

THE HISTORIC ROUND TOWER



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7 MILES TO DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL

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FORT SNEWELL, MINNESOTA

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D-DAY

Florence, sweetheart:

Life has been kind to us in that it has supplied a number of red-letter days which we will never forget. L-DAY on which day we fell deeply in love; M-DAY when we were happily married, and B-DAY, the day our precious son first saw the light of day; I-DAY, on which day I left for the army, and now D-DAY, the day we and the whole world has so patiently been awaiting. There is, darling, one more important day coming in the near future, V-DAY, when life starts anew for us. We are on our way now, let us hope that the end will soon be here. Be hopeful, don't worry, and I'm sure we will have many an enjoyable time, and a fuller life as a result of this experience.

Your Saturday letter arrived today, and I was happy to learn that the weather has turned more delightful. Reading about

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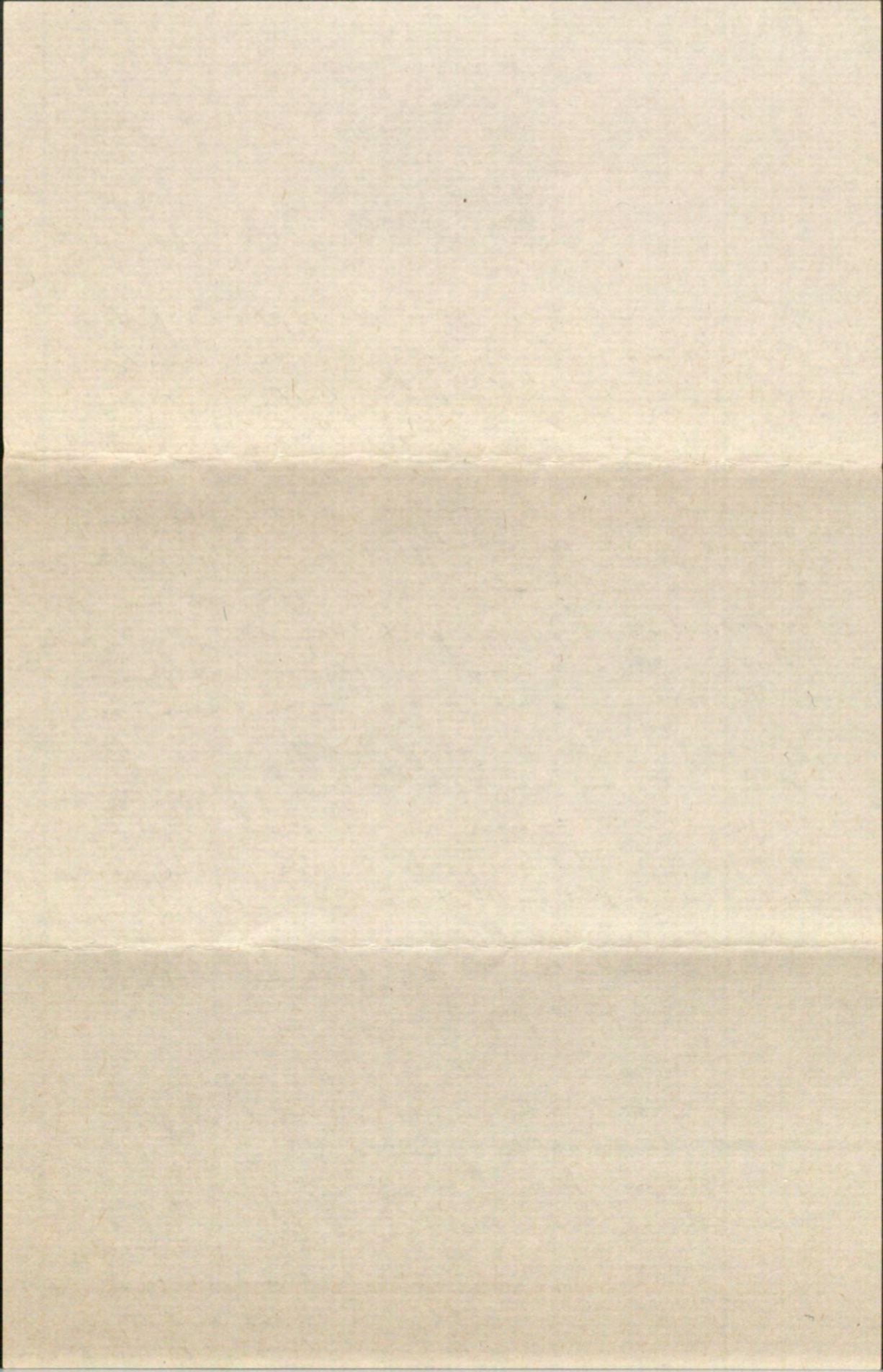


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Jimmy, his derrick, your description of him, and plainly visualizing his charming smile certainly makes me a proud father. But I also am fully conscious that he owes most of his charm, good nature and smile to my sweetheart, so don't think I am hogging all the glory. If that snap you took of him in the yellow suit does him justice please send me an enlarged ($3\frac{1}{2} \times 5$) copy of it. You must be looking well in these cottons, so please have your picture taken and send it on to me (same size). Enclosed you find a snapshot taken in the St. Paul Zoo on May 28th. This is my summer uniform, (I am supposed to wear a tie, but did not while in the park) which was freshly laundered before I put it on that morning. They keep no crease, and look like hell after having been worn 15 minutes. I expect several other pictures in a day or so.

No news on the transfer request, so I played a long chance to-day, and dropped in to see the Chaplain. In the army the Chaplain is a liaison officer between the officers and the enlisted men. I told him about my request, and also explained I was anxious to know what the chances were, in addition to the latest score. He promised to look into the matter, and let



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me know shortly. One never knows whence a good turn will come in the army, so sit tight, all will turn out well in the end.

No other mail to-day, and since I am caught up with all my correspondence, and in most cases way ahead of it, I also wrote Ben another letter telling him about the Chaplain. The weather has been blustering for the past 24 hours, but the sun is out now and it is getting warmer. I feel fine and dandy, hoping long and hard for the transfer to go thru, and loving and missing you every moment of every day.

Under separate cover I sent you some circulars and the camp newspaper to read. Also forwarded a package, the contents of which you will procure for me. It was insured so please advise when it arrives. I have 4 others so I deemed it advisable to send home because it gets lost or stolen.

I quite realize that Jew. too, is to be invaded to-day, and I hope the surprise is over, and the news as encouraging and optimistic as the European mission has been. Do all you can to help matters along for Thelma, and I'm sure you will try to be discreet and understanding no matter what the deal turns

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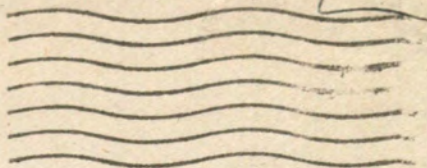
There is nothing I need these days except plenty of loving and peace. But with the skies clearing these days, I feel more hopeful, and my optimism has been running higher since the C.Q. woke us up at 3.30 A.M. to announce the invasion news. There has been no other topic of conversation since, and everyone has the same thought - HOME - but quickly!

Stay well, dearest, Kiss Jim for me, and have him retaliate for his G.I. daddy. My best to the folks our small neighbors, your sisters, and all our good friends. To you I send all my love and adoration

as ever,

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