

Friday - Feb 2 -

Dearest Beloved,

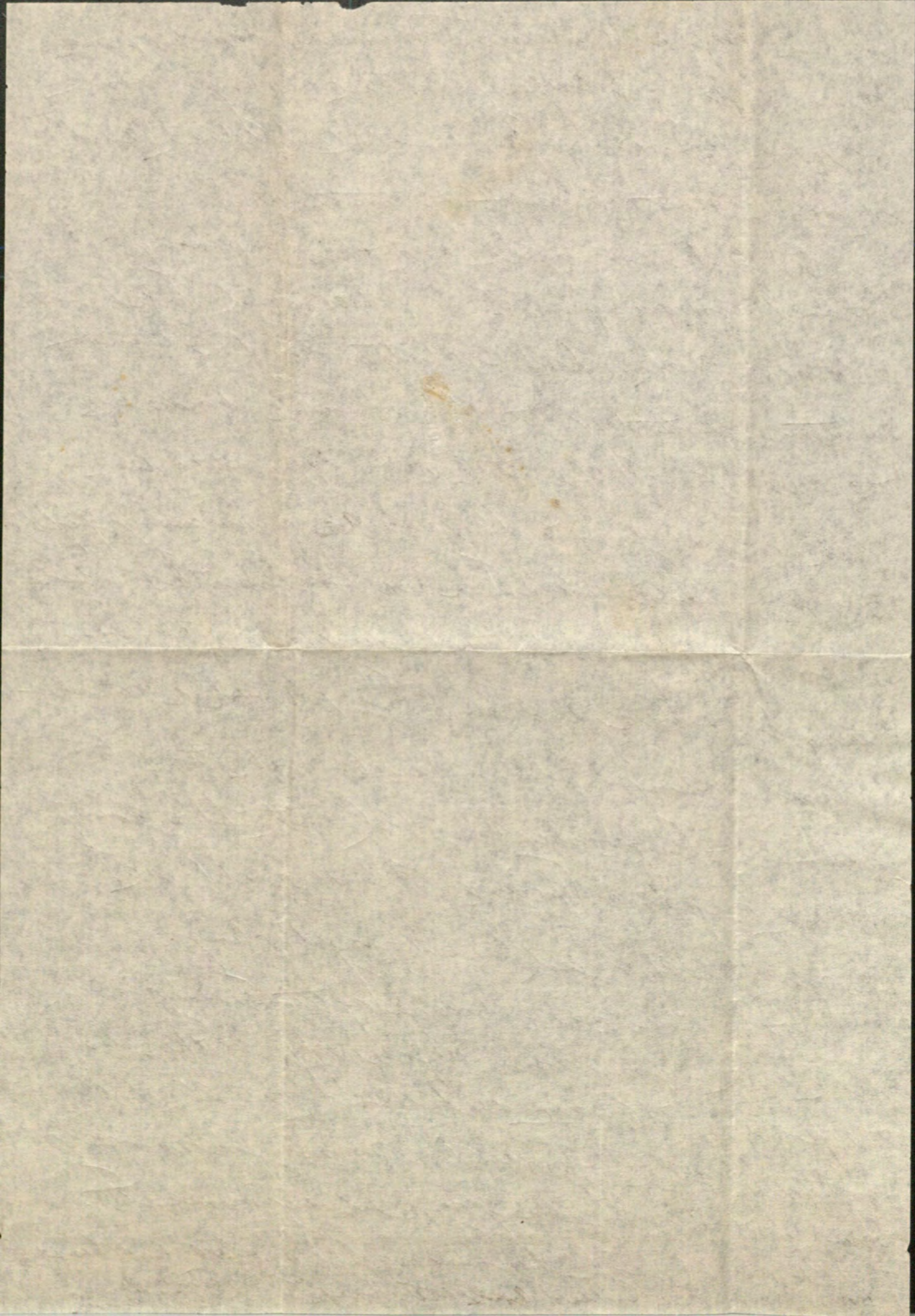
It's been a long busy day for Jim and me but be assured, my dearest, all is well with us and the home front is under control. Hope that you're fine and dandy these days and the war news helps to give us all a great lift. It's quite near the finish now.

This morning I received your letter of Jan. 14th and all your requests will be tended to at once. It's a bit difficult to send plants as - as it now is put up in bottles instead of cans. Last week I did send some cresses and you should be getting a steady flow of packages. Most of the day Jim and I have been sitting and sewing together slacks and overalls. That's my little dream. I have a nice supply of materials and the cost is so little that I don't mind practicing the art of "making do". It keeps me busy and those "mother and son" outfits are something we cannot buy. My good neighbor Mary helped me stitch some

of the staff and Thelma's machine works fine.
Maria kept Jim company in the living room
while we kept our eyes on the children and
it was a most pleasant afternoon.

The folks are well and this morning I
received more mail from E. L. (check) and one
allotment check. Did I mention that I went
downtown yesterday to deposit more bonds in
the vault? I also took out Pop's stock pin
which will be given to Kay as an anniversary gift.
Also met Bernie Shadman in Fred Smith's while
I was shopping and he looks very well. He was
taking an order and has a job with a merch-
andising company. I didn't have to much time to
gawk but his family is well and he's going
to have my dear friend Eleanor call me.

It's sure a look-liked loved, my darling.
Weather was nice today after a very cold
spell and spring isn't too far off; neither is
the finish of the war and soon we'll be
together again. Jim and I miss you so very
much but sleep in loving you every moment.
Say well, and don't worry. All my love and kisses
from Jimmie. Enclosed are all snips of As always,
Ethel



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