

June 15

Dear Ones -

another day, another dollar - no mail as yet. Tomorrow  
I hope to get in touch with one of the officers down in the  
ordnance company and try to take part in their recreation  
program. I imagine he'll welcome a volunteer - it's the  
sort of stuff I enjoyed most in the 730th. Tonight I'll  
be another more + early to bed; I'll have to do my laundry one  
of these days. I finished T. Mann's short novel "The  
Transposed Heads" in my free time today; a superb story but  
the translation must be poor - it did not capture the beauty  
of his prose as did the translations of "Marion" and "The  
Magic Mountain" which I have read. As you can see I am  
on a reading jag. I will peruse around the library some more  
tonight after work. So far I have sniffed out no hidden  
games. I'll pinch this when I get up to the tent.

well, the groundwork is laid for me to step into the  
imitation program in the near future. And I got the "Ugly  
Duckers" by Ben Feuchtwanger to read. I am favorably  
impressed by most of the officers around here in striking + pleasant  
contrast to the acrimonious spirit of the 730th, at least so far.

I have just reread the material I have on my fingertips  
about zionism: Rabbi Heller vs. Reuchert; zionists vs. Redvers  
Digest etc. Aunt Anne also sent me a clipping from the Globe  
in which Stephen Wise answers the Arab fears of "Jewish Imperialism".  
It is hard for me to believe that there are so many Jewish organizations



involved in the question. What we need is fewer  
organizations and more organization. To my  
mind, the problem is there and by this time someone  
should be able to cull, consolidate, and present a  
working <sup>out of the mass of material</sup> compromise. A lot of the arguments when  
reduced to basics prove to be little more than  
nebulous hickering over terminology. A little less  
general pride and a little more real desire to present  
a unifying & practicable program are to be sought  
as Roger de Coverley says in Addison's *Essays*.  
"There is much to be said on both sides." I  
am strong for the middle ground, a firm basis  
for constructive work. Quibbling - even sincere  
emotional differences can lead to no good when  
we need strength in unity. Friedlander's program  
is an adequate solution and leaves the way open,  
once the groundwork is laid, to work out the  
more emotional problems of governmental superintendence  
in Palestine, of the relation of non-Palestinian  
Jews to it. We need intelligent leadership, and  
less intemperate followers.

That's it for today.

Love,

Sumner