

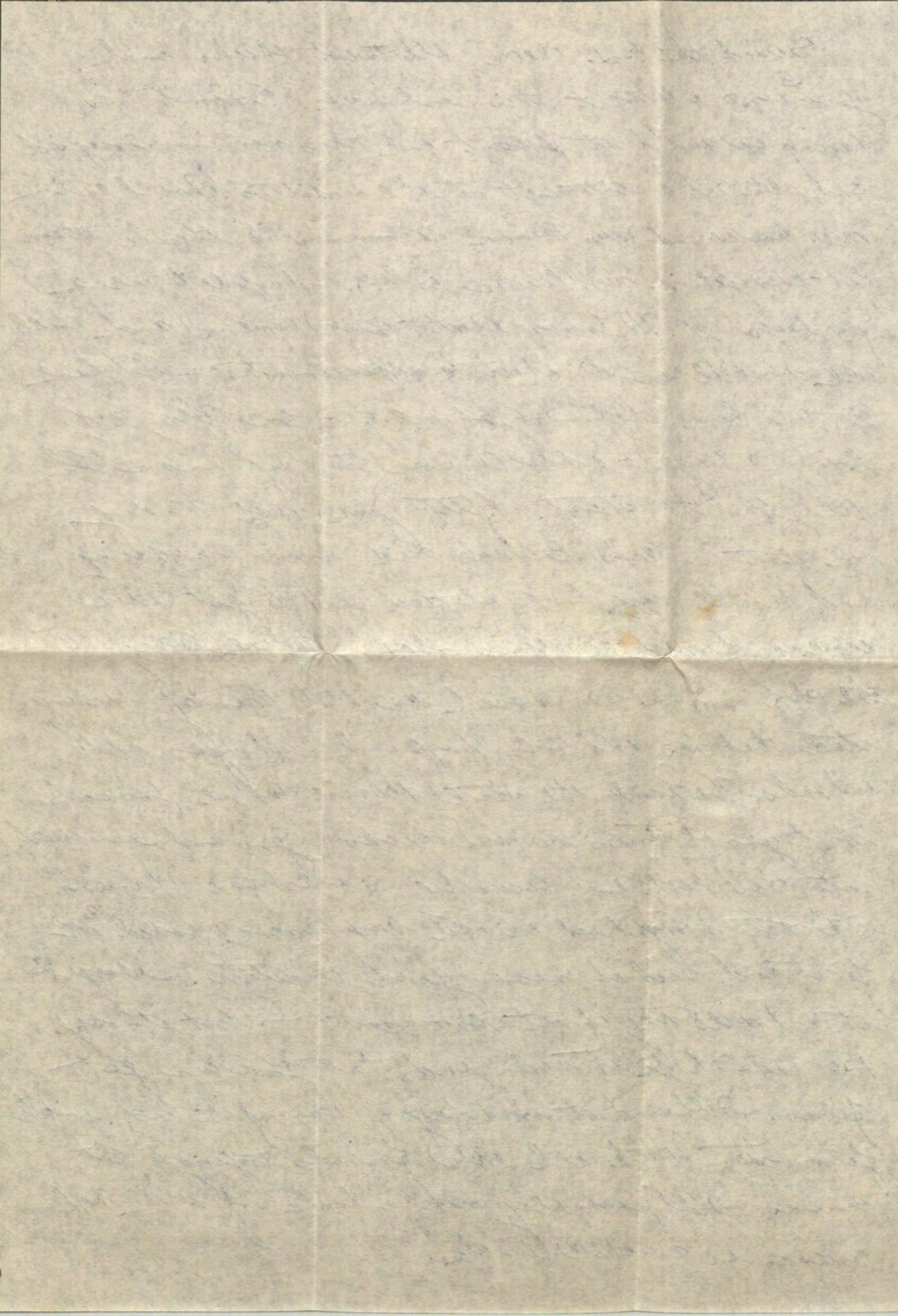
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My dearest sweetheart,

Your very sweet, wonderful letter dated March 26th #88 arrived this morning. Thanks again, darling, for those grand birthday wishes and your thoughtfulness. You are the best husband in the world and Jim and I are two very lucky people to have you for our man.

The money order for \$40.00 was enclosed and I'll spend part of it as you request and I haven't sent any money since March 14th. Hope you received the total of \$19.00. Will attend to the policy to-morrow now that I'm sure which one you want cancelled. Also mailed another package to you with only 4 lbs and 2 lbs of rice and a box of choc. pudding. Yesterday's package contained black olives, box of treasuits, 2 cans of sardines and puddings. Shopped in Sears for a gift for that boy you mentioned and saw a nice sweater for \$1.98. Will purchase it when they have the proper size perhaps in another few days. Bought a ~~knitted~~ knitted suit for Jim and the color is divine. Wrote you several tasty V-mails this week, but to company evenings and I was also too tired to write in length. Received the carriage, Jim's bowling set, 2 lbs from Paris with perfume and powder, wooden shoes for Jim and coins, literature, navelty pins and bracelet for me and no snapshots or package from your cousin Joe. I love the powder and am using it at present. If it isn't too expensive I'd like more.

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Reviewed the E. L. check, allotment checks and
your \$12.50 allotment this last week. E. Society is
having an audit at present and this morning I signed
and returned a statement to the auditors. Will call
Mr. Kessler and Mr. Brown to-morrow to thank them
for everything. Mr. Pincus is O. K. and spoke to me a
few days ago. He knows about your camera and will
see what he can do about a replacement. I'll have
to tell him that I've got one for you. Yes, my
love, - I bought a box camera to day and I'll
tell you the story. After Jim's nap to-day,
we went to Sears Roebuck, did some shopping
and on the way home stopped off to get our
camera from the repair shop. Before going into
the shop, Jim and I passed an old country looking
store that has odd tools, knaps and exchanges odds
and ends. You know the store because we've passed
it dozens of times on our walks. Jim and I walked
into this place and casually I asked for a camera.
The man brought out an old box camera, asked \$2.00
for it and said it was in good condition. I bought
it and will try it out to-morrow - but it's size
120 and I hope it works and that you can get
films. I'll send it in a day or so if it's O. K. with
films too. With all our friends trying to get
cameras, I'll probably make a haul of old box
cameras in another week.

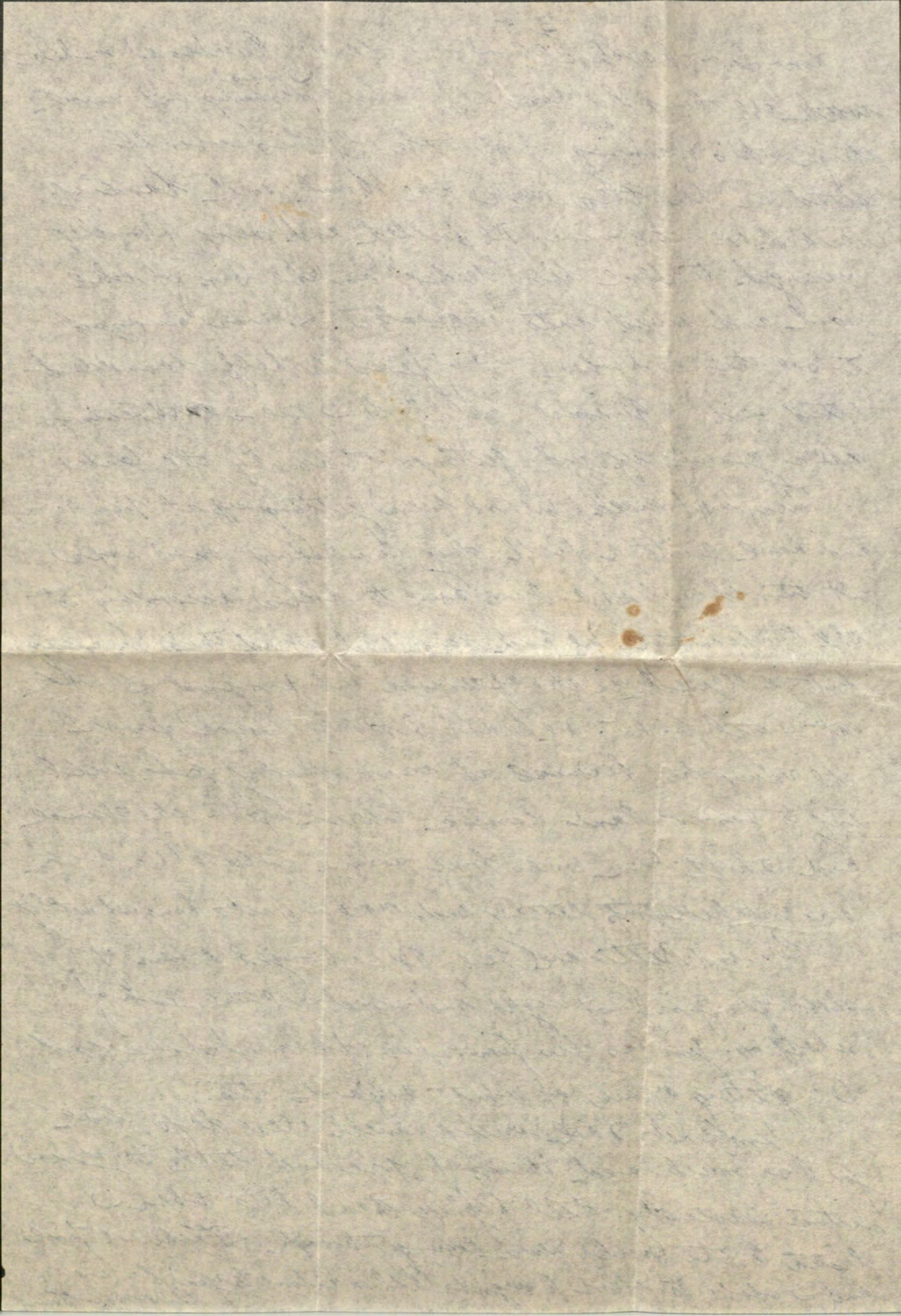


Now for the thrill of the year. Our son makes
 with the thing by himself. While ^{I was} ~~fixing~~ out some
 things this morning, Jim took off his overalls,
 stood on his toes near the bowl and barely
 reached over the rim. He pulled and very ^{boldly}
 managed to flail his "deedie" on the rim of the
 bowl and aimed into the water. I was amazed
 to see this and when I offered to help he independ-
 ently said "Jimmie, self." So I guess ~~apprecious~~
 and is growing up and getting taller by the hour.

This last week, we've been getting up at 7.30 9.00.
 and have quite a full day including our naps.
 It turned cooler and we have to dress according to
 the temperature. We had rain and wind this morning
 but it cleared in the afternoon and Jim and I were
 out until 5.45. We didn't get our camera from
 the repair shop because it isn't ready yet. Will
 try to borrow Stan's camera when I get the chance
 and I hope Stan comes home soon. Believe he's been
 on another trip lately and may affect him shortly.

Ben and Betty are fine, Ben bought a pair of
 shoes for Jim last night and saved me the job of
 shopping. Jim has his first pair of brown shoes and
 he's getting a pair of white oxfords too.

Jim and I are really swell these days, love
 you so much and think of you and talk to you
 almost constantly. Feel higher than a kite when I
 listen to the Bull news coming through. Facts are fine
 and I spoke to them to night. All our love to you darling.
 Always, Howard



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