

Dear Ones,

May 1st - 9 years ago today, my Bar Mitzvah - in some ways it seems like just yesterday, in others it seems like an eternity ago - and I would be the last to venture an opinion as to whether I am happier at 22 than I was at 13 - at least under the current conditions of a point of view jaundiced by the Army. And I hardly feel like philosophizing right now -

My beef is that I just checked the projected dates of release for officers in the Regiment and they have me down for August 3rd!!! Boy, did I blow my top - when I saw the listing I screamed "What??" and while everybody stared at me I left lest I make a scene and really open my mouth to put my foot into it. It may be an error, typographical or otherwise, so before I raise a holler I will make a complete check - but there is no point of kidding around, I will go to the Inspector General if I am kept longer than officers with less service than I. I am really boiling over - I can stand this guff and detail and picayune nonsense from this outfit only on the knowledge that I will be getting out at the latest the first week in July. We shall see, but enough is enough... I'll keep you posted, in fact, I should have seen the Adjutant and checked before I mail this letter.. in the meantime I will have to be calm while I eat lunch! I'm not only regusted and disgusted right now, I am about to disintegrate in a flash of atomic energy

Where was I when that cloud of steam went by - I was about to discuss the Anglo-American commission report on Palestine. I have read only the Herald Tribune reports, but I think that the commission offers a very logical stop-gap measure - and the important thing is that it offers an immediate solution - 100,000 from Europe to Palestine. Despite the tone of the report it is not a final denial of the eventual working out of the Palestine local government question to the satisfaction of all within the UNO. I cannot help but feel as a first impression that if the Zionist groups do not rally to the commission report that in the eyes of the world Zionism as a primarily humanitarian and unselfish venture will be discredited.

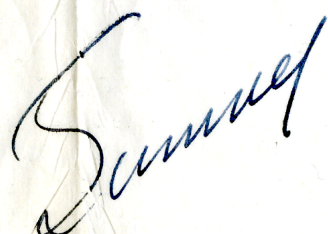
Whoa - relax, relax - it was a typographical error - I am due out on July 3rd - not August 3rd - that is tentative so tentatively I hope to be at Harvard the following Monday. Now I feel better - relatively (and tentatively) speaking...

Now that that issue has subsided I don't seem to have anything to write about - let's see, I did get a letter from York Street so I assume that Bolton Street is Bolton Street again by now. I heard from Barbara G. today - everything for the weekend seems to be in order - just one detail: I am all confused on daylight saving time - Maryland is still on Standard time and I am just hoping that the railroads are too or things will be all fouled up... why an item like time cannot be standardized throughout the country or at least throughout each time zone I'll never know.

OK for now -

All my love,

Regards to Doris.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sammy", is written over the typed name "Sammy" in the bottom right corner of the letter.