

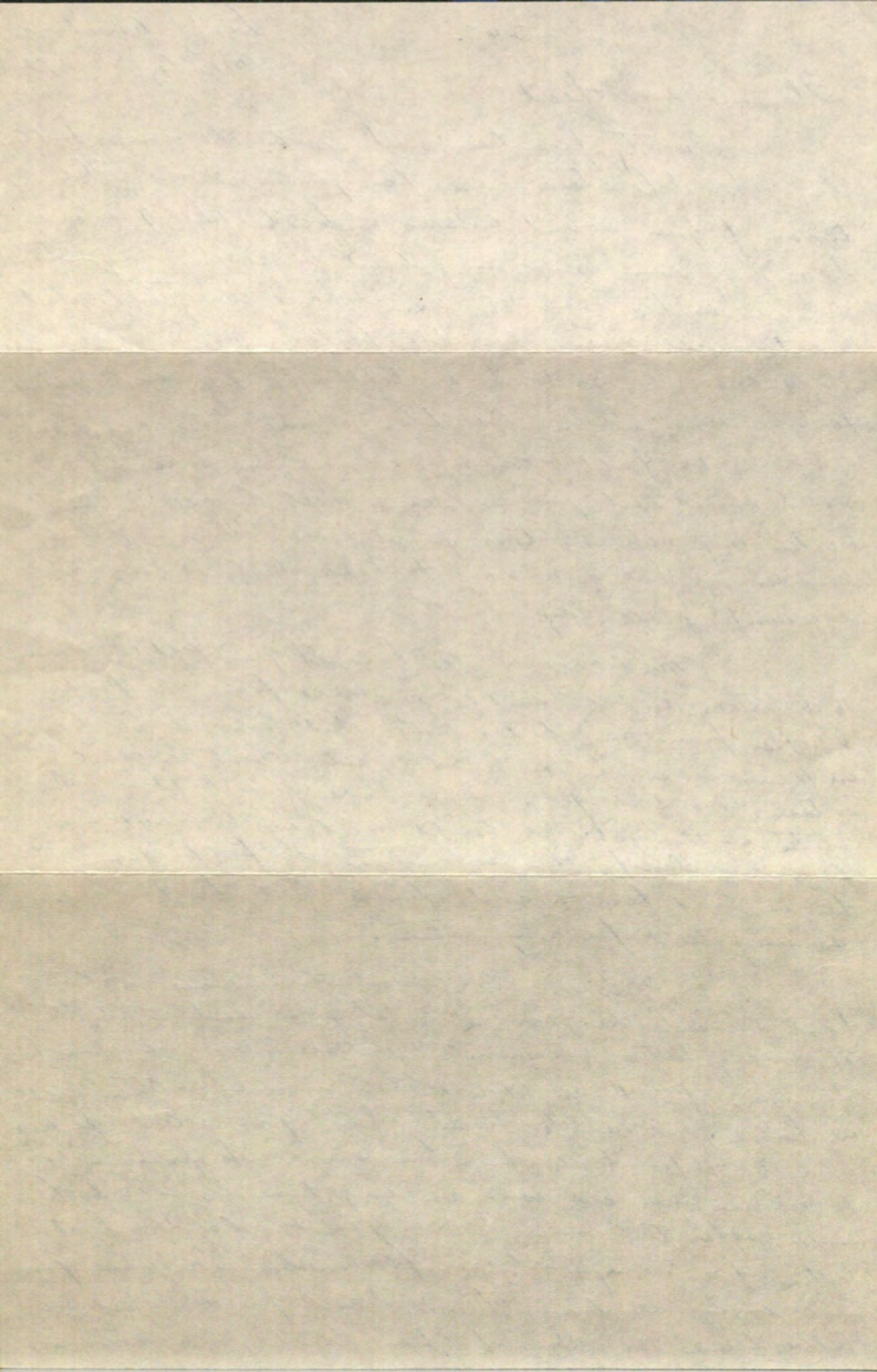
King's, Australia
Monday, 24 Sept 98

Dearest, Sweetheart!

Twenty four hours closer to the inevitable day when life starts anew for you and me. The tenor of your recent letters indicate that you are becoming even more impatient awaiting my return, which makes two of us. I have every hope that events will move quickly for me when November rolls around, so keep a stiff upper lip, and prepare for the reunion in Brooklyn. Time will pass in a hurry as fall nears, so carry on like the grand sweetheart you are, and I'll do all I can to hasten my return. Our present existence is plenty monotonous, but I manage to have plenty to keep me preoccupied all day.

Mail call to-day brought your Sept 15th and 16th letters in one envelope, and one from the folks. I gather from my dad's letter that Bob will be home on leave on or about the 22th, after which he will return to a desk job. Sure hope he is kept in the States on this job. No doubt mail in the next few days will clarify this situation. The folks seem to be in good health and spirits, but they too are so impatient for my return.

This is the second consecutive night I have missed the mailbox to stay in and reply to the many letters accumulated during my furlough. However, after to-night I'll have the situation well in hand. I wrote Frank about your second package, and do hope it reaches them soon. He promised to advise me as soon as any bundles reach them. Under separate cover I sent you to-day the last letters from my Belgian friends. I'm sure you will enjoy reading them. Since you received a letter from Mr. Hirsch (Long Beach) I assume



You added your address on the envelope you mailed to him. He has already replied to me, and after work to-day I visited his niece to convey the message. She was most affectionate, as you may well imagine, after all these years.

Having been optimistic about Bess's child birth by now I have been addressing all my letters to our home since Sept 13th. Sure hope you have been receiving them. No doubt Bess has miscalculated the date, but I do hope all is over by now, and that all went well with her and the baby. Please convey my love to her.

Herb Renken asked me to get some more of those sets for him, and I've tried to arrange the purchase of 50 to 75 more. As soon as I know how many I've sent him I'll advise you. I will instruct him to pay you directly for them, and you can advise me when he does so. I don't need anything, but please send me the several \$5. bills I requested in yesterday's letter. At least 2 or 3. At present he owes me for 16 sets, and I'm interested to learn what he is going to pay me for them. His eyes will pop when he sees some of the sets I've sent you in recent letters. Please be careful of them. Enclosing a small envelope in this letter with 2 five stamps.

As I wrote above I visited the girl who was to have an expensive suit made for Jim. Well, honey, yesterday I was unhappy because I could get nothing for his birthday, but to-day I'm just beaming with joy. She had had them made, and I now have them in front of me. They are made of a brown (light) skin with green trimmings, and have buttons. I think both of you will be well pleased when you see this birthday gift.

I will include them in the package I intend sending you very shortly. May the littleascal enjoy excellent health as he tries to wear this deer's hide out.

Enclosed herewith you will find a \$100.- money order, which you will please add to our growing account. I'll not try to explain all this to you in a letter, but I'm quite a stamp dealer. Please be sure to acknowledge receipt promptly.

The weather has been miserable all day. It has rained most of the day, and also turned cool. I think it is just one of those days, since the leaves on the trees have not yet begun to turn as they usually do in the autumn. I feel fine and dandy. Tremendously loved, had dreams of you kept my spirits high. I knew only too well how much one have missed in the past 22 months, but I guess someone had to do the dirty job. From here in it's only a question as to how soon I go home. I expect it to be before Xmas, so relax, dearest, and have some fun until our day arrives.

Give Jim a special birthday kiss for me, and I'll kiss you both in mind, ever remembering our marriage 3 years ago on his natal day. Much has happened since then. My very best to everyone, and all my love and devotion to you always

as ever,

George

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