

THE HISTORIC ROUND TOWER



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Florence, sweetheart:

The lilac bushes surrounding some of the more important buildings in the Camp are finally blooming, and the aroma of those beautiful flowers surround my precious thoughts and dreams of you. Having already placed you on a mental pedestal, with a halo over your head, it is only fitting and proper that this symbolism should be surrounded by a most beautiful flower giving forth an essence fit for my goddess. It would be akin to gilding a lily to say that to me you are even sweeter than the lilac perfume. Loving you and being loved by you has made my life sweeter all these years, and I only hope that I've been able to do the same for you. With a future to look forward to, in the light and experience of those wonderful years together I feel certain that love and happiness will be

ours for the rest of our lives. If winning this war will enable us to continue our fratric feelings for each other, then I am glad I'm a part of all this, and doing something to attain that end-

Your Friday letter arrived to-day, and once again I had a tremendous kick reading about Jim's antics, his improvements on his daily activities. I'm glad his vocabulary is improving, and it will increase daily if you keep after him. I so had he would stand up to relieve himself but that too will come in due time. News about Jack is encouraging, but I won't feel relieved until the operation proves a success. He seems to be in excellent medical care, and I hope the medicals are not kidding.

The pictures of the folks are pretty good, and I sent the one of mom, pop and Jim to Bob. Please don't forget about the duplicates I asked for. I want to forward Bob one of those too. I so had Jack is always having you make a request that he can do very little about. I think we are probably imposing on him too much. Please endeavor to obtain new cameras elsewhere, no matter if you have to purchase them retail. I know the war news sounds good, and I'm more hopeful than ever that the European phase will end this year. I have seen no

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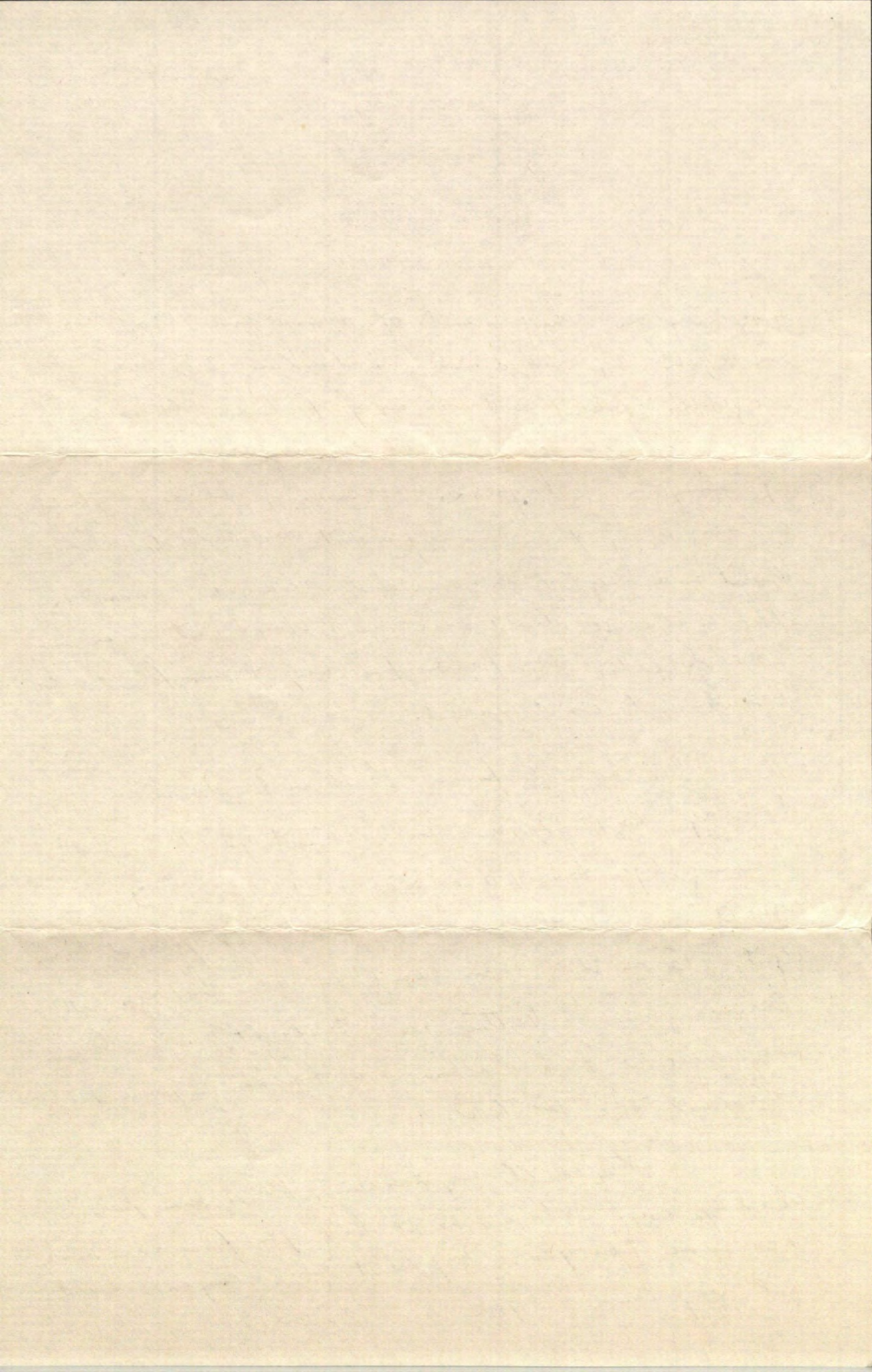
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ruling on shipments of men over 30, so everyone up to and including 38 are eligible. Don't set up any false ideas or hopes because the let down will be worse if anything happens. However we are still a long way from shipment so relax and don't worry. Rumors are scarce, even in the latrine, but our new Lieutenant Colonel is a peach, so perhaps my transfer will work out as desired.

I heard from Bob and Irving to-day. Did Irving ever visit you? Bob's having eye trouble again, and does not mention whether or not Fran has joined him yet. To-night I'm going to see C. Beyer, J. Bergman and J. Catten in "Gaslight". I'll hold my hands, and dream I'm holding guns throughout the picture.

Stay well, my darling. Kiss Jim for Daddy, and I know he'll hug you for me and his love for you. My best to everyone and all my love to you
as ever,
Gg.



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