

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

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Florence, Sweetheart:

In my new role as mail-clerk I am receiving a closer insight into men's life and thoughts that I had probably overlooked as a completely happy and contented sweetheart. It is one thing to be in love and married, but it's another matter to receive a daily reminder and assurance of that ecstatic feeling. I am one of those fortunate men who receives a daily portion of love and devotion in the form of the daily letter, but, darling, what is the man whose wife or sweetheart writes but once a week or even less often than that. There are some men who have been neglected so long it grieves me to answer them negatively when they inquire for mail with hopeful hearts. This is just another demonstration of love, honey, and believe you me, I feel proud to be so fortunate, especially at a time like this.

Your Friday letter arrived to-day, and everything sounds as though good health, peace, and tranquillity reigned supreme in our little Kingdom. I do hope such is the case, and I'm confident that with you in control all is and will continue to be in good order. Hope you managed Mother's Day O.K., and also took care of

my man. Did you collect for the battle of
Wilson's ~~ice~~ or is that a sacred subject? Jim
must be coming along nicely, and its simple
for me to picture him doing all the cute things
you describe. I hope his vocabulary is coming
along, and does he stand up to do it yet? Also
received a letter from Pinus, Ruth Brill, Sam
and 2 from Bob. Pinus' son was transferred
back to the infantry, and I guess the Pinus' are
wounded again. Sam is working but determined to
stick it out. Ruth's sister is going to the hospital
terrible unknown but Ruth sounded quite
disturbed about it. Bob is beginning a rugged
deal for 6 weeks or so, but I think Fran will
follow him soon, otherwise all is o.k.

I have received no word yet as to
whether or not the Major has approved my
transfer request yet, but I have plenty of
spies planted, and now that I am on
speaking terms with Company Commander I'll
keep after him. It would help to know how I
stand before we make any plans for your visit.
This army sure keeps one on edge no matter
what the deal is. In any event don't worry as
everything will turn out all right, as usual.
I feel fine and dandy, and truly hope you
Jim, the folks and your family are all well.

This afternoon the I/Sgt asked me
to help him out by setting up and straightening
out his file system. Well, dearie, I have 2 jobs
already, but since this gave me the opportunity to
be in the office again, and take care of the files I
acquiesced. Among other things the officers
complimented me on my versatility, and I
discovered for myself that I had been recommended
for promotion to Corporal on May 13th, so maybe
I won't finish the war as a private after all.
Want that make you more proud of your hero?

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I also spoke to the Coca Cola man about taking care of the coke machine, for pay, and he told me he would arrange this after the 1st of the month. Isn't that thing you knew I'd have all the paying rackets tied up, as usual. I think Don would appreciate this.

Yesterday was a beautiful, spring day, and the picnic turned out to be a huge (?) success. The Sorority had invited 35 Jewish lads, and 4 of them turned out, and they in turn brought 3 Christians, 2 of whom I coasted along. There were 11 girls to take care of 7 men, and they sure did a nice job. We went to Phelan Lake about 30 minutes outside of St. Paul, the girls paid the fare both ways, had plenty of hot dogs, rels, mustard, marshmallows, Cokes, cake and potato chips, and also bought 36 bottles of coke. We played indoor baseball, told stories, and I as usual managed to keep my big mouth going, to their amusement. It was unanimously agreed that we had a pretty good time, and it was a good feeling to be out in the sun with people who tried so hard to please. It is needless for me to add that I would have preferred yours and Jim's companionship to anything else in the world, but - oh well - they tried so hard to substitute

for our deservis. I hope you and Jim are
enjoying the sun, and getting down to the park
or beach these days. I did not receive any
more pictures from you other than the 4 you
sent; did you forward any others?

To-night I am going to the Port Movies
to see Cary Grant in "Once upon a Time". Washed
my clothes to-day in the machine, and I'm
caught up with all my work. Stay healthy,
my darlings. Don't worry, soon the sun
will shine again for us. Kiss Jim for me,
and have the rascal kiss you for daddy. My
best to everyone,

As ever,

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