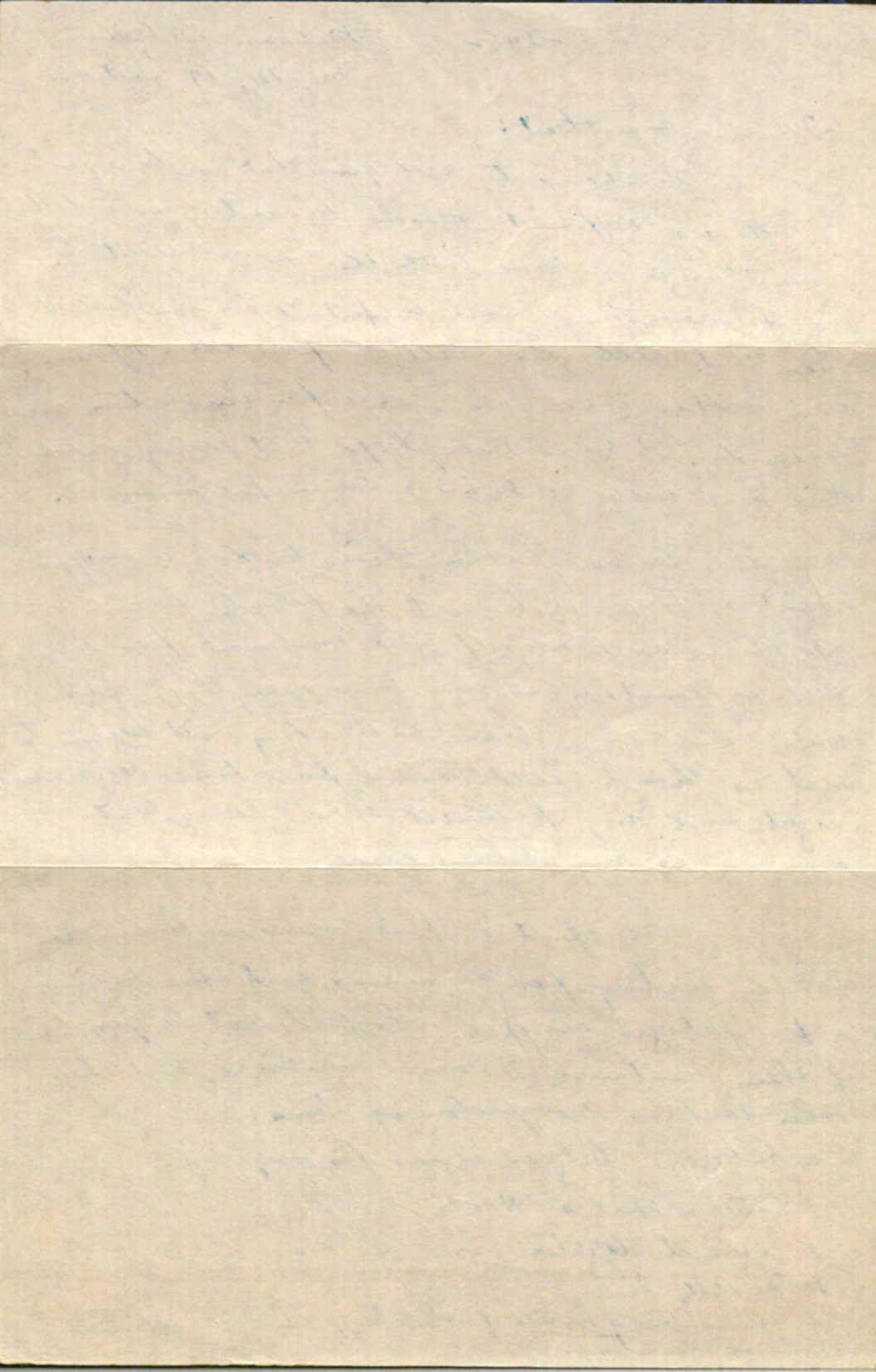
Flowers, Sweetheart:

The chance to tell you that "I love you" is always sufficient reason to write you a letter, even though I have little else to say. But then, is there anything more important for me to tell, than that. All goes well, I feel extra special, and although our plans call for our return on Wednesday, I have every hope that saying good-bye this time will not be a sorrowful moment.

Among other things to-day I snapped about a dozen pictures of the family, friends, neighbors and myself. The enclosed few are self-explanatory, and I have every hope the new batch will also prove interesting. It begins to look as though we'll have a fall here to-morrow night, and my farewells should be as heart-warming as my return home.

I spent a few hours in Brussels to-day looking for souvenirs, and also having a few packages wrapped, which I sent to you. One of them contains 3 Canned cigars, and the other contains the following items:

- a package of Belgian cigars for my pop.
- 1 bottle - Weil's "Hork"
- 1 cigarette lighter
- 1 novelty pin
- 4 miniature bottles of whiskey, for our collection
- 8 bar coasters.



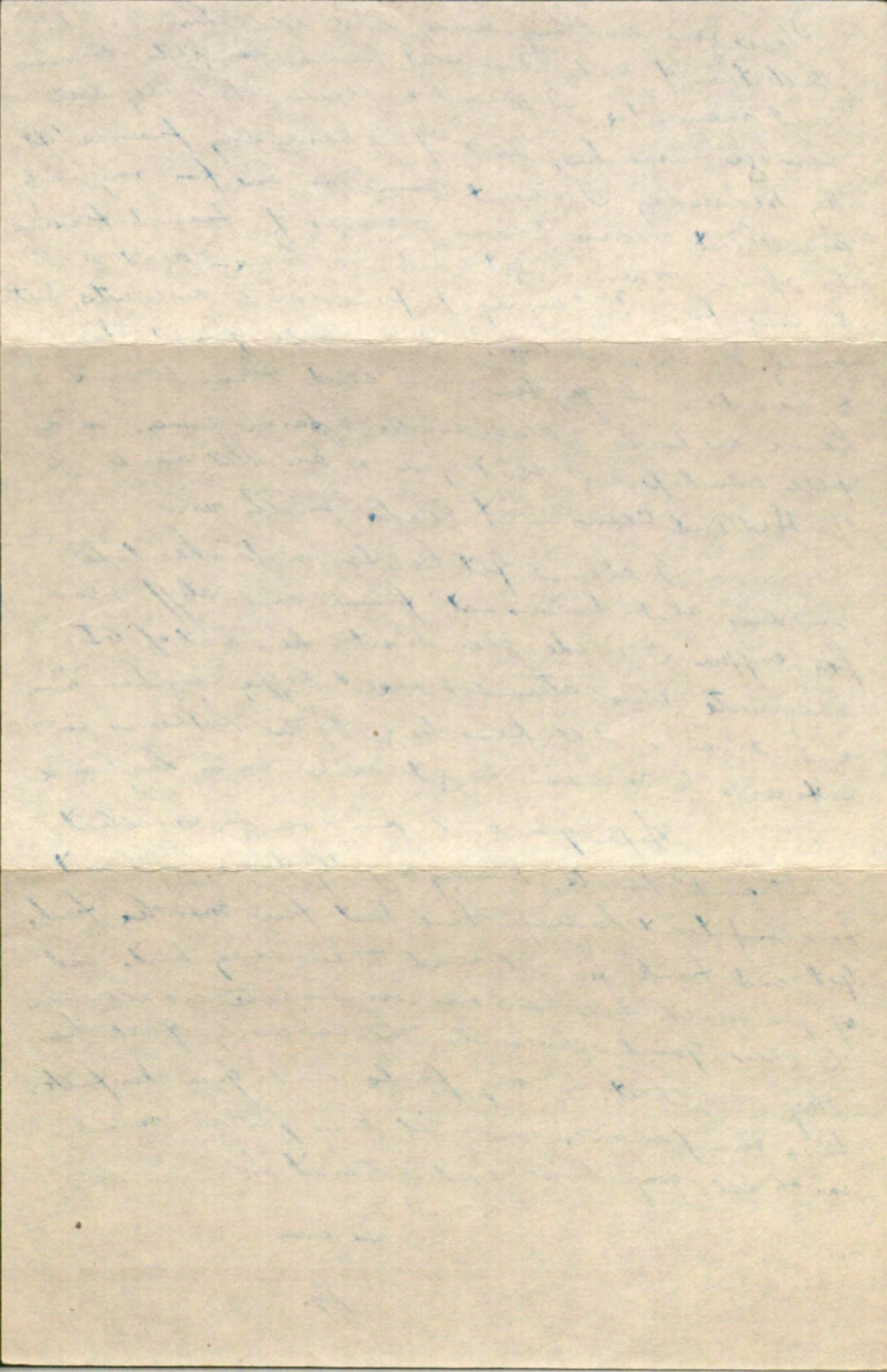
Please give nothing away, and add them to the
collection of junk I've sent home for gifts, cushions
and mementos. I found a place where they sell
"Léviages" broaches, and if I have any francs left
by Wednesday I expect some in one for my only
sweetheart. Also have a mess of French francs
to spend when I get back to Paris - and I
having fun? buying perfume and presents, but
truly, haven't, I am. I do hope you get the
2 bundles in jigsaw time, I sent them to our
home address. Also, under separate cover, in a
fine envelope. I sent you a bracelet made up
of Holland Coins - it looks pretty nice.

I showed Git how to make chocolate
padding that turns out firm and stiff. Also
for coffee I made pear short cake, out of Git
doughnuts plus steamed pears. A happy combination,
and I guess I'll have to go to the Red Cross in
Antwerp to-morrow to get some more doughnuts.

Hope you and Jim are in excellent
health and spirits, having a jolly time, and not
too impatient during these last few months. Frank,
Git, and Frank Jr. all read their very best, and
if you could see how our sympathies are all over
the place, you'd appreciate the sincerity of all this.
My very best to my father and your kinfolk.
Kiss Jim for me, and I'll kiss you in mind
with all my love and affection

As ever,

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