

Wed. Jan. 10, 1945

[sideways] on Dec. 21st

Received the sad news that Refael is missing in action. 9:25 at night. Brought telegram from the Handelmans. Bernice was at our house then.

(Morris called Ralph Rafel)

Thurs. Jan. 11

Wife and I are very broken from the news. Didn't sleep the whole night. Didn't work. Many people came to console [us].

Fri. Jan. 12

Went to work but came home early 11:00. Found wife very depressed. A bit more spirited than yesterday. Handelmans visit 9:00 PM.

Sat. Jan. 13

Went to shul. Pledged chai dollars. Wife cannot sleep at night.

Sun. Jan. 14

A big snowfall.

Bernice -- mood(?) was spent with very heavy hearts. If only we heard one word: prisoner. It would ease our hearts.

Mon. Jan. 15

Went to work. My heart petrified. Braun-Brodinski visited.

(Miriam Brodinsky and Pauline Brown; they were neighbors)

Tues. Jan. 16

People read of the missing in action in the newspapers and respond/call. We make calculations and hope that he is held prisoner by the Germans. Bernice was here.

Wed. Jan. 17

Mother sighs. Walks around embittered. We must force her to eat something. She hears that Martin Karlis is missing since December 26.

(Morton Carlis; Alfred Carlis's brother)

Thurs. Jan. 18

Came from work Doreen(?) calls [to say] that Martin Karlis(?) is missing. Mother gives \_\_\_\_\_ bath, crying. The Handelmans come and also Bernice. Sitting until 10:00PM.

(Dorine Berger- Morty Carlis's aunt and Helen Schutzman's best friend)

Fri. Jan. 19

After dinner, went to Beth Sholom. Asked Mother to come along. She didn't go. Didn't feel well. Bernice, the Handelmans and Doreen were at shul.

(Dorine Berger)

Sat. Jan. 20

Mother doesn't go as usual to 2nd Street. I did the shopping. Met Rubin/Robin(?) and Sylvia at the house.

(Rubin and Sylvia Maisel, brother and sister-in-law of Nettie Tomases)

Sun. Jan. 21

Sylvia knows. Went to Bernice, didn't find her at home. Buddy's graduation. We talked a lot about you, when we found out. Bernice comes 5:00PM, stays until 7:00PM. Sylvia, Bernice went to Rabbi First.

Mon. Jan. 22

Came home and found company. Braun says that [if] you are in the newspaper, already free or imprisoned. Mother is very nervous. It is the report of the fight of the 106 Division. Bernice brings clipping from Indianapolis Star.

(Braun=Brown)

Tues. Jan. 23

Mother washed the laundry but feels very tired.

Wed. Jan. 24

Went shopping downtown. Called her [to say] that Germany reports the prisoners over the radio. 10:30PM tried to get news from Germany but without results.

(They used to announce the names of the prisoners on the radio at 11 PM and Morris used to stay up to listen on their big Zenith radio. Ralph's name was never listed)

Thurs. Jan. 25

I speak with a man from the shop whose son is missing in action. He promises to bring a card that he received from Germany. In the evening, Mother and the children listened to the broadcast from Germany.

Fri. Jan. 26

Mr. Phillips shows the card which is dated 18th May and was received the 18th of Sept. 4 months. Went to services at the 18th [Street]. Bernice came by herself. Listening to German radio. No results.

(18<sup>th</sup> & Washington=Beth Shalom)

(Mr. Phillips-worked in the shop with Morris)

Sat. Jan. 27

The first time Mother goes to Second Street. Bernice came and tried to get the broadcast from Germany.

(Shopping district with Many Jewish stores were on 2<sup>nd</sup> between Tatnall and Orange (2 butchers, 2 bakeries, dairy, deli). Regular Saturday evening activity=shopping on 2<sup>nd</sup>, very social, see neighbors and friends, eat deli.

Sun. Jan. 28

No usual news. Bernice was here for dinner. Rubin [Robin?] and Sylvia were here. Stayed until 9:00 in the evening.

Mon. Jan. 29

Shown in shop a postcard from a prisoner in Germany written the 26th of November. Gives me hope that we will soon hear from you. Told Mother this.

Tues. Jan. 30

Braun-Brodinski came in the evening to spend time with Mother. I am on the 2nd floor. Their talk and laughter make me and Mother nervous.

(Brown and Brodinsky)

Wed. Jan. 31

Bernice was here. Listened to German broadcast. No good results.

Thurs. Feb. 1

Bernice came to supper. Read an article about 106 Division but [it] didn't explain anything. She says she heard that the division chaplain is also missing in action.

Fri. Feb. 2

Spoke with Phillips whose son is imprisoned in Germany. He receives mail. Was in the 18th. Saw the Handelmans. No new developments. Saw Sid Silverman at temple.

(Sid Silverman was a friend of Ralph's)

Sat. Feb. 3

Mother spoke today with Fred Jabob's sister. Told her that a customer saw moving pictures of 106 prisoners.

(106<sup>th</sup> Division)

(Jacob? There was a telephone chain of mothers whose sons were missing)

Sun. Feb. 4

Mrs. Karlis and her daughter came to visit. Bernice brings a photo album. Mother shows them your photos. Bernice stays until 10:00PM.

(Carlis)

Mon. Feb. 5

This morning I was told in the shop about Rosewitz's son-in-law who fell in battle. It struck my heart. Felt queasy all day. Don't tell Mother about that.

(Rosevich?)

Tues. Feb. 6

Saw in the newspaper about Rosewitz's son-in-law. Helen asks Mother if she knows that name. I wink to her not to talk about that. I don't know if Mother knows. I feel queasy since I read in the newspaper.

Wed. Feb. 7

Came home. Mother says she is nervous all day. Brodinski called her and told her that her neighbor received a postcard from her husband who is missing since November. Bernice took photographs in the house.

(Brodinsky)

(to the house?)

Thurs. Feb. 8

Mother is all nervous. She saw Mrs. Rosewitz crying.

Fri. Feb. 9

Went to the 18th with Mother the first time. Bernice and [her] father were there. Many people asked about you.

Sat. Feb. 10

Went downtown. Some people we know don't have the heart to ask about you. Some ask and it makes the heart heavier.

Sun. Feb. 11

Bernice came to dinner. The Ploppers(?) and Gussie with the children. One really wants to hear good news already. Waiting is very hard -- tedious.

(Plafker-neighbors)

(Gussie =wife of Joe Maisel, Nettie's brother)

Mon. Feb. 12

Read that Morris Gudlewitz(?) is missing. The heart is heavy.

(Gudlewich? Son of a telephone chain members?)

Tues. Feb. 13

Bernice comes to dinner. The Handelmans come to visit. Mrs. Lewis calls [to say] that Major General Jones kept searching in Belgium. And he gives her real hope for her boy who is missing. At the same time, Bernice receives mail that is sent to you.

(Lewis? One of Nettie's friends?)

Wed. Feb. 14

Mother calls Mrs. Lewis for more information and Mrs. Lewis explains to her that her husband spoke with Mrs. Jones who has a son missing. And she is much more hopeful. Bernice receives mail that is sent to you.

Thurs. Feb. 15

Yesterday, for the first time, Mother goes to a meeting. Today, Bernice helped doing the accounts. Took pictures. Both of us feel better since Mrs. Lewis reported from General Jones. Good hopes.  
(meeting=Pioneer Women)

Fri. Feb. 16

From the 18th, went with Mother to the Handelsmans. Stayed an hour. Spoke about you. Received a letter from Marty Mazel written the 12th of Dec. I hear that he is once again at the front.  
(Morty Mazel=son of Joe Maisel, nephew of Nettie)

Sat. Feb. 17

Heard that Gudlewitz was killed. Feel bad. Read in the newspaper someone is missing in action Dec. 21st. Bernice \_\_\_\_\_ and he is among the 131 prisoners from the 106.

Sun. Feb. 18

Heard Dr. Guberman's son who was missing for several weeks was found. Bernice came for dinner. Explained that the one [who is] of the 131 from the 106 has(?) a friend [who is] a prisoner in Germany. Wrote [that] he saw him. We feel better.  
(Guberman? A member of the telephone chain?)

Mon. Feb. 19

Saw in the newspaper, Guberman safe in France. Showed Mother. We are waiting impatiently to hear from you for two months already since you have been missing.

Tues. Feb. 20

Came home from shul. Grandma's yortsayt. I was told that Mrs. Lewis called [to say] that she heard that all of those imprisoned in Germany are all right. Mother feels much better.

Wed. Feb. 21

Read in the newspaper Chairman of International Red Cross warns not to expect happy news from the German prisoners. Very worried.

Thurs. Feb. 22

No mail today. Bernice came in the evening. She asked if there was any news. She says may the only news be a postcard from you yourself.

Fri. Feb. 23

Mother says that Bernice got a letter [saying] that Rafael Harsfield is a prisoner in Germany. We are expecting to hear from you every day. It's already the third month.  
(Harsfield? Son of one a telephone chain member?)

Sat. Feb. 24

Rubinstein heard that the commanding officer of 423 is a prisoner in Germany.

Sun. Feb. 25

Bernice came for dinner. I asked her about Harsfield and the commanding officer of 423 and she confirmed. She has decided that you are a prisoner. And we think every phone call is good news from you.

Mon. Feb. 26

Bernice brings hamentashn as well as many letters which she received from those who have their own missing. From Mr. Phillip's son and Mrs. Harsfield. We read them but we don't feel better.

Tues. Feb. 27

If we would receive a letter from you today it would be a great miracle for us. But this did not happen. Bernice came by during the day and the evening went as usual.

Wed. Feb. 28

Received today the first letter sent to you Jan. 2nd. Sent back Jan. 13th. My heart cried looking at the envelope.

Thurs. March 1

About 6:00PM, the Handelsmans called [to say] that there is a telegram from the Kremers that you are a prisoner. Later [they] came with the telegram. We cry a lot out of joy. Many phone calls with good wishes and visitors.

(Kramer)

Fri. March 2

Mother feels very exhausted from the strain of the good news. She doesn't feel like going to Temple. Bernice gave me special stationery to write to you. Telephone busy the whole day. Reyzi Muni(?) stayed until 12:00PM. Congratulations from hundreds of friends.

(Razel Namen= Nettie's cousin)

(12 AM)

Sat. March 3

The Handelsmans Brodinski Braun stayed until 12:00PM. Mother still feels exhausted, very nervous. We are congratulated by many friends.

(12 PM)

Sun. March 4

This morning at the meeting heard of Harvey Rubinstein. I feel very queasy. Didn't tell Mother. Were at the Beyliks until 12:00PM, in your honor, after all.

(Herbert Rubinstein; Balick; 12 PM)

Mon. March 5

Before going to Pioneers Donor(?), Finesmith called up [asking] about you. And Mother found out that Harvey was killed. She felt very bad, and wasn't able to recover the entire evening. It wasn't necessary to tell her.

Tues. March 6

We are expecting every day to hear from you. We have written 2 letters. We were told that we can write no more than once a week. If you were only given one card, you did well to write to England.

Wed. March 7

More phone calls. The newspaper describes how we found out you were a prisoner of war. Bernice calls. She received a questionnaire from the government about the cable she sent to the Kremers about you.

(Kremer=Harry Kramer family from London)

Thurs. March 8

No news. We are waiting for mail from you.

Fri. March 9

Mother read in the newspaper about a boy from Elsmere, Del. Killed in action Dec. 21st. She feels very bad all evening. Bernice asked me if I read about it.

Sat. March 10

It was in the newspaper about Lewis and another boy. They are prisoners of war.

Sun. March 11

Bernice was here. Says Mrs. Lewis received a card and telegram from the government [saying] that her son is a prisoner of war. Mother is very eager to receive the same. Wrote you a letter today. We hope that you will receive it.

Mon. March 12

We are very eager to hear from you and also today we didn't get any letter.

Tues. March 13

Today we received 7 returned letters which had been sent to you. We are going to Adas-Kodesh \_\_\_\_\_ from the rabbis to pray to God for the surviving Jews and fast tomorrow and give tsedakah.

Wed. March 14

Today we all fasted, gave tsedakah and prayed to God for you and for all of the survivors. We are waiting impatiently for your letter. And a telegram from the government.

(private fast)

Thurs. March 15

Bernice showed a telegram from the Kremers [saying] that a copy of your postcard has been sent out. If we get at least a postcard from you, we would prepare for Pesakh much happier.

Fri. March 16

It was in the newspaper about another who is a prisoner of the Germans the same day as you. We are still waiting for news. Went to Temple Beth Emeth to hear Senator Tunnell report about Palestine. It didn't have any effect.

Sat. March 17

We are still waiting for a card from you. Every day is a year. We wait and hope.

Sun. March 18

Early this morning at the meeting I was told that Artie Blatman was killed. I feel very bad. Came home, Mother already knew. She also doesn't feel well all day.  
(Blatman had a bakery on 2<sup>nd</sup> St)

Mon. March 19

Bernice received the first letter from you written Jan. 18. Our joy was great. Mother called me to the telephone to tell me the good news. Bernice, Gussie and the children were here and celebrated with happy hearts.

Tues. March 20

Bernice called [to say] that she received a letter and a copy of a postcard sent to the Kremers. We are feeling better.  
(Kramers)

Wed. March 21

No news today. Got prisoner camp map. Found location of camp IV B. We hope that the Russians can liberate the camp quickly.

Thurs. March 22

Bernice was here. Brought literature from the Red Cross. Mother and Bernice are waiting for government permission to send you a package. It takes so long -- too much red tape.

Fri. March 23

Went to the 18th with Mother. Spoke with the Handelsmans. Invited them for the first Seder. We are expecting Russia to make a drive and liberate the camp where you are situated.

Sat. March 24

Sold the house 422 12th St. Mrs. Dobson asked all about you.  
(422 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.=Investment house; the tenant was burning the doors to generate heat;  
Dobson=tenant)



Sun. March 25

Was very busy preparing for Pesakh. Bernice came in the evening but didn't stay long. Invited Bobbe Willer to the Seder, but we don't know if she will come.

(Bubba Fanny Willer=Bessie Handelman's mother; lived at 7<sup>th</sup> and Madison)

Mon. March 26

We are waiting for a letter or a card from you. We would be much happier erev yom-tov and also yom-tov if we got good news from you.

Tues. March 27

We are beginning to get worried again since we haven't heard anything further from you. We think maybe they arrived at 905 and they didn't hand it over. We will ask.

(905=Tomases former address on Lombard St.)

Wed. March 28

The Handelman family came to the Seder. Bobbe Willer didn't come. Stayed until 11:00PM. Pop Handelman doesn't feel well.

(Bubba Fanny Willer)

Thurs. March 29

Went to the Handelmans for the second Seder. Many people attended. From their own [people] Bobbe Willer was there. But Pop Handelman couldn't finish the Seder. Didn't feel well.

(Bubba Fanny Willer)

Fri. March 30

No extraordinary news. We wait impatiently for a letter from you. Went to the 18th. Bernice came. The Handelmans didn't.

Sat. March 31

No extraordinary news. We are waiting for a letter from you. We wait impatiently. Didn't yet receive anything from the government.

Sun. April 1

Bernice came to dinner today. Took a walk to the Brandywine. Had yortsayt. Went to the Ploppers.

(Plafkers)

Mon. April 2

Got up early with a good dream that you came home healthy but your hair was white. I feel that good news is coming. Feel better today.

Tues. April 3

A postcard arrived from you today, written January 24th. Although it is a long [ago] date, we feel very good. Bernice received the first postcard from January 10th. Bernice will come tomorrow [so] I will see the postcard.

Wed. April 4

The first postcard from January 10th arrived today. Bernice received 2 postcards, from the 10th and the 24th. The postcard which came yesterday from the 10th was addressed to the Handelsmans. We are feeling very good hearing from you.

Thurs. April 5

Nothing extraordinary happened today. As usual, the final day of Pesakh.

Fri. April 6

Went to the 18th with Mother. \_\_\_\_ First the rabbi and many others ask about you. Bernice came, the Handelsmans didn't. Didn't feel well all week.

(\_\_\_\_=Rabbi First?)

Sat. April 7

Nothing extraordinary. We are already eager for another letter from you.

Sun. April 8

Today about 6 o'clock Mrs. Ivanovich called [to say] that she received a telegram that he will see her soon. Bernice calls Mrs. Harsfield. She received a telegram that he was wounded. (Ivanovich? Son of a telephone chain member?)

Mon. April 9

Reports over the radio and in the newspapers are very distressing about prisoners of war in Germany. Mother is very nervous. And I don't feel well at all.

Tues. April 10

The reports in the newspapers continue about the prisoners and those liberated, that they were treated very poorly. I think it is mainly propaganda. But still, my heart is heavy.

Wed. April 11

Received a postcard from you written January 18. the same day as the letter to Bernice. It is already 3 weeks since the letter arrived. We hope to receive mail from you from a later date. Telegram from the government that the 642(?) is imprisoned.

Thurs. April 12

Bernice came to supper. In the middle of eating we found out that the president has died. We get very excited by the sad news. We hope that peace will come just that fast. Visited the Handelsmans.

(Roosevelt; excited=agitated)

Fri. April 13

Went with Mother to the 18th. Special services for the president. Bernice and [her] mother were there.

(18<sup>th</sup>=Beth Shalom on 18<sup>th</sup> and Washington)

Sat. April 14

A map in the newspaper indicates that camp IV B is liberated. Bernice says, not yet.

Sun. April 15

The Sunday map in the newspaper also doesn't show that IV B has been liberated. We went to the Y to the memorial meeting for President Roosevelt. Heard the news that the Americans had a setback.

Mon. April 16

No special news today. Spoke with Phillips in the shop. He receives mail very slowly. It's been more than 4 weeks since he received anything.

Tues. April 17

We are eagerly awaiting mail. Received nothing today.

Wed. April 18

Bernice called in the evening. We asked for any news of you. Unfortunately, no news. We are getting impatient. Phillips tells me that he also didn't receive anything this week.

Thurs. April 19

Was disappointed again. No letter from you. We are getting impatient. Mother is very nervous.

Fri. April 20

Didn't go to the 18th. Came home late from davening with Waldman. Didn't see Bernice and the Handelsmans.

(Waldman lived on 19<sup>th</sup> between Jefferson and Baynard Blvd.; he had a Torah and sometimes held minyanim in his house)

Sat. April 21

Henny persuaded Mother to go the movies for the first time since you were taken prisoner.

(Henny=Morris called Helen "Henny")

Sun. April 22

The map in today's newspaper shows that the Russians are in Berlin and they are meeting near Dresden. We are waiting to hear of your liberation. Bernice receives a letter from Ivanovich and Harsfield.

(Ivanovich and Harsfield-sons of phone chain members?)

Mon. April 23

We heard today that Muhlberg was liberated by the Russians. We are full of hope that you are already entirely free. We are expecting every day to hear from you.

(Muhlberg=town near location of the prison camp, Stalag IV-B)

Tues. April 24

Today we heard the sad news that Benny Simon fell in battle. We are very upset. It has made Mother very nervous. Bernice was supposed to come but she is with Elaine Estrin.

(Elaine Astrin= Benny Simon's wife and Bernice's best friend)

Wed. April 25

Mother goes to the meeting and she hears that prisoners are being freed. She feels a little better.

Thurs. April 26

Bernice came to supper. Said she got a letter from Milford [saying] that the prisoners of IV B were moved to VIII A. Mother don't feel good about that but I am certain that you are already liberated.

(Millford DE? a base?)

Fri. April 27

The American and Russian armies have joined together. We are waiting impatiently for a cable from you. Didn't go to temple.

Sat. April 28

We had some excitement when a false rumor went around that Germany surrendered.

Sun. April 29

We are feeling an aftertaste from the false peace rumor. Went to visit the Simons. Our sympathy for them is very great. Bernice is with Elaine.

Mon. April 30

It was Henny's birthday. Bernice brought a present. We wait impatiently for a peace announcement. Read that prisoners will be sent home immediately. We are waiting impatiently to hear from you. Mother is very nervous.

Tues. May 1

Bernice came to dinner today. Stayed until 10:00PM. Still no news from you. Now we are waiting for a telegram [saying] that you are on your way home.

Wed. May 2

Berlin fell Hitler is dead - a simkhe, of course. But we are not enjoying the happiness because we haven't heard from you. It is 3 weeks today since we received your card of January 10th.

Thurs. May 3

Bernice says that the Red Cross says that camp IV B was liberated April 23rd. We should expect to hear from you in 15 days. Where is February's mail from you?

Fri. May 4

Denmark and Holland surrendered. We are waiting for VE Day. And even more, we are expecting to hear from you. Many friends and relatives are asking about you.

Sat. May 5

No extraordinary news. We wait to hear from you.

Sun. May 6

Mr. Labovski tells me that he heard of cases where prisoners of Germany wrote home from Odessa. And also from Boston. Are you in Odessa or in Boston?  
(Labovsky)

Mon. May 7

Today it is already 15 days since you were liberated. And still no letter has arrived. We wait impatiently for VE Day announcement.

Tues. May 8

Today VE Day. We came home 9:00. I think about how our simkhe would be even greater if we got at least a letter from you. Helen and the Bergers think that one of the prisoners they saw in the movies was Martin Karlis. Halevay!  
(Morty Carlis)

Wed. May 9

No extraordinary news. It is a bit of a commotion with Marty Karlis's picture. Nakhamy has to enlarge it but he hasn't enlarged it yet. It's hard to believe that anything will come out of this.  
(Morty Carlis)  
(Nakhamy=Nechemia= Norman Tomases; he had a dark room in the closet in the attic)

Thurs. May 10

Bernice came to dinner today. Usually we talk about you. We are all hoping all the time to hear something from you. Mother is expecting a phone call from you from Boston. Halevay, soon.

Fri. May 11

The photographs that were supposed to be Marty Karlis turned out not to be he. We are waiting for news from you. Friends and acquaintances are asking about you.  
(Morty Carlis)

Sat. May 12

Got regards from you via Dr. Arthur(?) -Kohn [Cohn?] via Gussie's sister in New York. He saw you Dec. 20.

(Dr. Arthur Cohn= ?)

Sun. May 13

Bernice and the children gave Mother a Mother's Day present. We went to services at shul. We are counting the days to hear from you.

Mon. May 14

Today we received back a Christmas package. It tore my heart when I saw it. We don't understand the reason for not hearing from you. Phillips also doesn't get any mail from his boy. (package returned in mail?)

Tues. May 15

Today there was a big excitement. Received the first letter from April 23 [saying] that you were liberated. Mother is sick again as she was 1 ½ years ago.

(Nettie had a chronic stomach problem)

Wed. May 16

Mother is expecting Uncle Lou and Aunt Merke from Mobile, Alba. But already with a happier heart. We are making bets when you will come home. Mother 28 this month, Nakhamy 30, Henny 4th and I June 14. Halevay may I lose the bet.

(Lou and Merke Mazel=Refael Mazel's bother, the youngest of 13-14; they came regularly to visit from Mobile and continued onto Maine to see their Max Maisel)

Thurs. May 17

Went to see Aunt in hospital. It is going better but she is still in a coma. Bernice stopped by on the way to temple. She is a very happy little wife since she heard from you.

(Aunt="The Mima"=Zeyda Nechemia Tomases's sister and wife to Uncle Jake, with whom Pop Morris stayed when he first came to Wilmingtonrived from Iasi, along with Miriam Ethel, his paternal grandmother)

Fri. May 18

Spoke with Phillips about your liberation. He has received nothing from his son. Many friends and acquaintances congratulate us on your liberation.

Sat. May 19

Today I was able to tell Aunt about your liberation. But Mrs. Sheer already told her. She awoke from the coma yesterday.

(Aunt="The Mima," Morris's paternal aunt; Sheer=?)

Sun. May 20

Today went with Bernice to see Aunt in hospital. Mother is busy waiting for Aunt Merke and Uncle Louie from Mobile. We expect to hear from you more often.

Mon. May 21

Uncle Louie, Aunt Merke came today 5:00AM. Bernice came to supper. Uncle Louie went with me to the meeting. Every time the telephone rings we think it is from you.  
(meeting-?)

Tues. May 22

Phillips received a letter from his son written May 11th [saying] that he expects to come home soon. Your letter was from April 23rd, 3 weeks earlier. We are puzzled and waiting for another letter from a more recent date.

Wed. May 23

Your liberation was reported in the Journal. Many friends congratulated us.  
(Wilmington News Journal)

Thurs. May 24

Bernice was here for supper. Said that Mrs. Fred Jacob told her that Fred heard from you. Also that the Red Cross let her know about your liberation a week after we received your letter.  
(Fred Jacob? Son of one of a phone chain member?)

Fri. May 25

Sonia and Reyzl came to see Uncle Louie and Aunt Merke. Stayed for a couple of hours and talked about you. It would be a thrill if you were to come home when Uncle and Aunt are visiting us.  
(Sonia Bell and Reyzel Neman=Nettie's first cousins)

Sat. May 26

Nothing extraordinary. The Kohns sit in the house all day, because it's raining.  
(Kohns-?)

Sun. May 27

The Kohns go to Yosl's for dinner and then to Rubin[Robin?]. Bernice is with us. Auntie is feeling a bit better.  
(Rubin Maisel)

Mon. May 28

Today we were expecting to hear something from you. We are sort of disappointed that we don't hear from you. We are expecting to hear from you regularly. What is the reason!

Tues. May 29

Today received a telegram that you are waiting for a ship in Paris to come home. Imagine our joy. Bernice is full of happiness. We are expecting you every day.

Wed. May 30

Today worked around the house all day. The guests went to Rubin for dinner. Slept at Abe's. (Lou and Merke slept at cousin Abe Bell's)

Thurs. May 31

Went to see Aunt in hospital. She is feeling a bit better, but very weak. Told her about your telegram. She wants very much to see you.

Fri. June 1

Went davening with Uncle to Waldmans.

Sat. June 2

Today your \_\_\_\_\_ letter from May 17th. Bernice Silvia Rubin[Robin] and Hen Katz stay until 12 midnight.

(Bernice, Sylvia, Rubin; Hen Katz-?)

Sun. June 3

Today the Kohns left. Went to see Aunt in hospital and to Pioneers picnic. Bernice also came. Walked home. Stayed until 9:00PM.

Mon. June 4

Went to Helen's graduation. Bernice brought a very nice present. Hoped that you would be home for this occasion.

(Ralph's sister Helen's (Schutzman) graduation from Temple University School of Hygiene)

Tues. June 5

Mother told me that Mrs. Finesmith called her [to say] that Max saw you in Paris. The letter was written May 31. Bernice is disappointed. She thinks that you are already on the ship on the way home.

(Finesmith=friends)

Wed. June 6

Mother told me that Handelman called up [to say] that one army man who has to tell about those who were liberated saw you and got to know you because Handelman sold a hearing aid to his father.

Thurs. June 7

Bernice came to supper. Talked about your imminent homecoming. Went to see Aunt in hospital. Feeling much better.

Fri. June 8

Bernice received a letter from you written the 4th. It puzzles us that so little mail comes from you. We are expecting you every day.



Sat. June 9

Today we had a big simkhe. Received a letter from June 5th along with the letter from May 2nd. Also the greeting telegram. Mother and I are going to the moving pictures, for me it's the first time since January 10th.

Sun. June 10

Today Bernice came and showed us a telegram from you to her. I read both of your letters to her as well as to the Handelmans in the evening. It made us feel good. We are expecting you home quickly.

Mon. June 11

Phillips tells me that he received a letter from his son [saying] that he is sure to depart from Europe June 4th. And he is expecting him every day. We are also waiting for you.

Tues. June 12

Bernice came to supper. Said she received a letter from you from the 8th [saying] that you are impatient. We understand you well. Have patience....

Wed. June 13

Phillips tells me that his boy is already in the States. Told Mother this. We are expecting to hear the same about you very soon. We are patient.

Thurs. June 14

Bernice came to supper. Brought me a birthday present. We hear that all of the prisoners are either home or on the way. We are expecting you every day.

Fri. June 15

Expecting to hear good [news] from you. Unfortunately, didn't receive. We are almost certain that you are on the ship on the way home.

Sat. June 16

Bernice and we received letters written May 22. It turns out that they were delayed.

Sun. June 17

Bernice brought a Father's Day present. Talked about you and your imminent homecoming. The Handelmans came to take us for a ride. Drove around for almost an hour and a half. It's hot.

Mon. June 18

Received a picture postcard 3 \_\_\_\_\_ from May 17th. Phillip's boy came home last Friday. Went to talk with his father but the father is still celebrating his homecoming.

Tues. June 19

Phillip is celebrating him and haven't seen him yet. Bernice was here today. She wants to bet that you will come home the 21st. I feel the same. Mother is getting impatient.

Wed. June 20

Spoke with Phillips but didn't get anything out of it. Read that the Queen Mary ship is coming with over 14 thousand soldiers. We hope that you are on that ship.

Thurs. June 21

Bernice came to supper. Since the Queen Mary ship arrived with 14526 soldiers as well as 2 other ships and we have no letters from you from the 8th this month we are sure that you are already here in the country.

Fri. June 22

Today we had the greatest celebration. Speaking with you sounded like the most beautiful music. Mother was nervous all evening. Bernice and [her] father were here for a short while. (nervous-wound up/agitated)

Sat. June 23

We feel over the top from your being in the country. We are calculating when you are going to arrive home.

Sun. June 24

Talking with you this morning revived Mother. She feels good all day. Bernice came for a short time.

Mon. June 25

Bernice called [to say] that she spoke with you on the telephone. We are eager to see you.

Tues. June 26

Spoke with you. Our joy is great that you are coming home. We are waiting for you impatiently.

Wed. June 27

Waited to see you with the train traveling through Phila. Finally saw you 1:45PM. What joy in our hearts having you home healthy.