

Lin 3, Austria,
Friday, 10 August 45.

Flanore, Dearest:

There's no doubt in your mind or mine that the declaration of war by Russia, and the reports of the devastation caused by the atom-bombs, should hasten the end of the Jap war. If the Japs do not read the hand writing on the wall now, I fear that not too many will be around to do much reading as time passes. For a while I was desirous for the production of almost anything that would keep end the war, and this seems to be the answer. But, darling, I fear for the future. Atomic bombs and power used to destroy instead of construct can definitely mean the enslavement of nations and continents. When this war ends I hope the secret of atomic bombs is turned over to the United Nations League for use only against aggressor nations. In any event, my sweetheart, the end is that much closer, and at the same my only thought and desire is to drop my arms around you, hug and kiss you until we are breathless. It will be a reality soon, but continue applying pressure on those politicians et al.

Received a July 31st letter from Kay in which she advised that Fran had received word of Bob's arrival in state of Washington. Also received the July 22nd issue of the Sunday Service. Between the letter, papers, and radio I am rapidly getting up to date. Of course the only satisfying news is your daily letter, but there are so many overdue that one of these days I'll really reap a harvest. As I listen to the Russian reports I realize very well that home and you will be a reality soon.

The weather has been cool, cloudy and rainy all day, but it's clearing to night. The picture in town is hardly worth the effort, so I'm not even changing from my fatigues. I intend visiting Salzburg over the week-end, to see the boys in the camp, and also to take some snapshots. Effortless last night we took one the railroads running into Vienna, and I'll try to get to see the city before too much time elapses. Have been forwarding many pictures in the post week, and I do hope they all reach you. Also sent you 5 envelopes containing Nazi postage stamps, and 5 other envelopes containing film negatives. Please acknowledge and preserve. Of course if you want to make any pictures of the negatives go right ahead. Let me know how those films you are having developed turn out.

In several previous letters I wrote you that I had mailed \$20.00 money order on or about July 2nd, had sent \$40.00 then coming finance on July 16th, and another money order for \$35.00 on August 3rd. Please advise when received. However I'd appreciate if you to send me a couple of \$5.00 bills, and a couple of \$2.00 bills.

Merely enclose a bill in each letter you mail, and I'll advise when received. There are many questions and requests included in many of my previous letters, and I do hope I am not imposing on you too much. However do endeavor to reply, and fill my boxes as soon as possible. Every thing is in a state of uncertainty, and one never knows from day to day what to expect. Certainly with atom bombs destroying cities and entire populations by the hundreds of thousands, there is no need for the 7 million men away the War Dept insists upon. See what I mean!

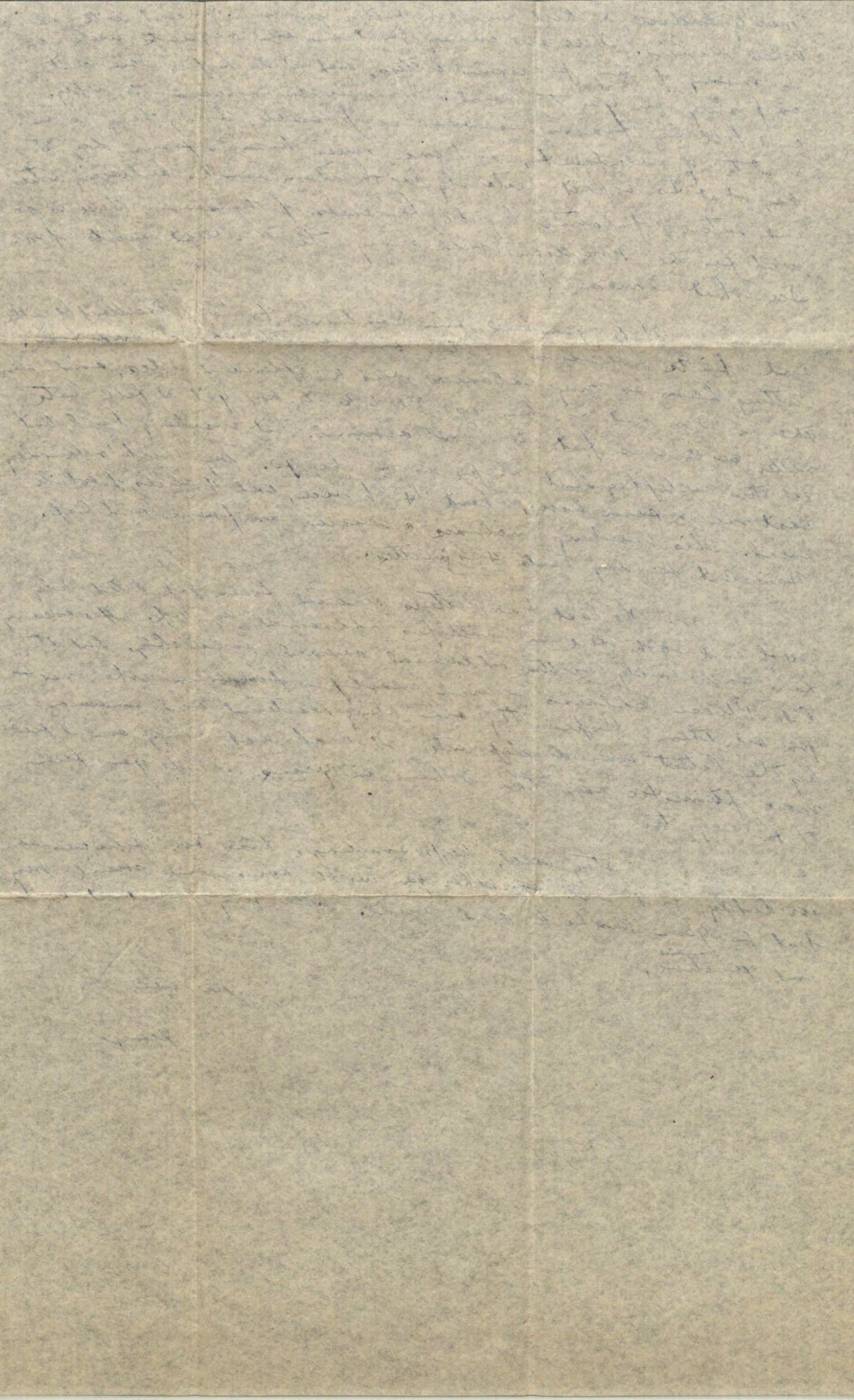
Hope you and Jim continue to have excellent health and spirits, because I too am in the same condition. Cutting down on my caloric was a splendid idea, and even though I'm not as thin as I'd like to be, yet I feel lots better with less fat to haul around. Not working hard, but all this re deployment keeps us on the go. My week's laundry cost me 8 paper balls, about $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. rice, and 4 slices of white bread. This working includes a woollen uniform and Cap. Hair-Cut 40 - day costs 4 cigarettes.

The last two letters received from pop dated July 24th and 29th were in envelopes addressed by pop. It's amazing how such badly written addressed arrived so quickly, but they did. Please address several envelopes for them when next you see them. Hope they are being heartened and encouraged by the latest war developments. It looks good, honey, and I feel more optimistic now than I have in years. I hope you feel that way, too.

Stay well, keep smiling, kiss our precious son for daddy, and I'll smother you with kisses in mail. My best to your kinfolk and mine, all my constant love and affection,

As ever,

George



Movie Schedule

Central Theater, Linz: "Escape In The Desert" Jane Sullivan, Zachery Scott. Also short "Calling All Girls". 1400 and 1930.

261st Inf: "Wonderman" Danny Kaye.

DivArty: "Between Two Women" Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson.

Eng-Med: "Lake Palace."

260th Inf: "Bewitched" Edmund Wilson.

NON-SNAFU MOVIES PROMISED FOR LINZ

"Movies like you see back in the States" is what SSO's cel-luloid mogul, Pvt T. E. McMakin, promises with the inauguration of 35 millimeter motion pictures at the Central Theater today.

According to McMakin, there will be no hitches, the sound will be better, the frames themselves more distinct, and the films will include some of Hollywood's latest.

First Film

The first film to back up these extravagant claims will have its Linz premiere, this afternoon, at 1400, and will play once more at 1930, when "Escape In The Desert", with Jane Sullivan and Zachery Scott, will flicker on the Central Theater screen. The schedule calls for this picture to run on Friday and Saturday, for another film to play Sunday and Monday, and the famed "Valley Of Decision", with Greer Garson, to fill in the remaining days of the week.

a three-round Army Sports show exhibition with the leading American heavyweight contender. Weidinger, a heavy but slightly slow youngster with a great deal to learn, hit Conn one blow that brought color to the Pittsburg fighter's face and Billy's Irish came to the front.

He then proceeded, until the bell ended the round, to give Mr. Weidinger his first lesson in how they do it in Madison Square Garden. One Conn blow missed the Austrian's chin by a hair. If it had connected, Pepi would have been anything but.

Good Bout

Conn cooled down between rounds and came out for the third and final go realizing that he was fighting an exhibition and the two big men gave the fans a good show.

After the fight Conn said that Weidinger was a "good boy and could go to America, learn a little more and make a lot". Weidinger said he had never seen a man "as fast as Conn", and came up with the usual boxing post-mortem that he'd "like to try again".

In other action, Sol Schiff, national singles and doubles table tennis champion, tangled with the Austrian champion, a lad named Franz Pilsl, and had to really work to take a 21-19 decision in a match that was well received by the fans.

George Lott, former Davis Cup champion, played a tennis exhibition match with Charlie Harmon, fifth ranking American professional player, and gained a 6-1 decision. Then, Lott paired with Division tennis finalist Chaplain John Park and lost a 2-6 decision to Harmon. His 67th team mate was of Div Hq.

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