

THE HISTORIC ROUND TOWER



8 MILES TO DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS
7 MILES TO DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL

AN ACTIVE U. S. ARMY POST
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FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Friday 5-19-44.

Flower, darling!

Another day of army life, routine, regimentation, rumors and dreams of love and home. All this chicken would be simple enough to take if only one knew when it would end, but that always remains the great enigma. Yet, it is all not as bad as one expects. I have plenty of time to think, plan, hope and dream for the future together with you and Jim. I have been most fortunate in my army jobs and this one is no exception, so I occupy myself in the only way I enjoy spending time these days. Then too, I look at your pictures and realize how much in love we are and always have been - Jimmy is another source of pleasure and joy, and thinking about him keeps me alive with enthusiasm. Your daily newsy letters are always a source of so much inspiration and pride that I look forward hopefully each morning to receiving it. Thus it becomes routine to attend to my army chores; and then when I hear your voice every other week I realize that time will soon end all this, enabling us to be one again. Be of good cheer, dearest, stay well, and soon this barrier between us will disappear - forever I hope.

Your Tuesday letter arrived today, and once again it was good to learn that all is well at home with you and Jim. I'm sorry to learn that Joe is still confined to the hospital, and I hope all turns out well for his sake. I suppose everyone continues worried and upset about him; please keep me posted.

I'm glad you sent Billy a birthday card, he sure deserves it. I have written so many letters since I returned to camp, that to-night after writing this letter I have no one to write. It's pathetic that some of these poor civilians can't find time to reply, but I'm hardly surprised. As long as I get a daily letter from you I'm the happiest guy in the Western Hemisphere. It was nice of Irving to phone, and I hope he is not too busy to visit you and Jim, but I hardly expect it.

It pleased me very much to read that you went to the movies Monday, and I'm glad you enjoyed "In our time". I saw it about 3 months ago and also liked. Last night I saw Eddie Cantor in "Show Business" and it was an extra elegant picture. Full of music, songs, dancing, jokes, fun and Geo. Murphy, Joan Davis, Nancy Kelly and Constance Moore. I hope you get a chance to see it real soon, as I know you'll really like it.

Be certain to pay the Council Treasurer \$2.⁵⁰ and also my insurance bill at the Flathead Savings around June 1st; also make entries in black book. Any further news on the accident? also please attend to making those snapshot duplicates I asked for the other day as soon

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as possible. As soon as we change in to our summer uniforms I'll have another face photo made here. Did you and the folks examine at a selection of those two horror pictures I must have taken at Bloomingdale's? Hope you had no trouble finding the snapshots in the breakfast, and if there is anything else I misplaced for you while I was home please inquire and I'll endeavor to acquaint you with the secret hiding place.

I wrote Herbert to learn if he could use some air-mail stamps (used) for us all to his customers. Please do not destroy or mutilate any of the air mail stamps you receive. Should he find it possible to use them I'll attempt to send them to him for a consideration. As mail-clerk I am collecting plenty of them, and will probably want you to remove them from all the envelopes you have at home. So stand by and I'll let you know when I hear from him.

The weather has been dreary all day, and slightly cooler. I'm happy you are getting a little warmer weather lately. Jim certainly must enjoy those daily outings in the park. Is he speaking any better? How is his vocabulary coming along? Hope you and he are in excellent

health and spirits and not too lonesome
for your admiring daddy. I feel pretty good,
have no further news on the transfer request,
and if I can button hole the company
commander to-morrow I'll make further
inquiry as to the score. But this much I
know, that no matter what ultimately takes
place it is all for the best and our good,
so don't worry too much. I have plenty
of dough until the first when I get ~~two~~
months pay, a good deal as you can no doubt
appreciate. Is the car o.k. and did Allen
ever repair the headlight?

I expect to have dinner in town
Saturday night, but no plans for Sunday.
Can't go to the ball game as the teams are
out of town until Memorial Day, when I
suppose the soldiers will have to parade.
Kiss my best to the folks and everyone
else. Kiss Jim for me, and I'll kiss you
both in mind. With all my love and
adoration, sweetheart, you find me

as ever,

Gg.

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