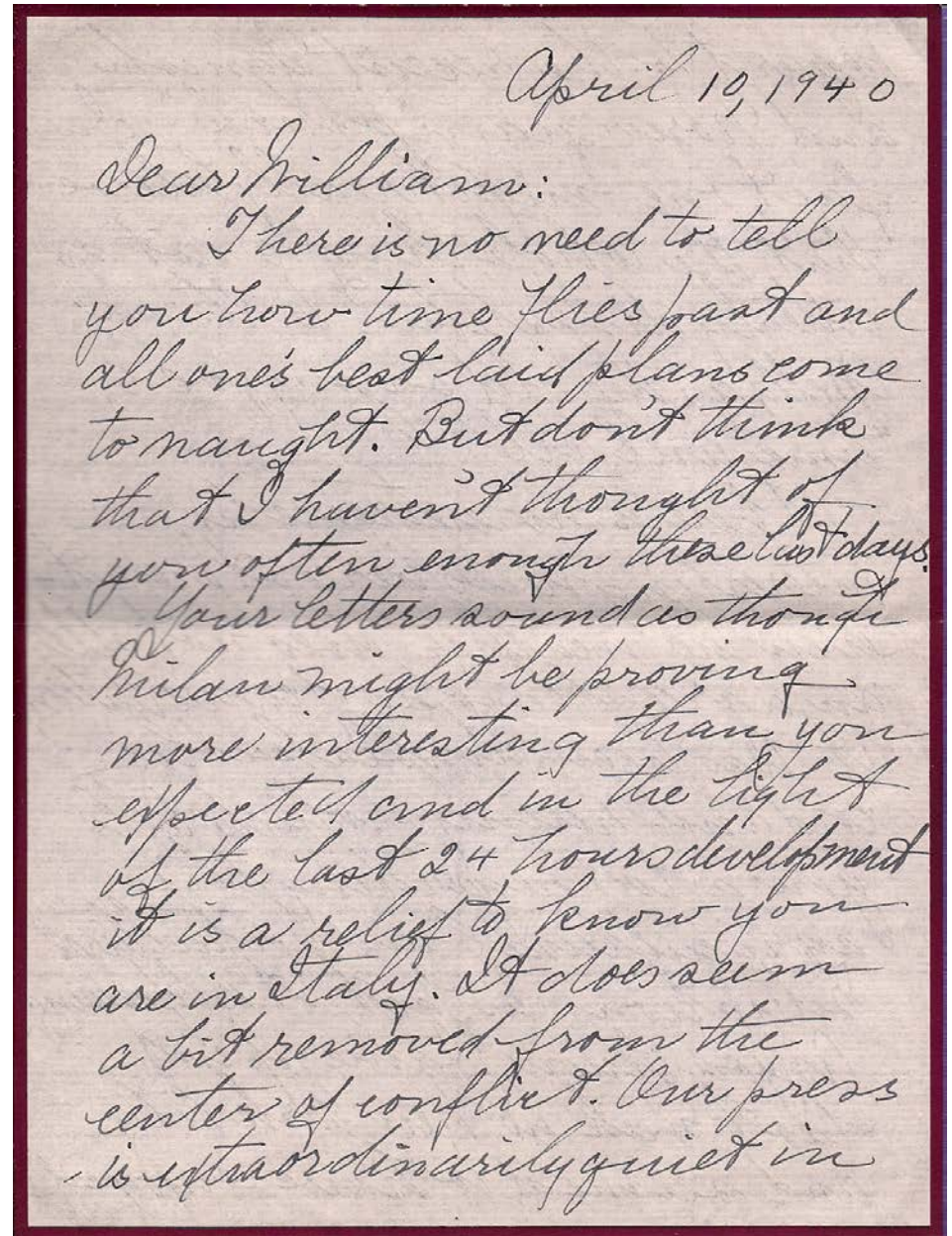


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Dear William:

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Your letters sound as though Milan might be proving more interesting than you expected and in the light of the last 24 hours development it is a relief to know you are in Italy. It does seem a bit removed from the center of conflict. Our press is extraordinarily quiet in



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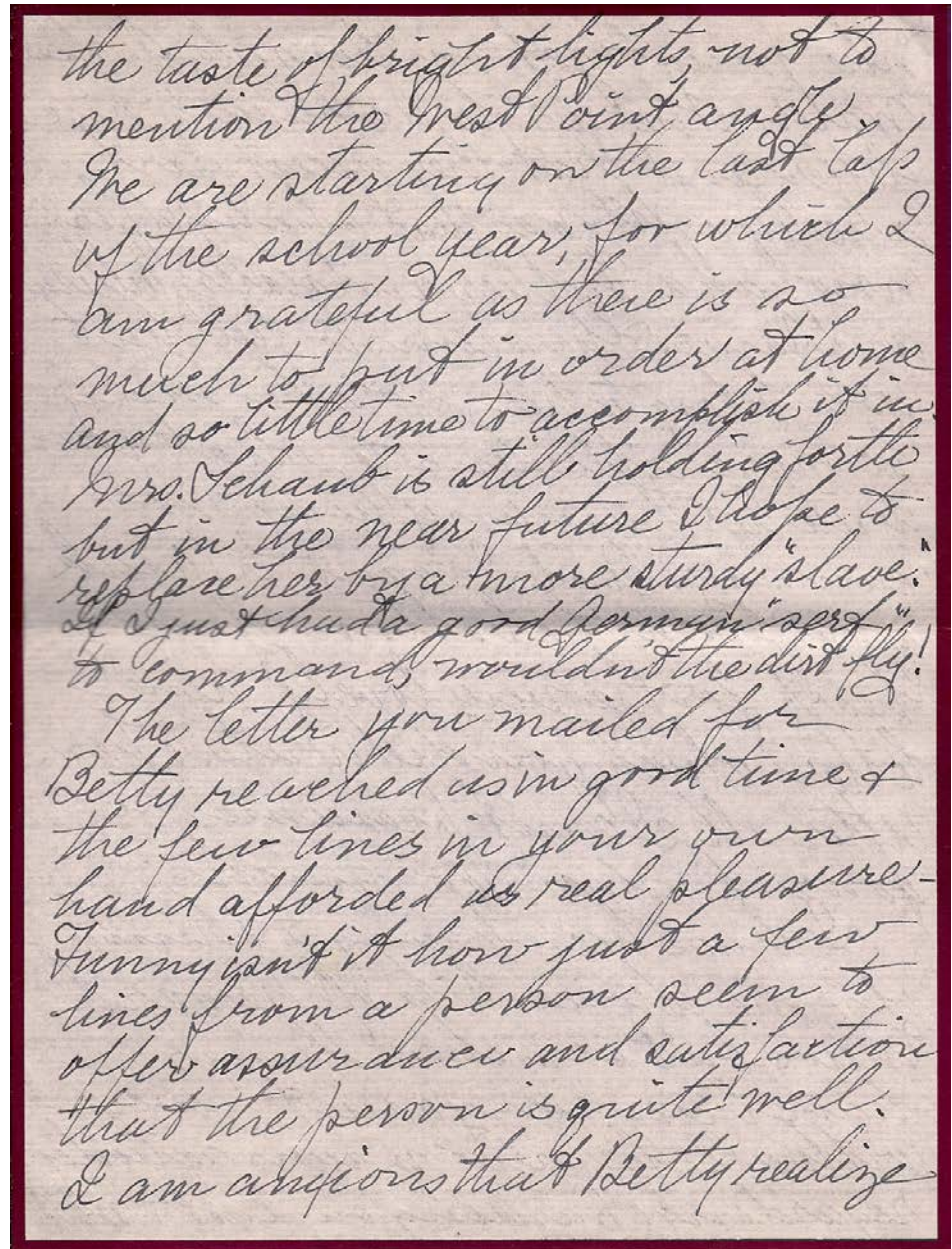
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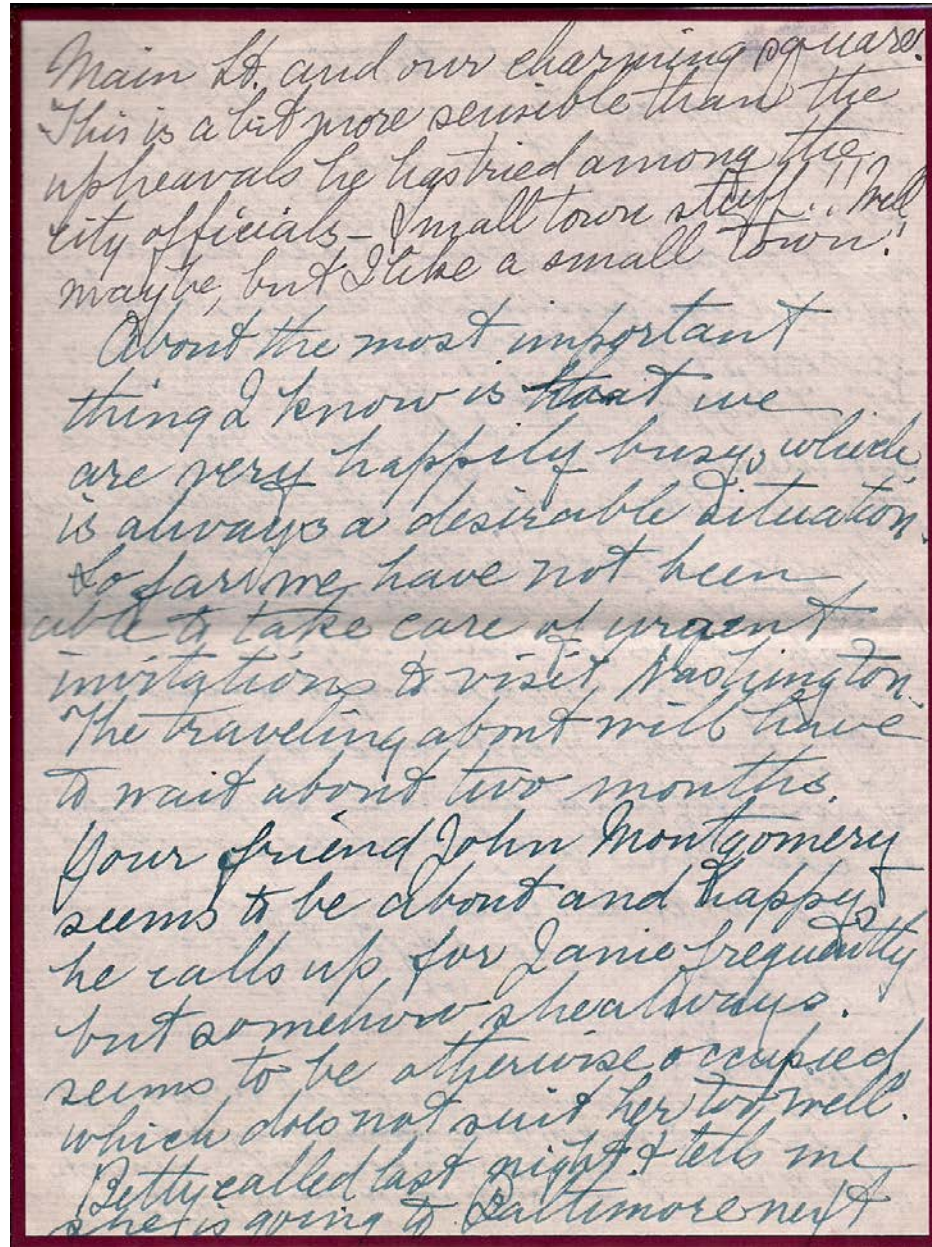


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