

THE HISTORIC ROUND TOWER

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FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Wednesday 5-31-44

Florence, dearest:

It had been my fondest hope that by this time I would have had a definite answer to my transfer request to enable us to either arrange for your visiting me in the event of a negative reply, or my being closer to you if the request is granted. However, having finally persuaded the Company commander to speak to the Colonel, I now have to await further developments. I don't know how long this will take or what the final result will be when the letter does make the rounds. It would sure be a pity to sit by and wait developments for another month or so, and then discover I have been turned down. Since you feel as though you'd like to come out even for the ride, perhaps it would be advisable for you to make arrangements to visit me, as soon as possible. Think it over, weigh all the angles, and I'll discuss it with you during my Sunday phone call. I sure would like to have you

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and Jim around even for a short while, and maybe the train ride would do you both some good. If the transfer does come then O.K., why, you'll just go back home again. However I want you to do what you think most advisable, and we must consider Jim, too.

Your Sunday and Monday air-mail letters arrived to-day, with the snaps enclosed in the latter. They came out swell, but I kept only one of them, returning the rest in a separate envelope. Please let me know when they arrive. Your description of the day at the beach sounded as though you all had a grand time, and it makes me very happy to know you are managing quite comfortably, and the children are getting some fun out of the lovely weather. You understand it's a lot easier to do all these things at home with its conveniences than in a furnished room without all these necessities.

I am quite anxious to learn the results of Joel's latest trip to the hospital, so please keep me advised promptly. Also sorry to hear about Sam's

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difficulties, and this morning before I received your letter I had written Kay a letter inquiring as to why I had not received any mail from her or Sam. I now understand why Sam had not written but cannot comprehend why Kay is so backward about replying. However I suppose every person has a reason, so I'll just have to wait. To-day's mail also included a letter from Ann Rosenberg and Bob. News continues just about the same in both cases.

I am glad to read that the weather has turned nice and that you are able to spend much time in the sunshine with Jimmy, together with Helma and Jill. It would sure warm the circles of my heart to have you spend a whole summer in the country with Jim, and really sap up that good old sun. You need it as much as anyone, and with the war news continuing as it has for the past week, I feel as though we can be more optimistic about the future.

Enclosed you find a review of the picture I saw last night, it is self explanatory, so please avoid this one.

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To-night, weather permitting, I am going to the ball game in St. Paul. You can gather from the tense of this letter that it is being written during the afternoon, when I have nothing to do unless I do some clerical work at headquarters. What a gold-bricking job, but I still hope the transfer comes thru.

Stay well, my love, don't worry, don't be hasty deciding about the trip, and kiss our wonderful boy for daddy, who adores you both so very, very much. My best to everyone, and with the ever-present thought that I love you

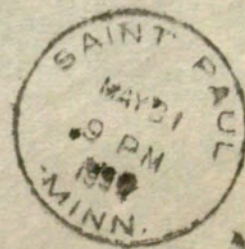
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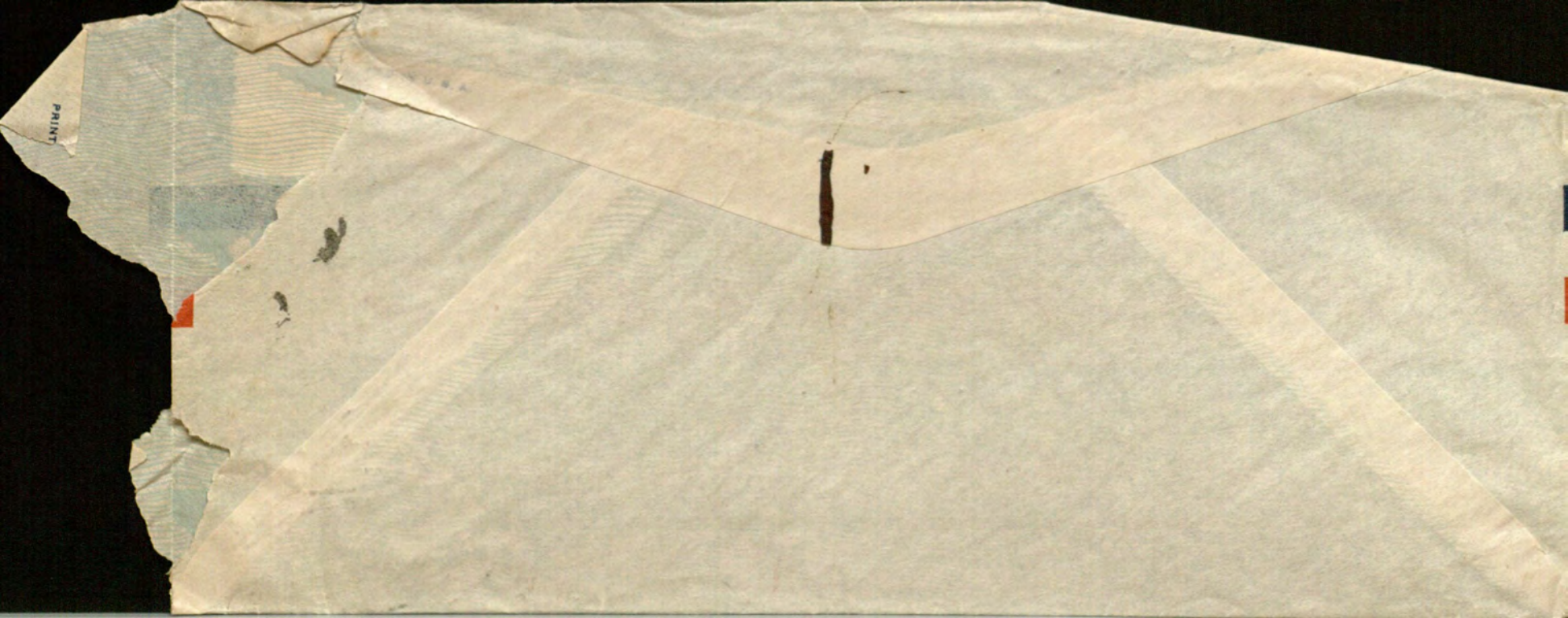


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