

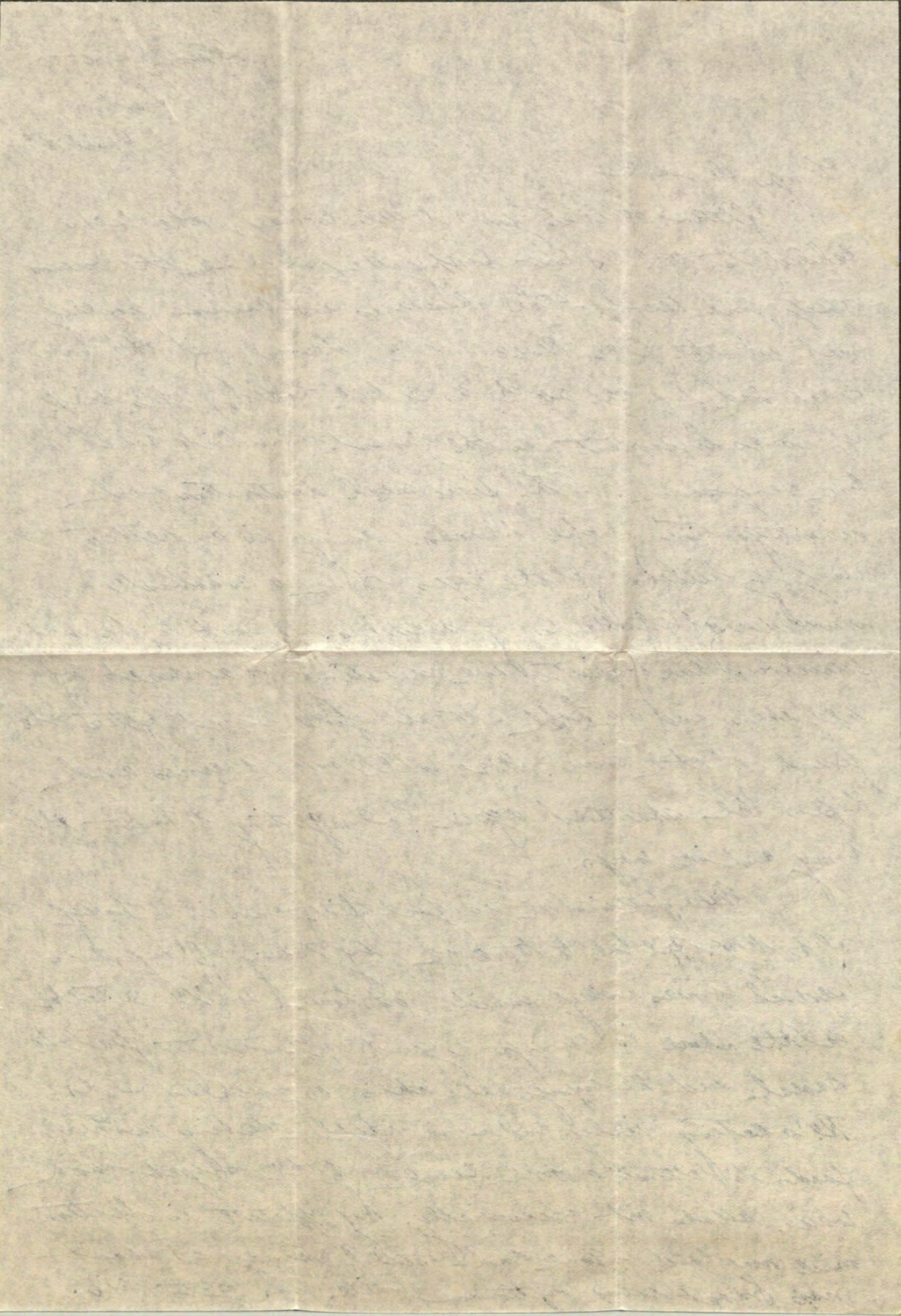
Friday eve -
Sat -

April 28th

George, dearest,

After I mailed your letter to-day, the folks called to tell us how happy they were ^{from} the news they just heard. The Russians and Americans finally met at the Elbe River. Well, dearest, if the war didn't end by the 26th as I had hoped, this link up is as important as the finish - which will come very soon. The piece meal destruction and disintegration of the German army is a better way of killing off the Nazis than a wholesale surrender of thousands of soldiers who want to be our prisoners. Our spirits are mounting as a result of all this and we hope to see you soon after the finish of the war. We will over dreams and hopes be shattered again? I'm getting to know the army and its ways.

Our precious one is just fine and is a honey of a boy. He loves to tease me by taking off my shoes several times a day while at home. While I talk on the phone is always a good opportunity for the nasal and he enjoys all this as much as I do. He's eating nicely and I'm still checking on his tonsils to determine the cause of the slight rash which breaks out occasionally. My appetite is better since my cold is gone and I will manage a short nap most every afternoon while Jim gets his.



This evening Dan called and I also spoke to Harriet and Bernie. So glad all the boys are to gether again and they'll be here to see us some day this week. Their very best wishes to you and they hope you'll be home soon. Eleanor also phoned and she and my mother are well and quite busy. Eleanor works in Ruby's place on commission and she and my mom also do work on dreseries, spreads and covers for Ruby. At the end of May all Bess's things are being shipped to Monticello and Jim and I may be on our way up there soon after. Am really looking forward to having a nice summer and you maybe - at the end of it. Oh Josh - oh gee.

The programs are small to night and Sammy Kaye's half hour was switched from Sat. night to Friday night - he follows the Durante program. For a while both programs merged to night and I did enjoy the hour. I also kept busy by knitting and reading and finally went to sleep at 11.30.

Good morning, darling. I feel fine and Jim never forgets to say good morning to Buddy. At 8.45 I listen religiously to Dorothy and Mike who are excellent on a supposedly unlearned program that lasts $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. This Dorothy is that Kilgallen who's a columnist and famous newspaper woman. Her husband is Dick Solomon and they talk 7 ^{maxes} a week from the dining room of their apartment in N. Y. It's a swell program and occasionally one of their children come

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on their program. It's really quite homey and Jim also enjoys it. The radio is a better teacher than I am. This morning's mail is quite a haul. Advertising matter, magazines and three letters from you, my love. I enjoyed reading these eloquent masterpieces and do hope our mail is catching up with you and the camera. These are dated April 14 - 15 - 16 - 100 - 101 - 102. I gather you haven't moved yet and hope the next stop is good old U.S.A. The other day an announcement came over the air that men of 42 years of age ^(unless essential) may fill out applications for immediate release - don't forget to write to Jack Weber. As the morning is almost noon time theascal and I are getting ready for lunch and no nap today. We'll go outdoors early in the afternoon and do some window shopping.

War news is better each hour and perhaps in a few hours or days it'll be over in Europe. Then for the beginning of a very happy life again with you and Jimmie. Jim and I continue to love and worship you every moment and both of us are anxiously awaiting your return. Stay well and in good spirits for it's not too long until the day we've waited for so long.

All my love and affection to the excellent and most precious sweetheart on earth. Kisses and kisses from baby.

Yours always
Bernice

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