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Florence, Sweetheart:

Thursday 5-11-44

Spring is definitely in the air to-day, and with it comes a revival of hope that perhaps soon the world and us will be enjoying this season of the year, and not be overwhelmed in worry and grief by a great war. All day long I have been dreaming of you and our Jim. There are so many little incidents to recall about you both as a result of my furlough that I sit for hours at a stretch just thinking about you two. Yes, my darling, we have so much to live for and look forward to that I am more confident than ever for this war to end, but quickly.

Your Monday letter arrived to-day, and I am sorry you are having a little worry about that minor accident, but don't concern yourself. Let the insurance company handle the matter, and don't tell Don about it. I am pleased that the doctor finally arrived, since the man was

me that he was forwarding another drum. Your description corresponds with my purchase, and I hope Jim enjoys playing with it. I hope you found an opportunity to see those proofs at Bloomingdale's, (the receipt is in a beer mug in the kitchen) and ordered the face one. Please advise if I turned out as handsome as ever. You neglected to keep me posted on Joel's condition, so please write about his progress in your daily letter. Received two letters from Bob to-day, and I guess he finally has been shipped to summer school. All seems to be OK with him and Fran, and I am awaiting his new address before I reply.

No additional news on my request for transfer, but to-day I was assigned to another job, which is easier than the one I now have, if that's possible. I am now the company mail-clerk, which should just about make me the most popular guy in this GPO outfit. I don't know why or how I've been so lucky in my army career, but I guess it can be ascribed to your help and prayers. Now if I can get close to home, and you and Jim) all will be perfect. Keep your fingers crossed, don't waver, and we'll do just fine, as usual.

I also received an invitation to a picnic (Weiner roast) on Sunday from a

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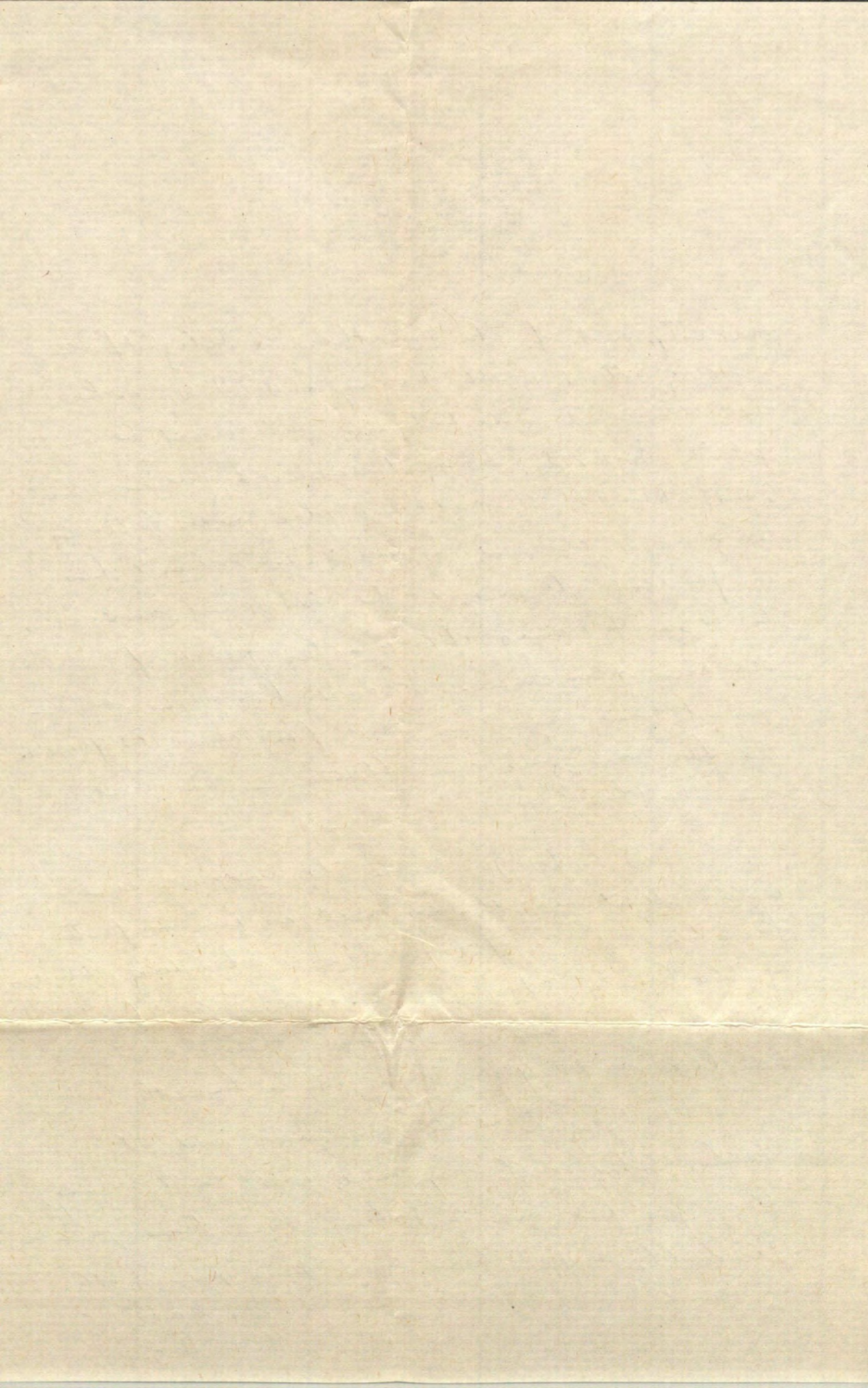
Serenity, and if the weather is delightful I may attend with Harry and Ivo, who also received invitations. It must be a Jewish Serenity, so rest assured we are in good hands, if nothing else. Ivo seems to sound almost enthusiastic about his impending divorce, as he is most anxious to begin leaving off another piece of serious romance. He and his wife sure must have been in love for over 13 years. As for me "give me Florence or give me nothing."

I hope you and the rascal are in excellent health, as well as our respective families. Do hope you are spending some of the lovely spring days on the beach at Rio Park. It was so lovely there, and so beneficial to yours and Jim's health.

My best to everyone and the folks. Stay well, my love, but don't worry. Kiss Jim for me and have him kiss you for daddy, and I love and kiss you both in mind

as ever.

Gg



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