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Darling:

I had a letter from Mr. Parke last night asking me to let him know when I am next in N. Y. as he has something he wants to talk over with me in the near future. I'll probably try to run over to see him Sunday morning. Will you get his Brooklyn telephone number? I hope that there are no adverse developments with M. T. Co. What I am afraid of is that the office is getting impatient with Jock Hutto.

I am reading Cant's book on the Navy in World War II which I saw reviewed in the Herald Tribune Sunday. He is extremely critical of the censorship by the Navy. In part this may be justified although we couldn't possibly go as far as he recommends in queering out information.

Captain Lemler, who has just returned from Pearl Harbor, reports that Pat arrived safely.

Bill Hardy and I are having dinner Thursday evening with two officers of Manufacturers Trust Company who are here on business.

your apartment must be an oven
this week. It is extremely hot and
dry here.

Did you have the feeling that
the Johnsons were going to the farm
in September just to oblige us?
I wouldn't have them do that for
anything. And I certainly don't want
to go unless some arrangement can
be made to take the house work
off you and Betty. But I do look forward
to the trip.

Fore the well until Saturday
night, My Dear, I shall probably
take the 6 o'clock train so don't
wait ^{dinner} for me.

Love,
Hugh



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Darling:

A half-pound of cherries purchased on 32nd Street stayed my hunger until Monday morning. And I seemed to be none the worse for it. The train was comfortable enough, but very dirty, and we spent almost an hour on the track just before we reached Baltimore.

The weatherman has really given us the works the last two days: The temperature (official) went to 96 yesterday and was 97 at noon today. I hate to think what it may be in N. Y.

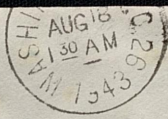
I enclose a clipping from the Washington Merry-Go-Round which I believe you will find very interesting. I believe that I have seen Mrs. Hopkins here. At the time I knew that the lady was an acquaintance but I couldn't name or place her. The clipping renewed my memory. I suppose that it was natural for Mr. Hopkins to be pulled into service when we entered the Near East in a big way. Why didn't I take a degree at the University of Cairo? I think that the Jews are playing a dangerous game in trying to interest or rather direct our State Department in the interests of the Zionists.

The Washington Stores are having sales and if it ever cools off long enough I am going to purchase myself a fetching new hat. Something in light brown straw with a bottle green band is indicated.

The book on the Navy proved to be of enthralling interest. I hadn't realized how many vessels were lost in the successive battles around Soudal-canal. On one night we lost seven destroyers and a cruiser. The Japs lost two battleships, on another night we lost three heavy cruisers and the Australians one. We lost two aircraft carriers, the Hornet and the West, and the Japs lost two. The Japs lost a larger number of destroyers and cruisers than ourselves in total and that ended their drive for Australia - at least for the time being.

I hope that you get away Friday night.

Love,
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Darling:

Colonel Morris and femme are coming Thursday night. I suppose that I ought to try to stay out for a few of the nights they will be here so that they can do a little entertaining. They will be here about five days.

I hope that you didn't get hungry on your way home. When \$4.50 went buy a decent meal for two, without liquor or wine, prices are high. Last night Damon, Stewart and I dined at the Roger Smith. The quality wasn't too good but the servings were large. Ted Hess says that he ^{has} lost twenty pounds from involuntary dieting.

Warner King, with whom Ed Crobbe and I have become very chummy since our work on the Pensacola matter, was at the Bureau today and lunched with Ed and me. In civilian life an accountant in Miami, he is now a cost inspector for the Navy. He has just been moved from Chickasaw, Ala., to Charleston S. C.

Tom Penn, one of our oldest Bondana friends and neighbors,

is dead at 86. He comes from one of the oldest families in the country and is related to everybody. My Father always thought him crooked and had little to do with him, but he was very good to me when I was a small boy and I was very fond of him. one of his sons is in a Jap internment camp in the Philippines. His other son is a good-for-nothing who spends about half his time in an insane asylum.

I have a letter from Sheldon Tefft. inviting me to a reception at the University of Chicago to honor the English attorney general. Its a nice gesture although I don't know how Sheldon thought I could get away from my job.

Pat is back, very brown and rested. He left September 4th will be here for me to leave.

Love,
H.



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Darling;

Zellner is stationed in North Carolina, a fact which I discovered after much telephoning to various offices in the Marine Corps. I am going to write to him. I certainly hope that he didn't get stuck with the house in Arlington. It would have been pleasant to have him here, but North Carolina is probably just the place to build up his health.

If you can you had better bring down the check books - or at least the commercial. I suppose that we shall forget many needed articles.

The *venezia* fed me tonight on liver stew. A man just in front of me got the last roast beef. When I was a boy the local socialists had a proletarian song about a hard-hearted hired-man who fed his mule on hay and his hired hand on liver. That expresses my opinion on liver and its elevation to a luxury item at a dollar a pound hasn't changed my views any.

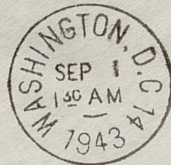
Did I tell you about reading in the press that the visiting senators

had given Alec Royce a going over about the deal pursuant to which he paid much more for wheat in North Africa than the farmers were getting in this country? Alec's defense was that the wheat was furnished by lend-lease in reverse, but Senator Brewster said that that was no excuse, and that at any rate Alec had told a different story at an earlier hearing.

I have made a few tentative inquiries as to apartments with several rooms and baths, nicely furnished and cheap, but no one seems to be very helpful.

The Morris family were here when I returned Sunday night, but were gone last night and are not in appearance tonight. I believe that he leaves Thursday.

Good night, my dear,
H



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My Dear:

This must be a short note as its very late. I dined with Dick Kyle tonight. He had heard that you were coming to Washington and hopes to see you soon. Dick is taking next week off also, but hasn't decided where he will go.

Will you bring all or part of the loose leaf paper for my diary which you will find on the shelf in my clothes closet. I am almost out.

Love,
Hugh



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Darling:

I have located and enclose your income tax report. Please bring it back when you come so I can keep them all together.

The bankbook is quite useless as information upon which to base my return or the books I am trying to keep. Your deposits appear in such cryptic sums as \$92.00, \$100, \$37.65, \$980.63, with no further indication of any kind as to the origin of the money. Please bring down any memoranda you may have; also the August checks and bank statement; also the figures (which are probably in the Manufacturers check book) showing the amounts Mrs. Eaton paid in July. Please also bring the diary paper from my closet.

Ken Moore's brother, Bill is having dinner with me tomorrow night.

Love,
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