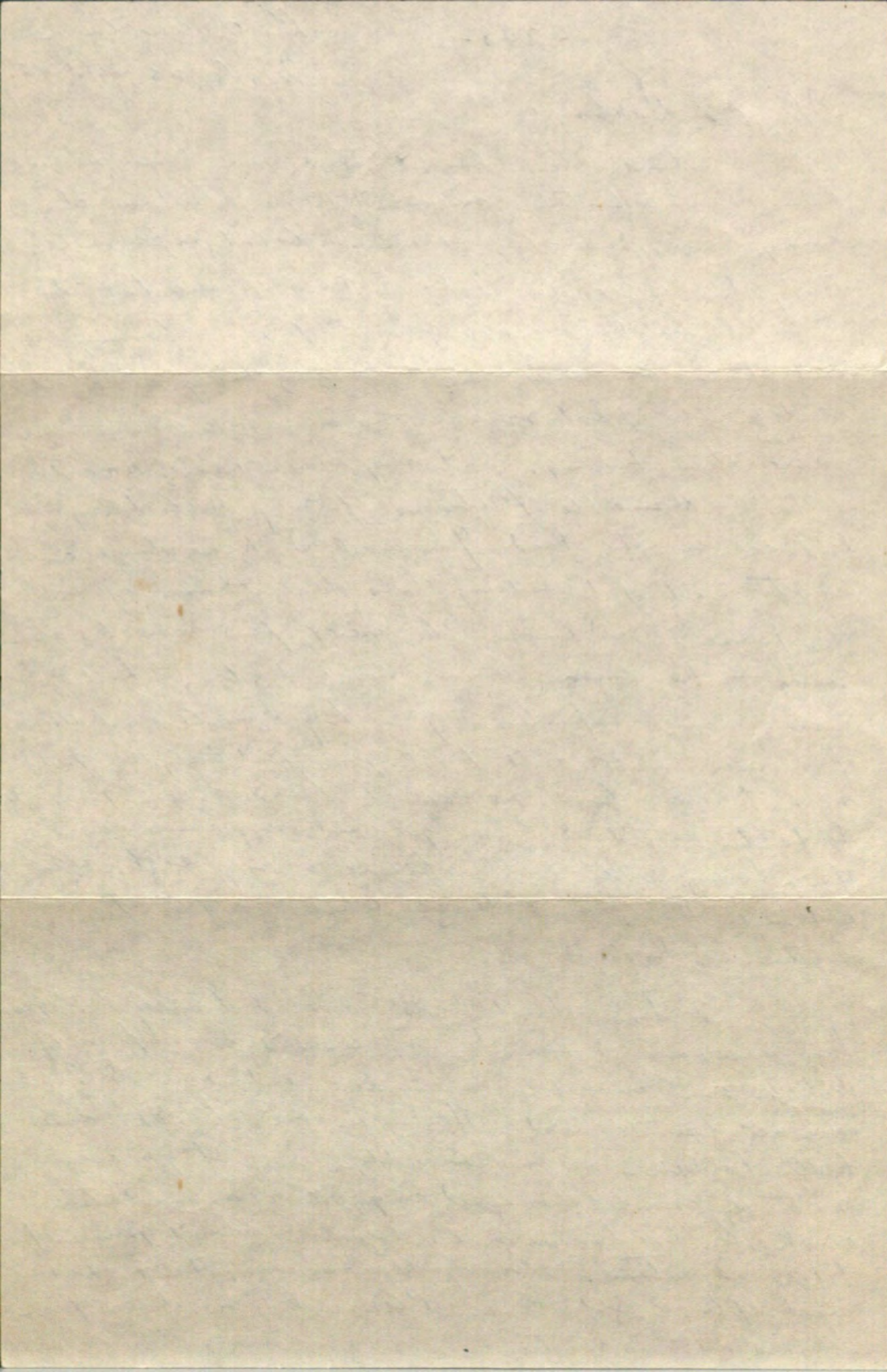


King's, Australia
 Tuesday, 25 Sept 45.

Flarence, Darling:

There's no doubt that you have shared every uncomfortable moment I've spent in the army, and probably some I didn't experience. Only too well do I know how wonderful it is to be in love with you, and you sharing that love, in addition to everything else. I realize the past 22 months or more have been more than trying, but my sweetheart, most of the undesirable features of my military life are in the past. You and I have done a pretty good job selling this deal thru up to the present. I know the next few months are going to be even more soul-testing, but I have every confidence your big smile and sense of humor will not fail you. Not only do you need it now, but so do I. Don't allow yourself to falter until I have you in my arms, and then, honey, we'll both leave a big sigh, shed a tear or two, and laugh like a couple of hysterical kids.

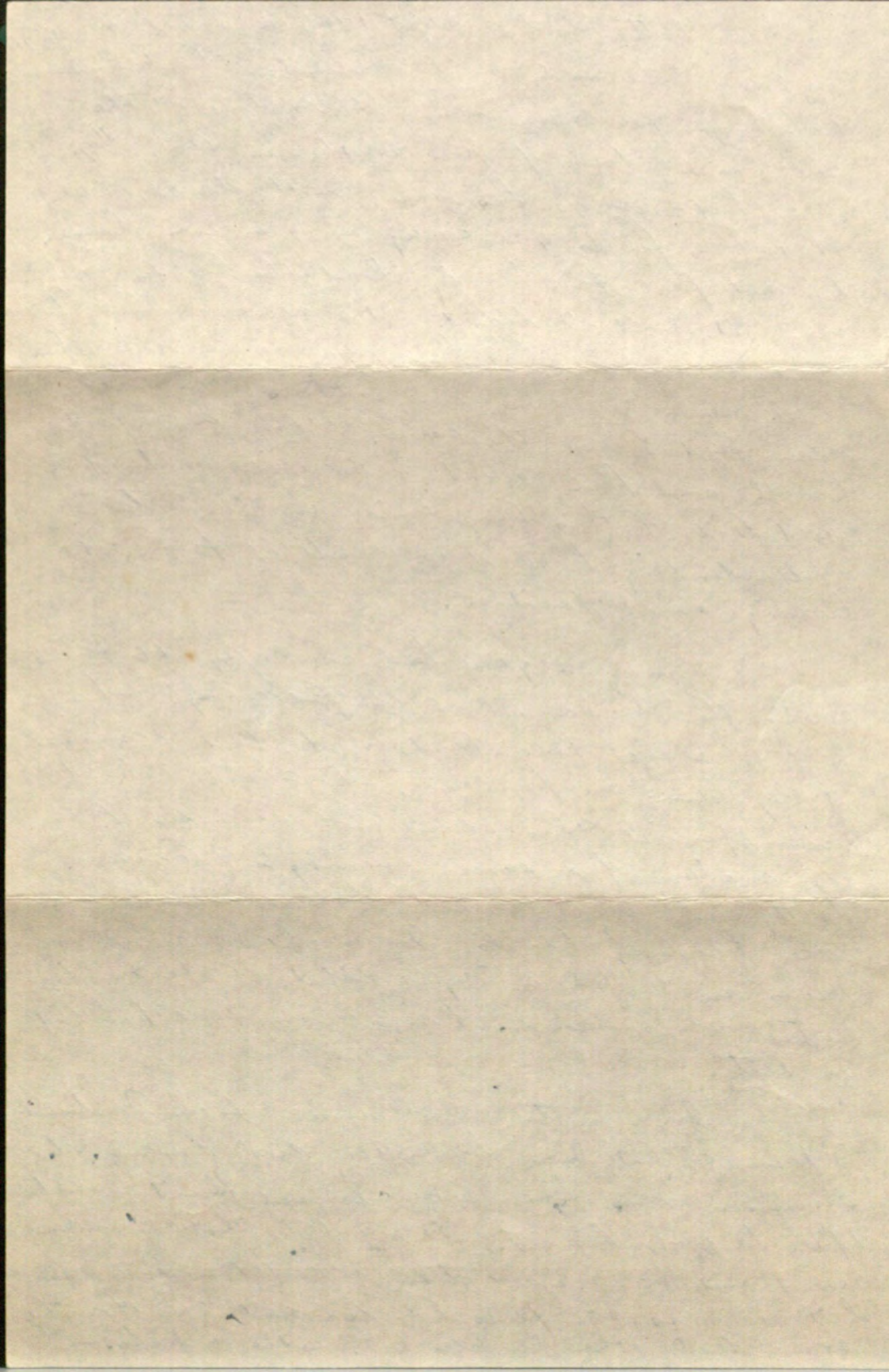
Talking about kids. I need hardly tell you how anxious I am to supplement our family. Perhaps our inability to make contact in St. Paul was all for the best. However we should have better fortune in the Brooklyn air. If you are mutually minded, may I suggest a consultation with Dr. Dickinson or Dr. Benner about yourself before I return. I may be too impatient to wait after I get there. Please let me know your desires in this matter.



Your letter dated Sept 17th arrived today, and was the only mail received. Thank goodness. Once again you seem ready to explode at the antics and actions of your brother-in-law. My. I do hope Bess has given birth already, and that this finds you snug in your own home. Do not feel too keenly about the breaks some men get, and I didn't. It's never as bad that it can't be worse. I have seen many men who will never go home, and others who will never find home the same. I am in perfect health, and feel positive we will make up a great deal of this long time, in the better understanding both of us realized from life during our separation.

I'm glad you had an enjoy able time seeing the "Princers and The Bell-boy". The picture played here last week, but I missed it by being on furlough. The shorts which accompanied this show also sounded like the making of a swell evening's pleasure. Pretty soon will be seeing these shows together. Holding hands. To night I saw Dennis Morgan in "God is My Co-Pilot." a fast, active picture which hardly changed my code of belief in deity.

In a letter I received from M. Hunt I learned that Joe Greenberg died during the summer. Mrs. Greenberg advised Hunt 2 weeks after he was buried. It's a pity that woman could not be more rational and less anti-social, but I guess she feels life did not give her the same deal other people got. It's a pity.

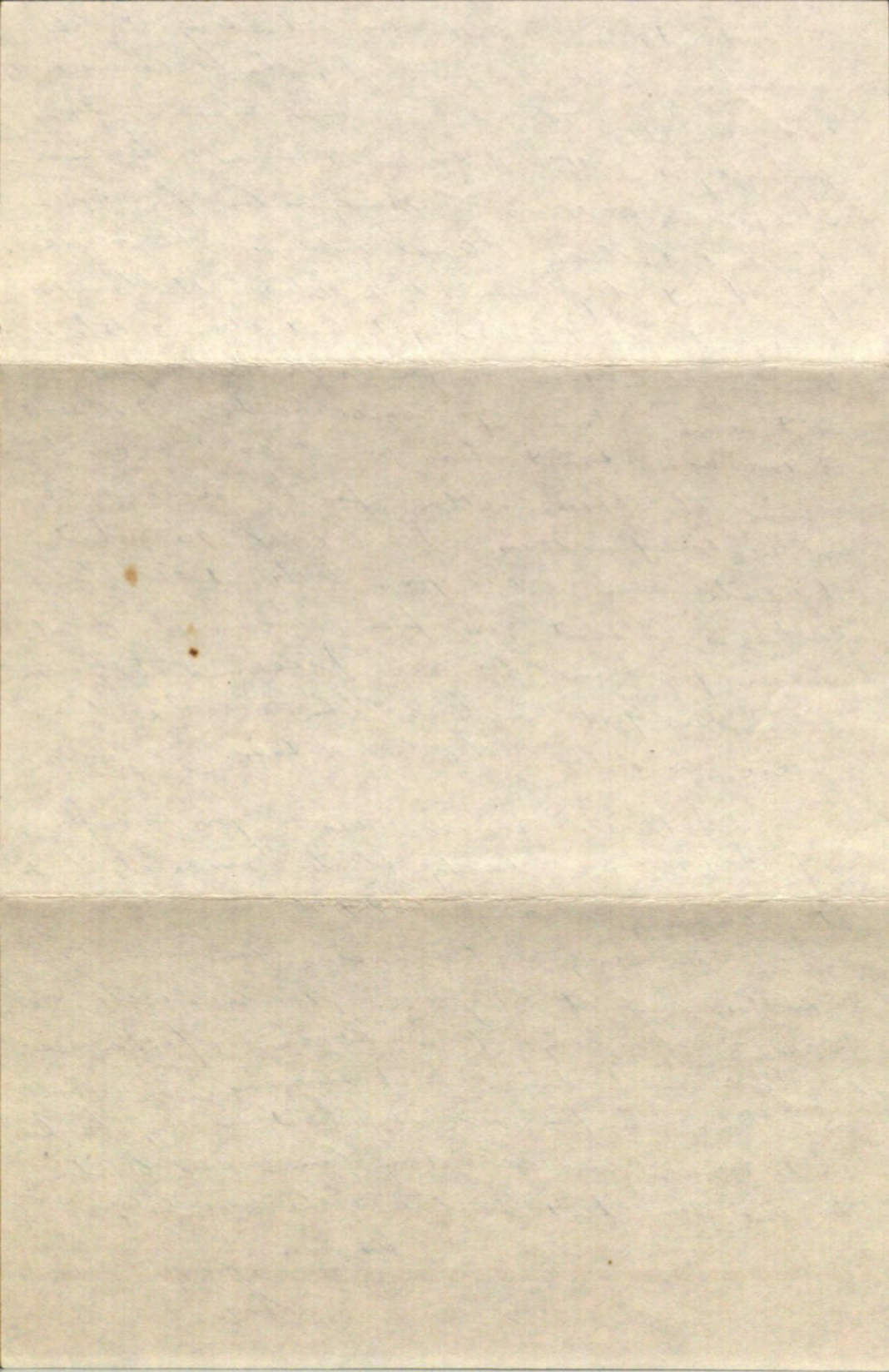


Thanks so much for attending to the insurance bill. I'm happy the facts are well, and do hope they are in good spirits. In yesterday's letter I enclosed several German stamps, as well as a money order for one hundred dollars. Please advise when received. Your first day covers and Russell's stamps have not reached me yet, but arrived shortly. I'm so pleased with Jim's leather alpine suit, and I know you will be too. I'll send it you via first class mail as soon as I receive the horn button for the cross-piece on the suspenders. I will tell you what it costs when I see you. I trust all the packages I sent you from Bonaville reach you in jiffy time. We were promised they would be in New York in less than 2 weeks. Do advise, and also the conditions.

Hope all goes well with you and Jim. I feel fine and dandy, plenty homesick, but still smiling at my ability to have been a patient so long, and amenable for over 12 months, and at my age. Wonders will never cease, - especially if I become a father again in the near future. Keep smiling, stay well, and kiss Jim for me. My heart to my folks and yours, and all my love and devotion to the sincerest girl in the world.

As ever,

A. J.



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