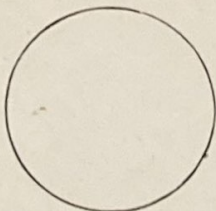


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CENSORS STAMP

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SENDER'S ADDRESS
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New York City

DATE
June 14, 1944

Mattie beloved; am working like a whole round dozen of negroids and feel very happy if weary. Did two stories, neither very good, in an uninterrupted 24 hours; just to get something off to the magazine which was cabling desperately. Also had a very fine time but will tell you all the marvels of the first great days when I see you. Bug had done a very fine long story; he was over in the first wave on D day, in naturally the most perilous circumstances. I think he must be with the airforce now, as he is not around; and he will get wonderful stories there. I see him very little; our times do not coincide and he has masses of his own pals. He is anyhow very happy and very alive; and if only he will not persist in taking the very biggest changes, all will be well. He has a fine room looking on the park and he loves this city, and really I think he is in excellent shape. We all work so hard, eat so oddly, sleep so little, that we are getting nice and thin and if he took off his beard he would look better than he has for years. As for me, I am a veritable fashion plate for thinness and am full of contentment.

I shall be going off on a really good story in a few days. It will be pretty impossible to write you letters during the next weeks as am really too driven to have time. But will send occasional cables just to say hello.

How arr you my dearest little Mattie. Please take care of yourself for me. Everything goes amazingly well I think, over here, and the general excitement is terrific and one feels as if one really was living every second of the twenty four.

I may, after a while, go back to my old haunts where I was before I returned to Cuba. The only kick I have here is that women correspondents are treated too much like violets and unless that relaxes a great deal the other place may be better for a bit. It sounds awfully good too, and makes variety in subject matter. Anyhow just know I am well and wildly busy, that my own affairs go comfortably, and I am happy as a goat. I adore you.

Derling could you do something for me. Ask Olga to buy a standing floor lamp with plain white shade for my sweet old Norwegian captain. Not to spend more than 15 dollars, will you advance it? Have it sent to Captain Bjorn-Hansen, care Norwegian Trade and Shipping Mission in New York; or else she could telephone InterOcean Steamship Line and get his exact address. Just stick in a card saying with much affection from your friend Martha Gellhorn, and have the store send it to him. It's for his cabin on the boat. I haven't time to write a separate letter to Olga. A million thanks and excuse the bother. I so love you. *martha*

V...-MAIL

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- (1) V-Mail Service is available for the personnel of our Armed Forces stationed at **certain points** outside the continental United States.
- (2) Write the entire message on the other side below the double line. Very small writing is not suitable.
- (3) Address exactly as you would an ordinary letter, **PRINTING** the address in the panel provided, AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE.
- (4) If it is desired to send more than one sheet a separate form must be completed.
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- (6) The original will be destroyed after the corresponding film has been delivered at the destination.
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