

Monday eve -  
April 23-45

Dearest sweetheart,

It's always good to hear Ronald Coleman in any play and to night I'm listening to "Petrified Forest." This play is excellent and no matter how many times I've heard it, I'm always fascinated by it. The war news too is most exciting and I believe big things are in the making this minute. Don't forget, my love, this is the year - our year.

I'm fine and dandy but precious is now getting over a cold which he caught a few days ago. It's been so darn cold in the apartment and during the night he must have uncovered himself. He's well in hand now and will go outdoors as soon as the weather turns milder. Our Jim is still the good patient and actually asked to have his temperature taken. His appetite is good and he was very cheerful and playful all day. In fact, we're both quite gay since we know the war is almost ended in Europe. Soon we'll be seeing you, darling.

To-day brought you April 7 and 9<sup>th</sup> V-maps #93 and #95, more snapshots and a statement from I. F. & T. Happy to know you're well and in the same mood as we are at home. Enclosed are a few more of the latest snaps and do you notice that sweet kid of France you sent me some time ago. (in the dotted dress) The rascal is growing up, isn't he?



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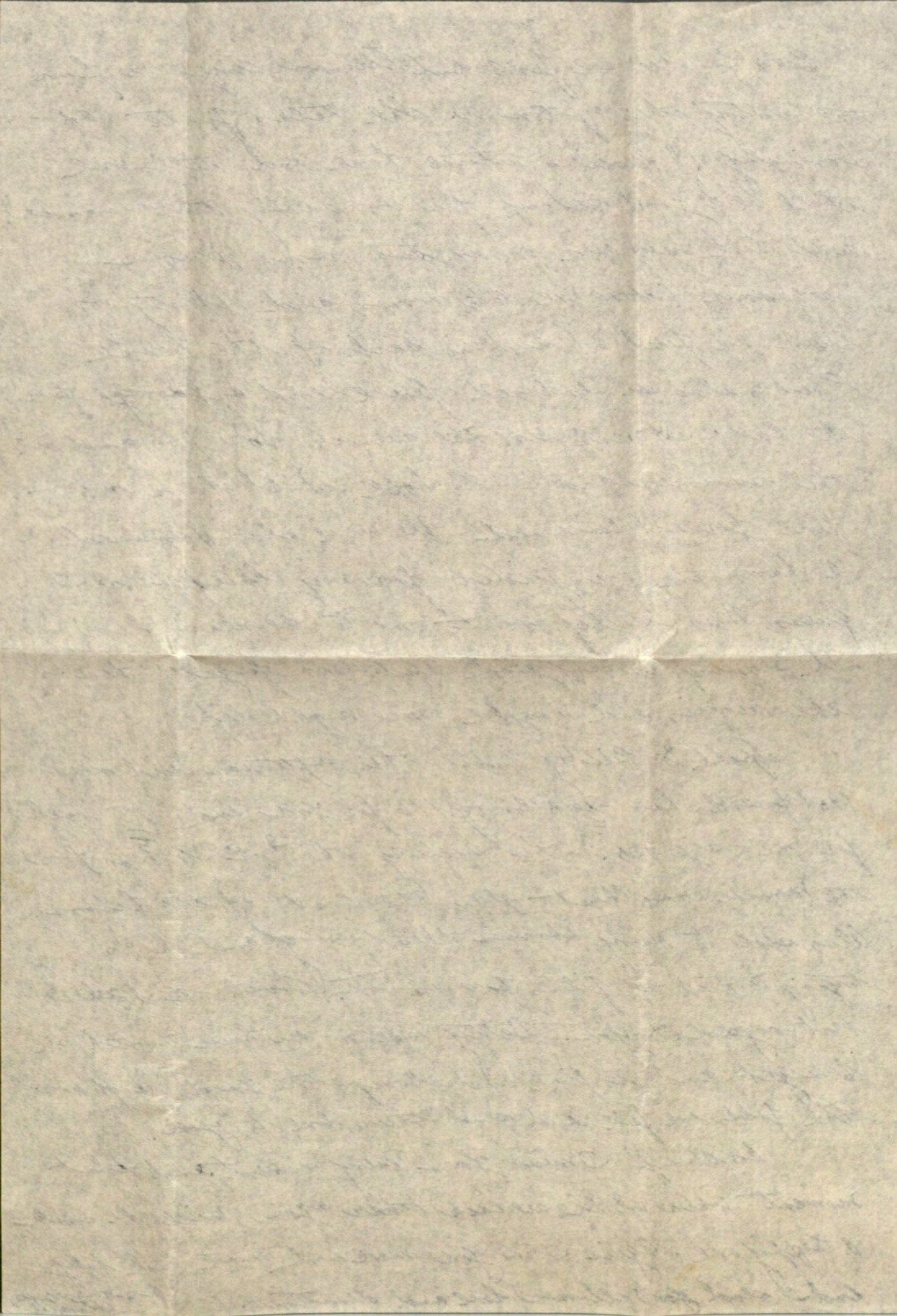
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Both families are fine and Eleanor came in from the country this afternoon. She talks quite approvingly of Basil's future home and tells me it'll be a good set-up for us during the summer. We'll have one or one or two rooms plus a bathroom (there are  $6\frac{1}{2}$  rooms) and plenty of lawn in front of and in back of the house. There's also an enclosed fence and a garage for the car. It seems like the answer for Jim and me this summer and I do hope it'll turn out fine for all concerned. We were also promised a hammock or glider for my benefit so I guess Basil really wants me to be near here. The shopping is very good and don't forget there's the movies and maybe some night life.

Spoke to Billy Rubel this afternoon and our good friend has Swells of 116 for you and 18 rolls for me - size 120. I'm mailing the \$2.00 to him for the Masonic war chest plus the cost of the films. Also spoke to Harry Abrams this evening and he's trying to pick up films for us too. Both send their best regards to you. Betty spent an hour with me to-night and is fine and always the good neighbor. The folks are fine and send their love to you.

As always I miss you every moment and that moment when we'll see each other again will be such a happy one. Again I love you more and more and baby and I send you all our love and devotion. Asa & Mary







Thursday aft.  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1918

Dearest beloved,

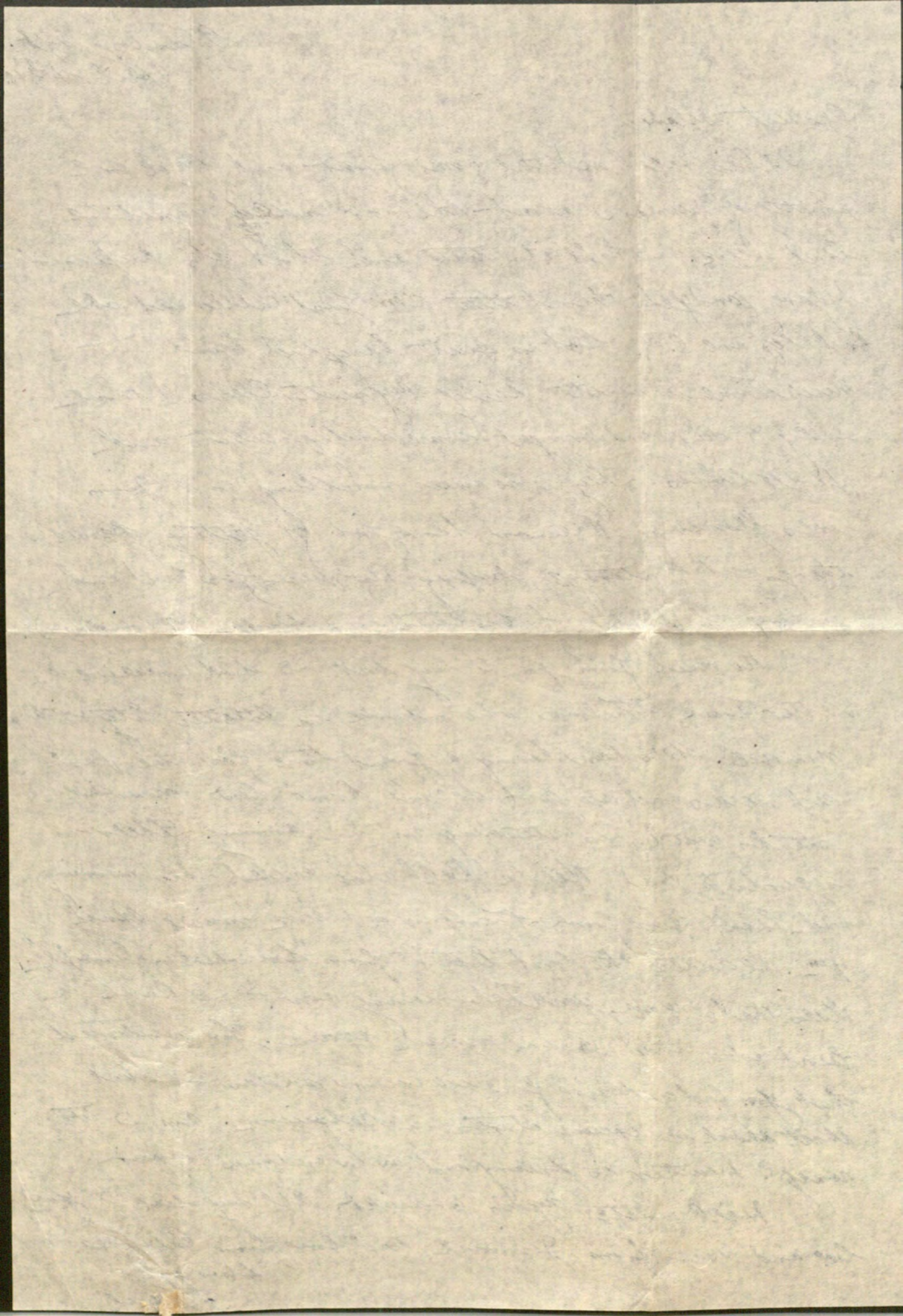
All is well on the home front and there are plenty of rumors about the war ending sometime last week. I hope it's true and that it's confirmed before you get this letter. Mom just called and she and Pop are O.K. Bob is quite busy and hasn't too much time to write daily. My sister Eleanor came early to-day and brought some lovely white and purple lilacs. They're so sweet smelling and Jim loves flowers. Eleanor has a job of getting Bessie's things out of storage, buying new pieces for her and making up plenty of curtains and drapes (to windows).

No mail from you to-day but I did receive a letter from Thelma who's back in Atlantic City with Mauriel. She's been having a grand time for the past six weeks and as yet doesn't know how Mauriel stands with his standing in the army. Their regards to you. Nedda Bell also called this morning and hasn't heard from Frank in a week - since April 7<sup>th</sup>. He dated the last letter from "Somewhere in Europe". Does that mean your <sup>in</sup> Germany now? I have a faint idea that you've moved again. You mentioned that you had a desire for ice cream sodas - what about those ice cream stores in Belgium. Am I too noisy? Weather is lovely and we're indoors again.

Will write again to-night. All my love to you,  
love and kisses from Jennie and love from Eleanor.

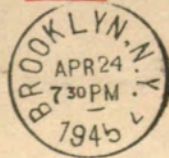
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