

June 6

Dear Ones,

The anniversary of D-day -- I hope that next year at this time we can look back on as successful a year as we do today. Yesterday I heard from Juj twice and from Ruthie also from Jerry Brown. Juj and I have terrible mail service between here and Samoa - he tells me that my last three letters to him, written about a ten days apart arrived in the same delivery. I guess that by this time Ruthie is a college graduate. Jerry has a new APO so I guess he is in the Air force groups taken out of the Eastern Air Command when the RAF took it over; his letters are typical of him, neat, organized, and a little smug - so far he is the only one who has been pessimistic in answer to my questions about the Guardian. I wrote to Juj and Ruth and Bill Shower last night. Do you ever hear from Lou Raybin? The "auldin story in the Journal was excellent - it captures the army one hundred percent.

It is now noontime and I am in the office. I enjoy the way ~~xxx~~ some of the clippings from the TIMES arrive - it looks as though you started to clip out one column and then looked to see what was on the reverse side and ended up by sending along the entire page; no longer can I complain of finding half stories on the back of selected clippings. I saw - in TIME, I imagine - that we were using German assembly plants to supply vehicles in the European theatre. Little things like that combined with the first phases in which Doenitz was still the nominal ruler of Germany reveal that our organization is not yet complete for the control of Germany; certainly it is a problem which will straighten itself up only in time and with experience. I hope that the little wedges in the absoluteness of our peace can be driven out; certainly the automotive industry in Germany is one that we will not allow to blossom again for many a year and certainly we do not intend to allow the continued rule of any professed Nazi or Nazi of any description. We have a lot of time - it is important that we take our time, realize what we are doing, and plan so that Germany will grow into the mold we desire for her.

Your letter to Uncle Don was very good, Daddy - you seem to be at your best when someone is laid up in bed with a sore rear end. Do you remember the time that Uncle Arch took care of my double joint and I was ready to go to the ball game that very afternoon? We went home by Taxi - that undoubtedly was the longest taxi ride I have ever taken or ever will take; I wonder what happened to the Thurman transportation system that afternoon.

It sounds as though your Sebago lake weekend was quite the stuff. In all of her letters Mother mentions your activity, Daddy, and how real it is to read that you were planning to do thus and so but you lay down to rest after supper and she didn't have the heart to wake you. In the Army you would be known as a sack artist par excellence. More power to you - the knack of being able to take a nap is very important; were it not for the fact that I get so drowsy that the whole afternoon would be lost, I would be sleeping these noontime periods.

If your comment that in the British election there are no "cries of don't change horses" refers to our past election, Daddy, I would be willing to wager that the Tories in England are relying as much upon that as the Democrats did in America in November - which is not very much. I do not think that the Conservative party can emerge from the elections with a clear cut majority and I do not think that they can form an effective coalition. I hope I am not wrong in my interpretation of the temper of the British people; no one can deny the world wide importance of the July voting. "Win with Winnie" brings back thoughts of 1940, doesn't it?

OK for now - all my love,

*Sumner*

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