

Monday eve —
April 9th

My darling,

I hope you as ever and dream of you every day since you're away. Jimmie and I are feeling great, the war news is wonderful and really soon we hope to see, darling Daddy and sweetheart. The folks are fine and their spirits are better since the news is coming in good from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. I do hope all our worries are in vain.

This morning your v. mail of March 30th arrived and I'm glad you're getting recent mail from home. I sent the camera and sweater for that 11 year old boy this morning and made sure it went registered mail. Take care of the camera for it belongs to my aunt and if it's possible to get a good camera from Germany see if you can strike a deal. Or would you rather get a post-war American kind? In the long run I guess anything American made is superior to any other make.

As I mentioned in yesterday's v. mail, Jim and I had a pleasant week-end. My mother really did prepare a delicious duck dinner for us and even you would have enjoyed it. With it we had a large mixed salad, fresh asparagus, carrots and baked potatoes. Then a fresh fruit salad and almond cake as dessert. It was a feast for Jim and me.

Yesterday afternoon we spent at Brighton Beach,
met your folks at West 6th St and the Boardwalk
is planned earlier in the day and we all had a
very enjoyable day. Jim had the most fun
playing with a new sail and shovel which Eleanor
bought him. He also liked part of my jelly apple
and liked the taste of it. ^{but} didn't buy him a hot
dog yet - we'll let you have the honor.

To-day was just another Monday and after Jim's
nap I took the car out for a drive. The wheels
need alignment so I went to several places in
the vicinity. The estimates were as follows -
\$15.00 - \$16.25 - \$8.50 and Tilden said nothing
was wrong so I'll check again tomorrow and
give it to the most reliable mechanic. Also stopped
in at the Flathead bank for a bond for Jim (\$8.75).

Spoke to the folks early this evening and they're well.
Sonny Sherrin called and all is well with her and
the family. I'll see her tomorrow afternoon. And
about to call Harry Abrams and hope to get some films.
Did Herbert ever send you those stamps you asked for?

Jim is now fast asleep and I'll turn in after
the Lux Theatre program. Nothing would please me
more than to wake up and find the war is ended.
Meanwhile I'll keep on loving you with all my
heart and do take care of yourself. Love and kisses
from Jimmie and Mommy.

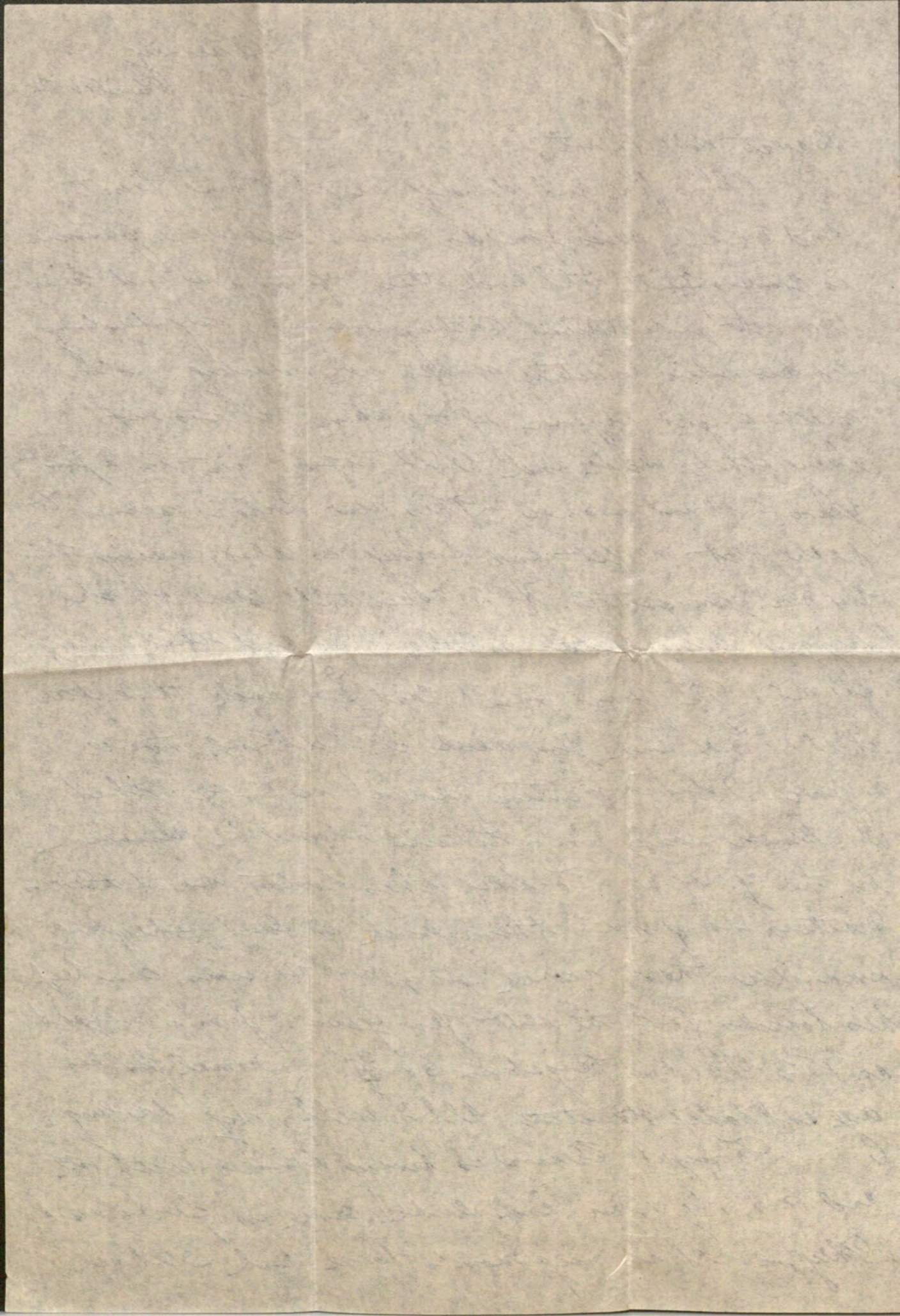
Sincerely yours,
Florence

Tuesday
April 10th

Dearest sweetheart,

All is fine and dandy on the home front and we all miss you as much as ever. Jimmie is growing quite tall and this afternoon I had him to a new pediatrician. Nothing wrong, my darling, but his skin condition makes me nervous. It's only a slight eczema of the skin, clears up every other week and he'll outgrow it in a few years - if not sooner. This new doctor seems to be the best one yet and Sonny is also using him for her youngsters. He's assistant to one of the biggest baby doctors in the U.S. and that's enough for me. The first visit cost ^{\$}5.00 and thereafter it'll be ^{\$}3.00 and Jim needs a check-up twice a year. I didn't mention several weeks ago that Dr. Benner said Jim's tonsils should be removed by the age of 4. To-day this doctor said there's nothing wrong with them and in fact, they're smaller than normal. So, our precious can keep his tonsils for the next few years. Jim's weight is $28\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and height is $36\frac{3}{4}$ " - normal for his age and body structure. All's well, my darling.

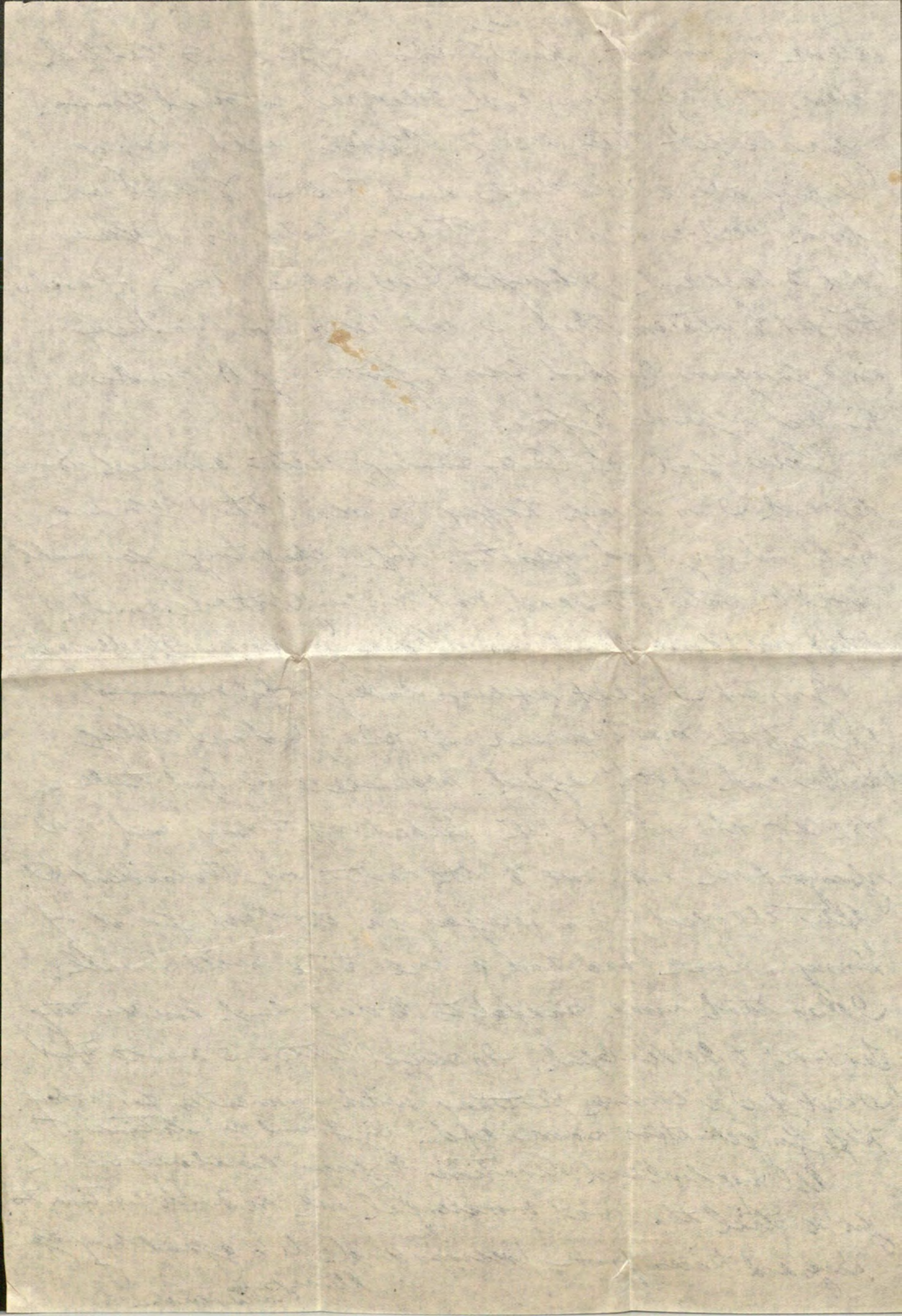
To-night Eleanor is having dinner with me and Boss, My & Jan and Duke came in for a visit. They're all at my mom's house and I'll see



them to-morrow. Your ²socks are fine, I called
them this afternoon and they had no mail from
you as yet this week. Bob is well, busy
flying these nice days and hopes to come in
for a week-end soon. Tony's baby is a year
old to day and I bought her several pairs of socks.
Forgot to mention that I met Mr. & Mrs. Rosenberg
in a garage on Bedford Avenue yesterday. He sends
his best regards to you.

Your April 12th (Easter Sunday) letter arrived to-
day and I'm always happy to read that you're
well and in good spirits. Hope that trip you make
will be interesting and not uncomfortable and
that you don't find it in Germany. Say well, dearest.

Jim and I went outdoors early this morning,
enjoyed the morning sun and also had an early
lunch and napped. Meanwhile I had taken
the car out and at 1.45 picked up Sonny and her
youngest one and drove to the lecture on President St.
After the visit, Jim played in the back yard of
Sonny's house and had a nice time with Lowell.
I also took some snapshots today and am waiting
for mail to be developed. In several letters I wrote that
I sent you a camera yesterday with a sweater for a boy.
Hope you get them soon and in good condition.
All my love and devotion to you as always and
you're still the most wonderful one on both continents.
Kisses and hugs from Jessica and he's a good boy again.
Always, Florence



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