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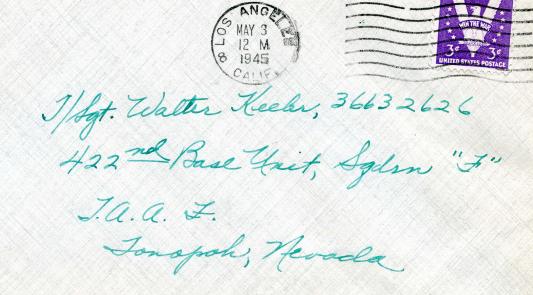
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[[Page 2-Letter]] Weds.

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I seem to have kept some part of you here with me. I never really feel that the house is just me lonely little home anymore, but feel that it's our home and filled with our laughter and love making.

My heart is full of love for you, Wally.

Yours, Florence