

Saturday we -
April 14th 1945.

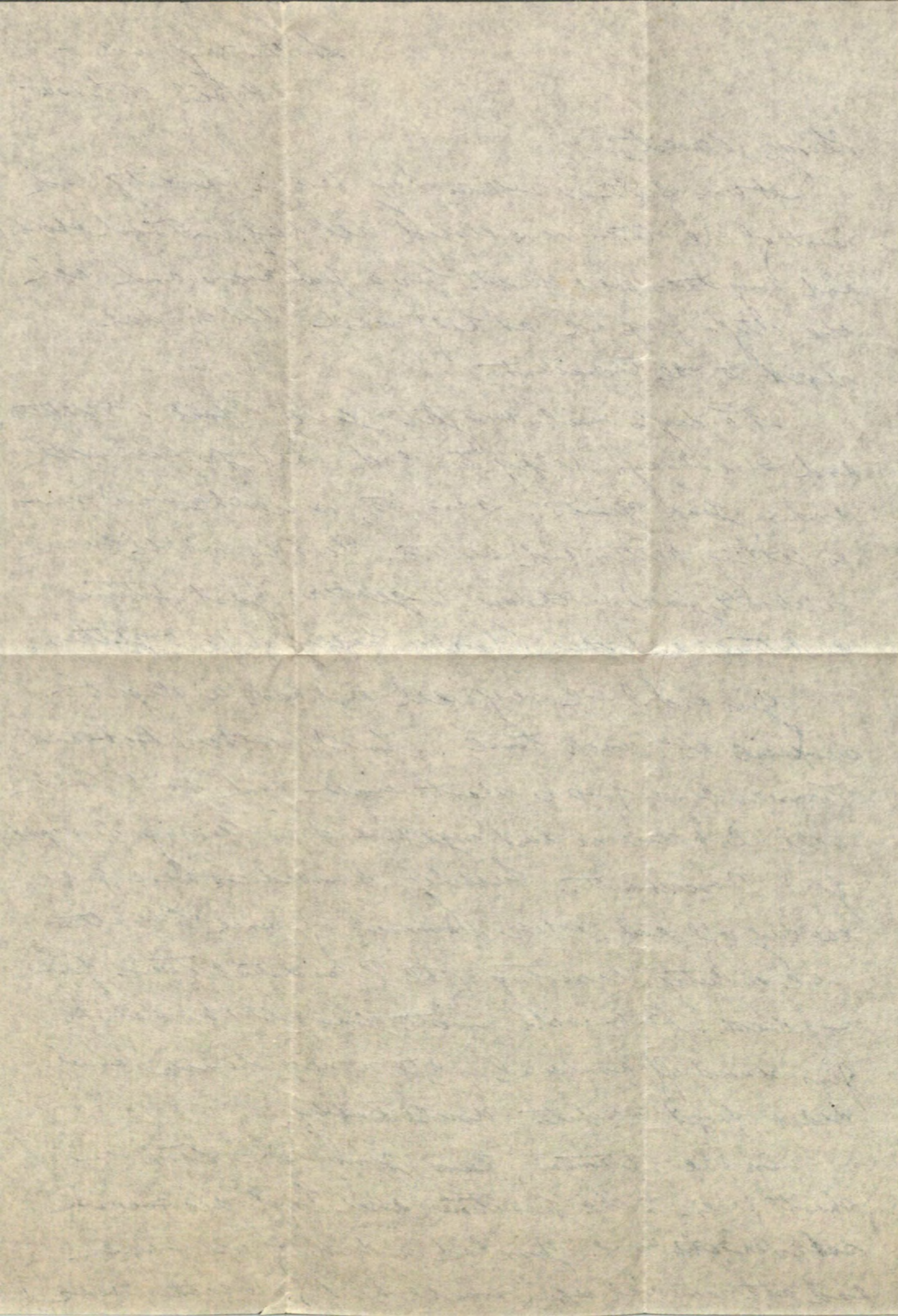
George, dearest,

It was quite a solemn day here in the city and most of the stores were closed all day. Food shops and drug stores were closed for a few hours and all the city's flags are at half mast. All in due respect to the President.

To-day's mail brought your April 4th letter and I'm always happy to read that you're well and in good spirits. I am, too, since the war news is getting better and better. Perhaps we'll even celebrate your birthday together. Just patience and time and then for a happy life together.

Jim and I are very well and had a slight surprise at lunch time. Your brother Bob and Frances came for a short visit and both look well. Bob came in last night and is leaving tonight for Massachusetts. Luckily, bombardiers were given the day off and other personnel of some Liberators were on duty escorting the Presidential train from the South. Bob will write you all the details. Jim showed off as usual, ate a nice lunch and didn't forget to salute Uncle Bobby.

In the afternoon, Bess, Jim and I took a short walk to the junction and had ice cream sodas on the way. Jim had a dish of ice cream and ate it all up (small ball). Weather was



very warm all day but at 3.45 it started to
get cloudy and the rains came for a short time.
It cleared after that and the evening is nice and cool.

My Mom and Eleanor came to see us this
evening and they're both well. My brought up
some ice cream and we had a real party. My,
Bess and Joe expect to leave tomorrow afternoon
and then I'll be alone with Jim again. It was
a pleasant week, very little cooking and help with
the cleaning. Bess looks O.K. but is quite uncomfortable
with swollen feet and ankles.

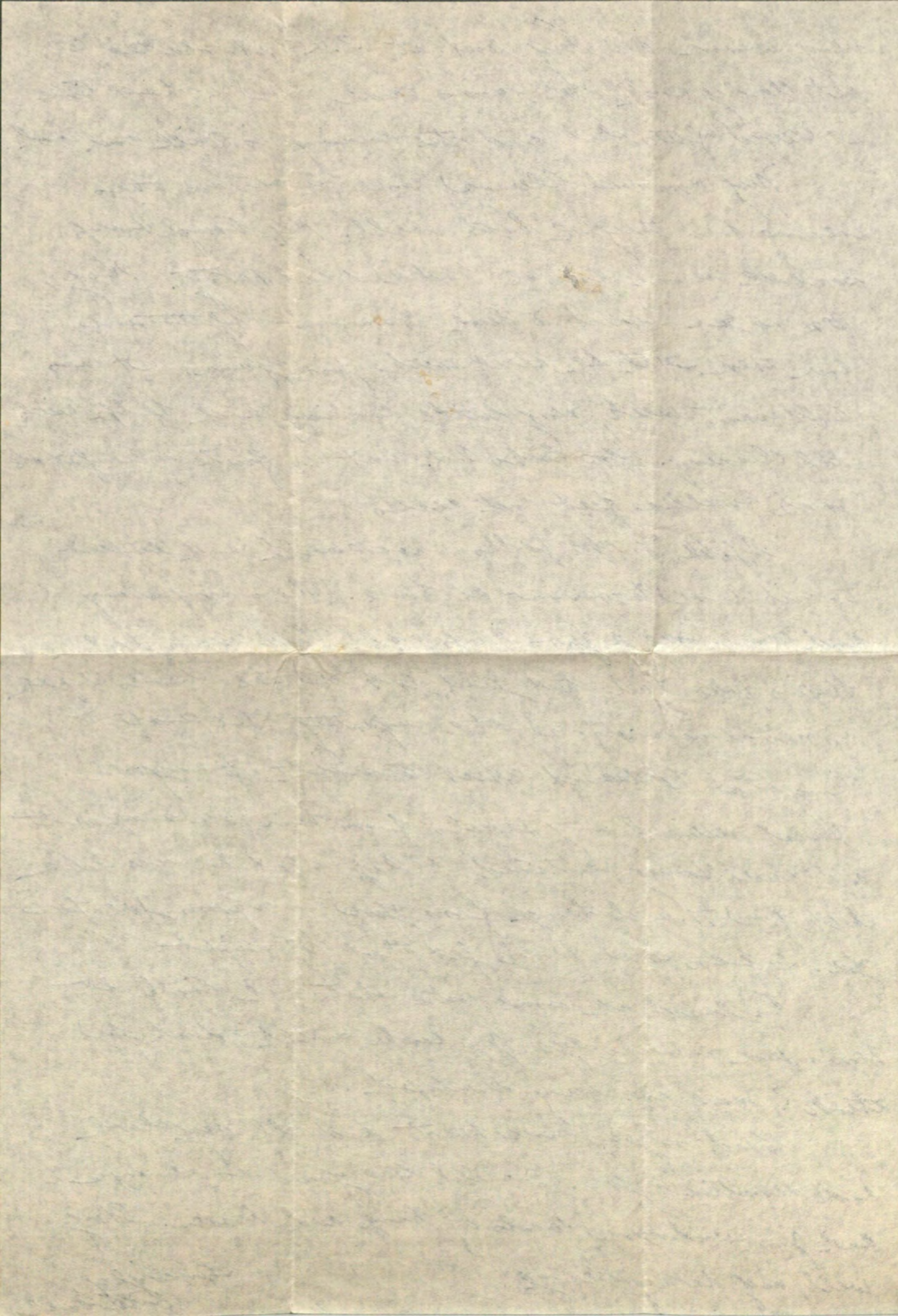
Spoke to the folks who are well and expect
to visit home tomorrow at home. He's improving
and came home a few days ago. Your cousin Joe
Shapiro, who had that good job in the Champs Chapel
is now training for the infantry. He wrote to
Harry that he doesn't expect to write to anyone.

He's received any parcels from him or snapshots
and Nell Harry mentioned to Pop that he received a
check for \$1. and change from you - or from Joe for
you. I guess I'll never get that straight.

Enclosed are some late shots we took at
Bess's stall 2 weeks ago. Jim looks swell, don't you
think? More are being developed.

Good night, sweetheart, and all my love
and devotion to you. I still love you as always
and Jim sends you loads of hugs and kisses. Stay
well, my darling Beagle.

Sincerely,
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