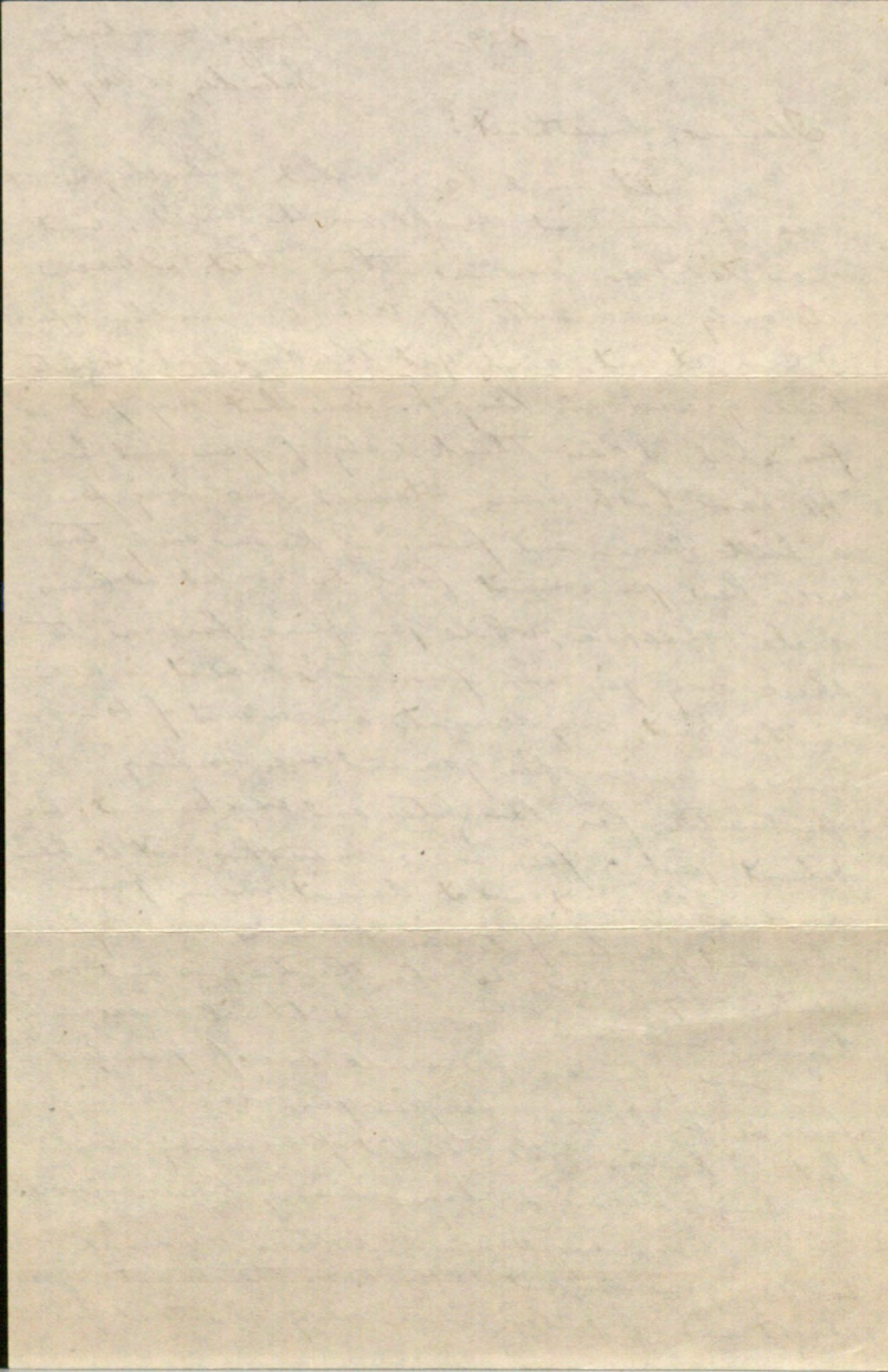


King, Australia
Saturday, 25 Aug 45.

Flowers, Sweetheart:

It used to be that Saturday night was the laziest night in the week, but now it's even worse than that. I know it's only a matter of several months before I can get out, and yet the days and nights have grown in length. Now that my job is finished I can think only of you and Jim. We have both been starved too long for a little love and fun. I know only too well how you must feel to watch others make whoopee, while you pine for me to share any joy and fun. The worst is all in the past, my dearest, our words of tomorrow will offer you and me many opportunities for laughter and excitement. Be patient just a few more months. It'll be worth the wait. That doesn't mean you shouldn't participate in pleasure - going to events. Try to get to the theatre, go out to dinner, and even have a cocktail occasionally. I'm sure you can persuade one of your girl friends or Eleanor to join you on an evening. Get back into the habit of smiling and laughing, because I'm coming home - soon.

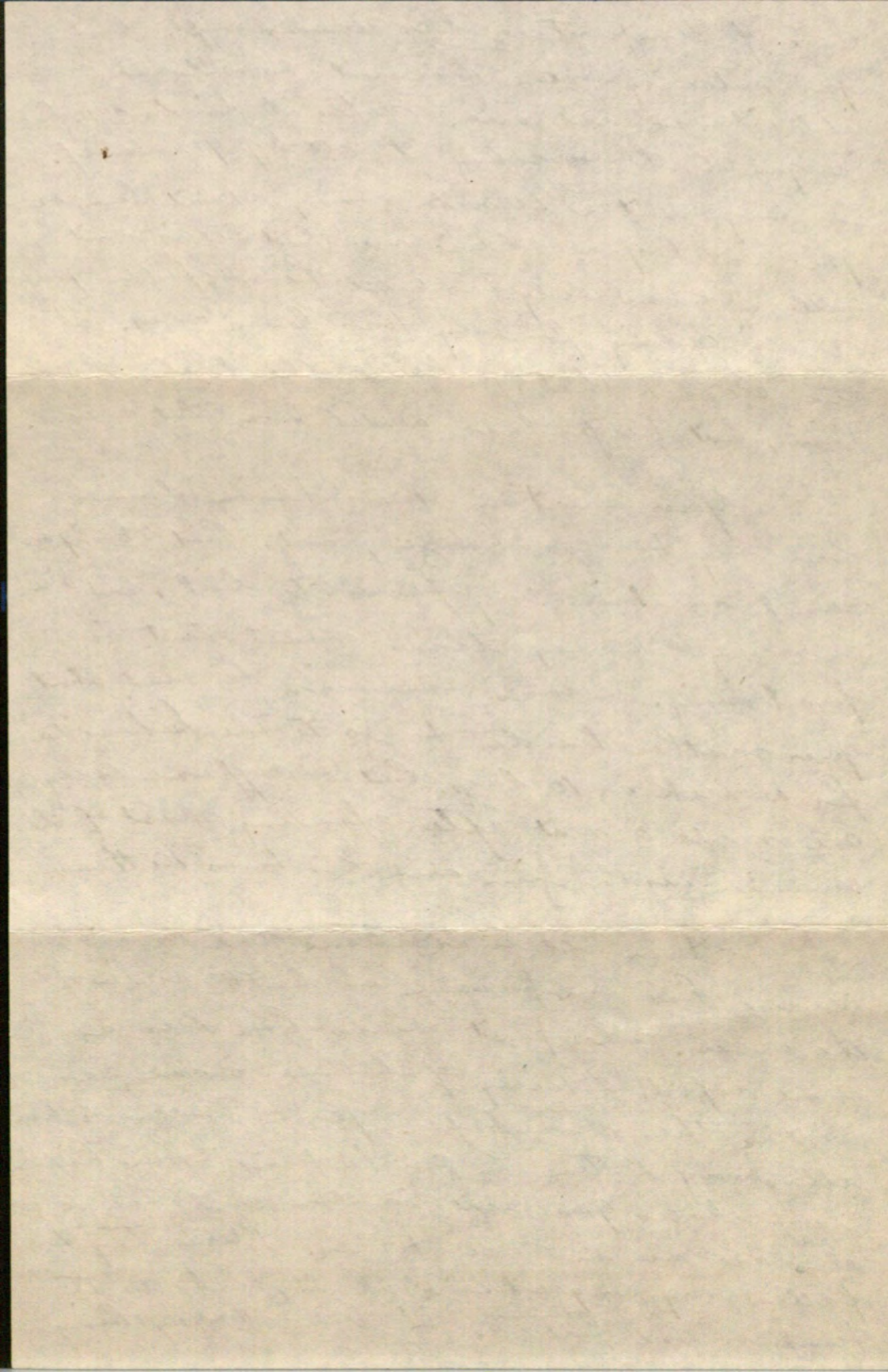
Among several letters received today yours August 15th was the most sought and popular. I'm very glad that Jim's



case of temperature has cleaned up, but
you certainly were discreet to advise me
after it was all over. Makes it kinda rough
on you to be sweating it all by yourself.
In any event I'll not worry about him or
you until you advise me that all is not
well. I know only too well how capable you
are in caring for my two lanes ones. I
am pleased that you had the doctor check
him, but keep close watch over thatascal.

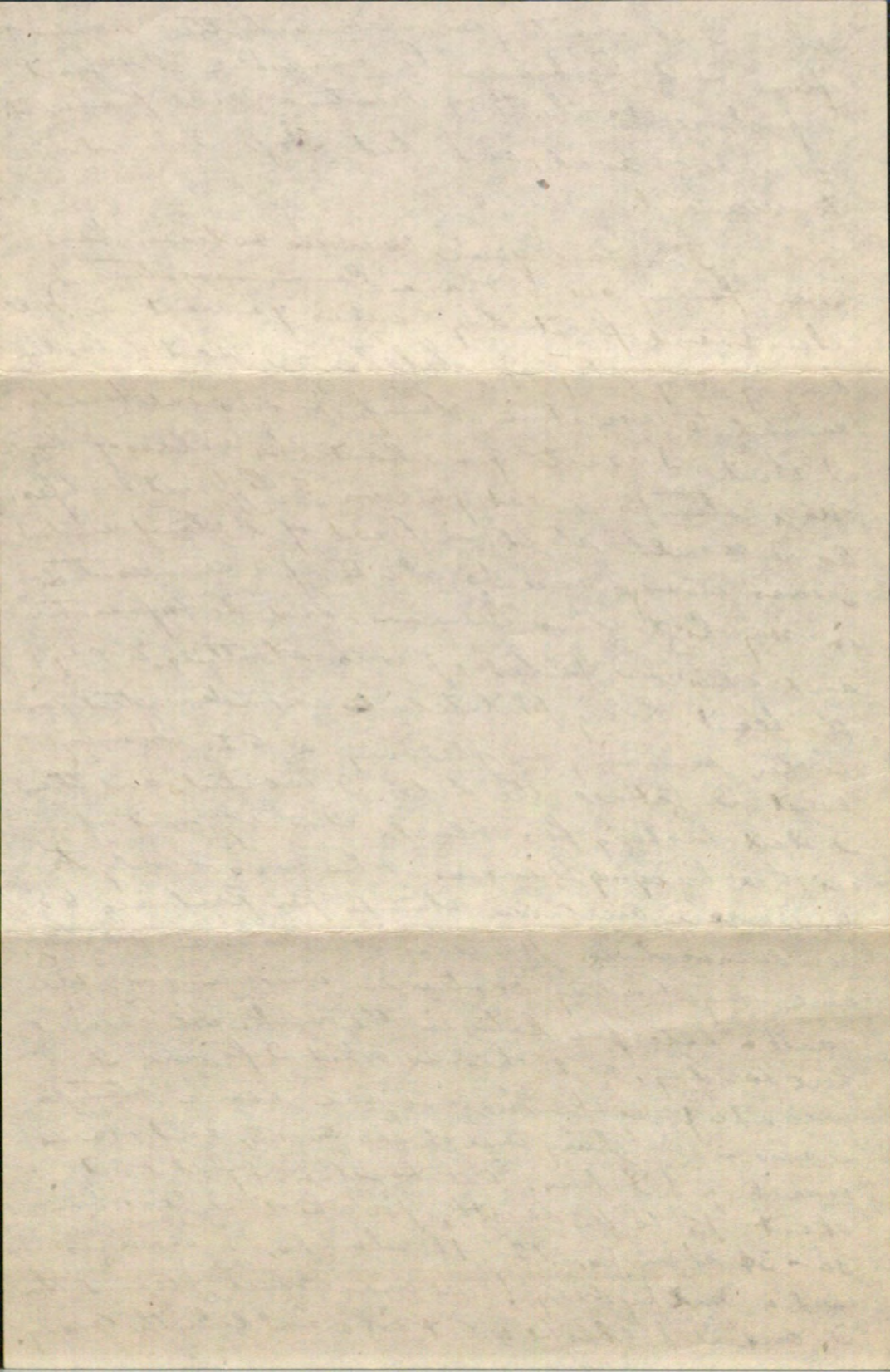
Your mention of a Chinese dinner
had my tongue hanging out, but then you
could mention any favorite dish, and I'm
sure my salivary glands would start
functioning. I was surprised to read that
your mother decided to go to the Lakeside
for a week or 10 days. But I suppose every
one needs a rest after spending most of the
summer with Jim and his two kittens.

From all indications the mail
service has improved on both sides of
the ocean. The past weeks has seen a
more rapid delivery of letters to me, as
well as the newspaper. You too seem to be
getting my letters in quicker time. Sure hope
the packages you sent to me and Frank
also are rushed over to us. Please try to
follow my suggestions about packages to
Frank in the future. If I need anything



else I'll write you. In a letter I received from Ted Cochran he insisted I request a package to the 1939 Martins could forward it. So I acquiesced, and did. Hope I'm not here to receive it.

I'm sure you're curious to learn how I'm doing with those Commemorative Pills, stamps and first day covers you sent me. Well, during my stay in Salzburg I sort of looked around to ascertain stamp prices and trends. I think I scare you about the values of those Nazi stamps I sent you in 5 different envelopes. As I would stand in front of a stamp window I was always sure to strike up a conversation in my high-class German, and the information and advice I picked up was startling, to say the least. Every philatelist is interested in either securing or pleasing a G.I. In any event I got all the dope I wanted, and then I start looking for blood. Finally met up with a hungry Viennese who was ready to trade rare Austrian stamps for food or US commemoratives. Hence this was in Salzburg, and my trading materials were in kind. We made a date for later in the week. He arrived here to-day, and this is what I figure I wound up with. He gave me some stamps I saw in Salzburg worth 20 to 25, and others worth a bit less. All together I feel I got about \$75 to \$80 worth, for which I gave him 30-3¢ stamps, 15-1¢ stamps, 2 oranges and a Milky Way! He was more pleased than I, and I felt like a cat who had eaten the canary.



We promised to return next week, I still have some first day covers and 30 stamps of the 75 you sent me. Please try to send me some of the new 5¢ Roosevelt stamps, and any other new issues you have available. Blocks of 25 each are sufficient, and also a few first day covers. Am I having fun?

I also asked you to send me some money in the usual manner, which no doubt you did. It seems to me I asked only for \$14 - or so: if this is so please double it, and hasten it on via air mail. Be certain to send it in currency only. There's nothing else I need at present.

Nothing new about my furlough to Belgium yet. But unless the unexpected happens I expect to be away from here from 7 Sept to 22 Sept inclusive. Travel time will probably waste 6 or 7 days, but I'll have a week with Frank and family. Am going to spend a few days in Brussels and Antwerp, and hope to be able to buy you something pretty.

Kiss Jim for me, and I'll kiss you both in mind with all my love and devotion. My very best to everyone, and keeps smiling.

as ever,

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