Edward August Sauzek, World War I soldier

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Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on Edward August Sauzek, Battery C, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Division. Sauzek died on October 11, 1918, at Base Hospital in Vichey, France, from injuries he received from shellfire. He was born March 10, 1895, near Wellington, Kansas, and he grew up the Wichita, Kansas, area.

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June 3, 1918

Somewhere in England

Dear Mother:

I will drop you a few lines this afternoon to let you know that I am feeling fine as can be, and that I had a good time on my trip on land and water although the land trip was more interesting than the trip on the water as there was the same scenery all the way and I never did get sea sick all the way across, I done better than I expected

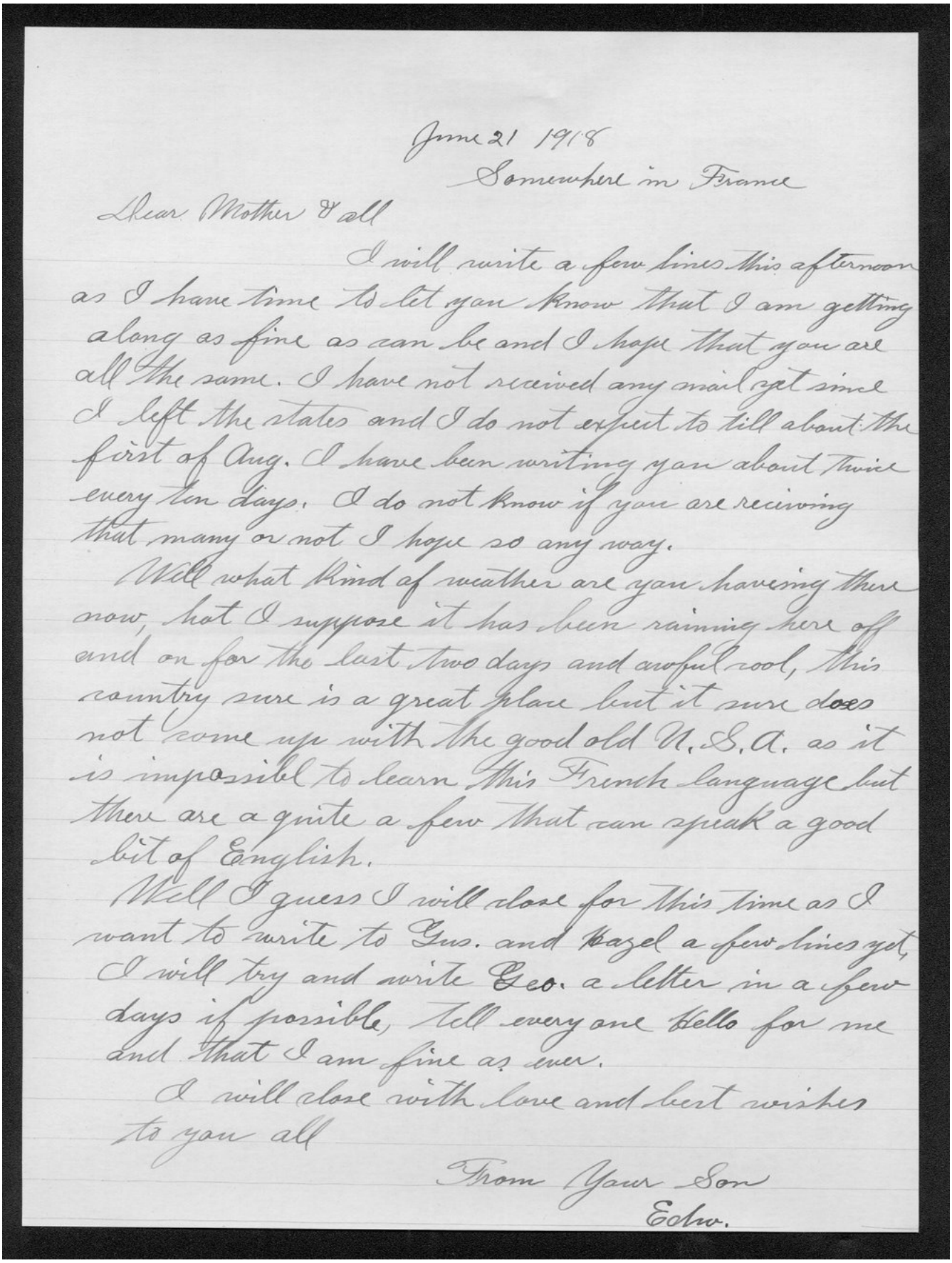
Well how is every body at home by now? I guess you are having real warm weather there by now, it is real warm here in the day time but real cool at night. We sure do have a lot of day light here it does not get real dark until eleven Oclock at night and it starts to get day light at 3.30 in the morning so we have mostly day light here

Well as I am not at liberty to write any thing about my trip, I might as well close I can tell you all when I get back home. I seen Fred Bachman & the Stein boys last night they all look good, tell them all Hello and that I am feeling fine. I close with love & best wishes to you all

address, Pvt Edward A Sauzek
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From Your Son
Edward

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June 21 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother & all

I will write a few lines this afternoon as I have time to let you know that I am getting along as fine as can be and I hope that you are all the same. I have not received any mail yet since I left the states and I do not expect to till about the first of Aug. I have been writing you about twice every ten days. I do not know if you are receiving that many or not I hope so any way.

Well what kind of weather are you having there now, hot I suppose it has been raining here off and on for the last two days and awful cool, this country sure is a great place but it sure does not come up with the good old U. S. A. as it is impossibel to learn this French language but there are a quite a few that can speak a good bit of English.

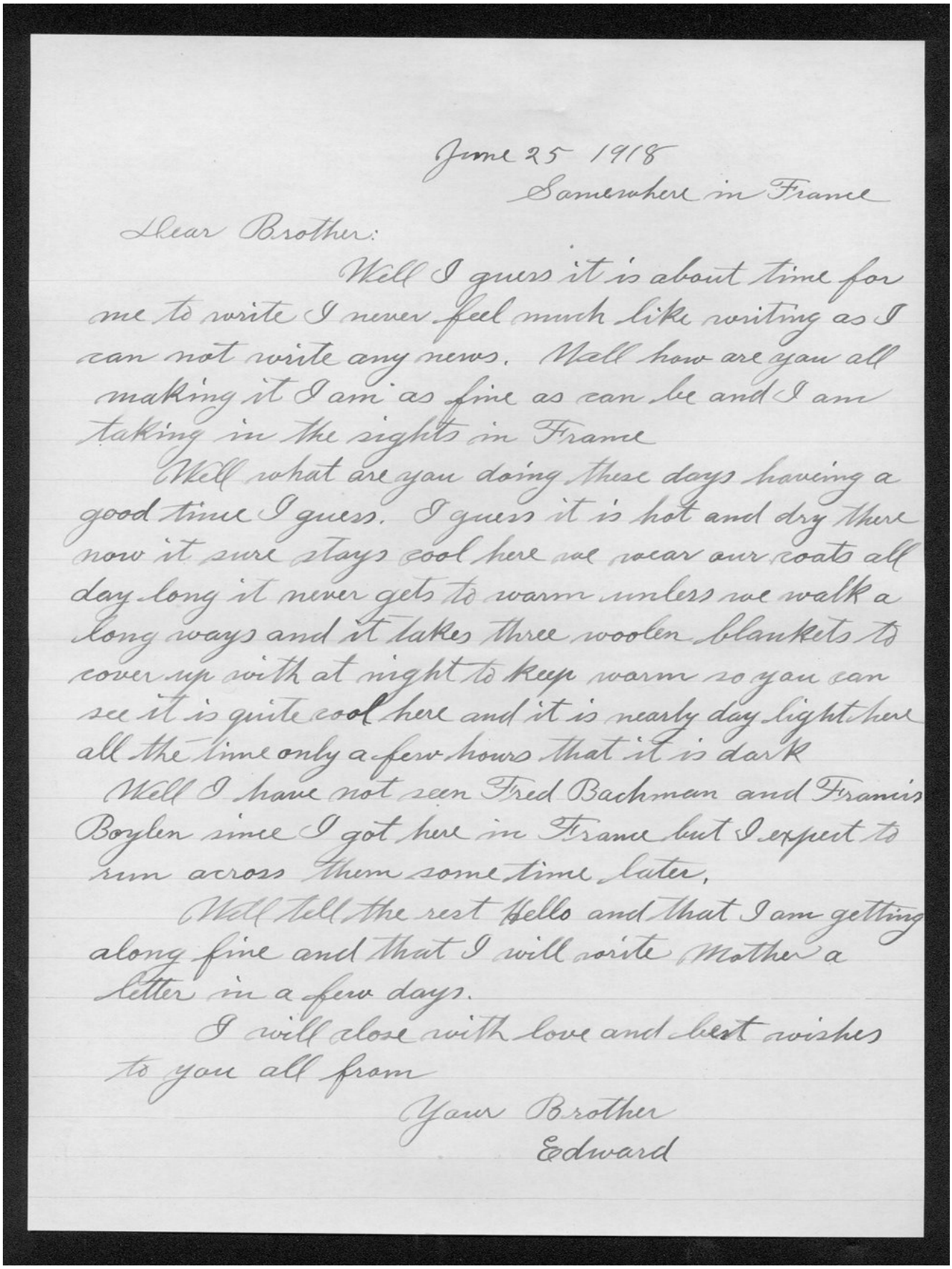
Well I guess I will close for this time as I want to write to Gus. and Hazel a few lines yet, I will try and write Geo. a letter in a few days if possible, Tell every one Hello for me and that I am fine as ever.

I will close with love and best wishes to you all

From Your Son

Edw.

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June 25 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Brother:

Well I guess it is about time for me to write I never feel much like writing as I can not write any news. Well how are you all making it I am as fine as can be and I am taking in the sights in France

Well what are you doing these days having a good time I guess. I guess it is hot and dry there now it sure stays cool here we wear our coats all day long it never gets to warm unless we walk a long ways and it takes three woolen blankets to cover up with at night to keep warm so you can see it is quite cool here and it is nearly day light here all the time only a few hours that it is dark

Well I have not seen Fred Bachman and Francis Boylen since I got here in France but I expect to run across them some time later.

Well tell the rest Hello and that I am getting along fine and that I will write Mother a letter in a few days.

I will close with love and best wishes to you all from

Your Brother

Edward

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June 26, 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother & all

I will drop you a few lines this evening as I want have any time to write for a few days as I am going out on a detail in the morning after some horses as I have been with a detachment for some time and like the work real well, we go out to small town and get them we go out and stay two or three days at a time from our head quarters, we will move again about the 4th of July we sure get to see the country it sure is a sight to see

Well our Reg. is not Motor-rised we are going to get horses now.

Well how are you all at home by now? I am as fine as can be and am having real good time talking french it can't be done but we get along with them fine.

Well what is Brother Gus. doing these days still in the dairy Business, I would sure like to be home and help you all with the work as I guess you have a lot of work to do. Well I may be home by next year at this time I hope so but nobody can tell yet I guess it is harvest time there now it is not harvest time here yet not until about the 15th of July from the

way the wheat looks there sure is some fine looking country around here but I will take the good old U. S. A for me.

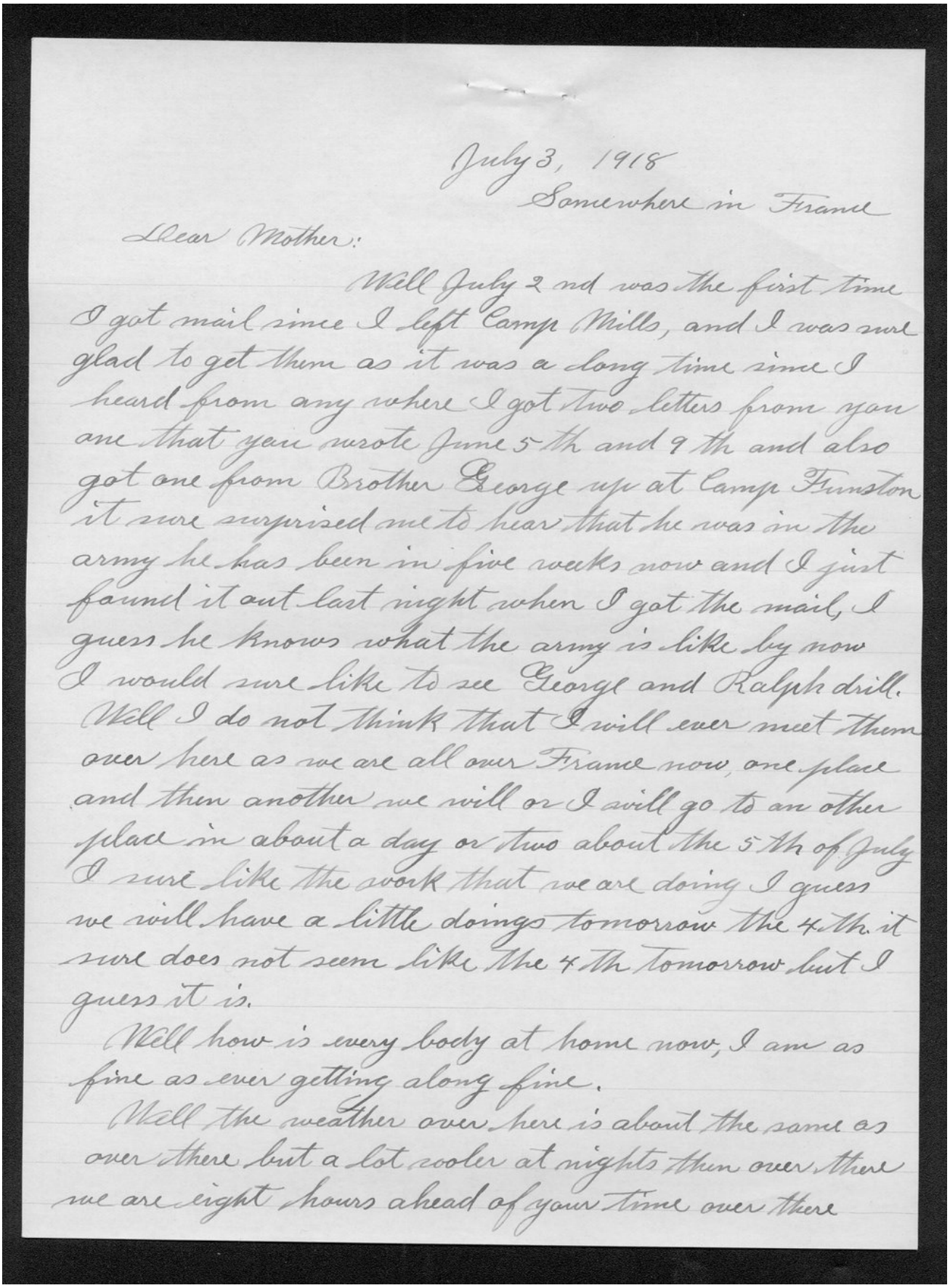
They sure have some fine Cathedrals here in this country, there are no other kind of churches here but Catholic churches but they sure are old but fine on the inside I went to one last Sunday that was built in 1300 and something but it sure is fine on the inside I was there this evening they had services there it is all french they have a fine big pipe organ, and I went into another one about three weeks ago in England and it was built in the year of 960 and it was in fine shape yet.

Well it is about dark so I will quit for this time and I will try and write again in a few days.

I will close with love & best wishes to you all from

Your Son
Edward A Sauzek

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July 3, 1918
Somewhere in France

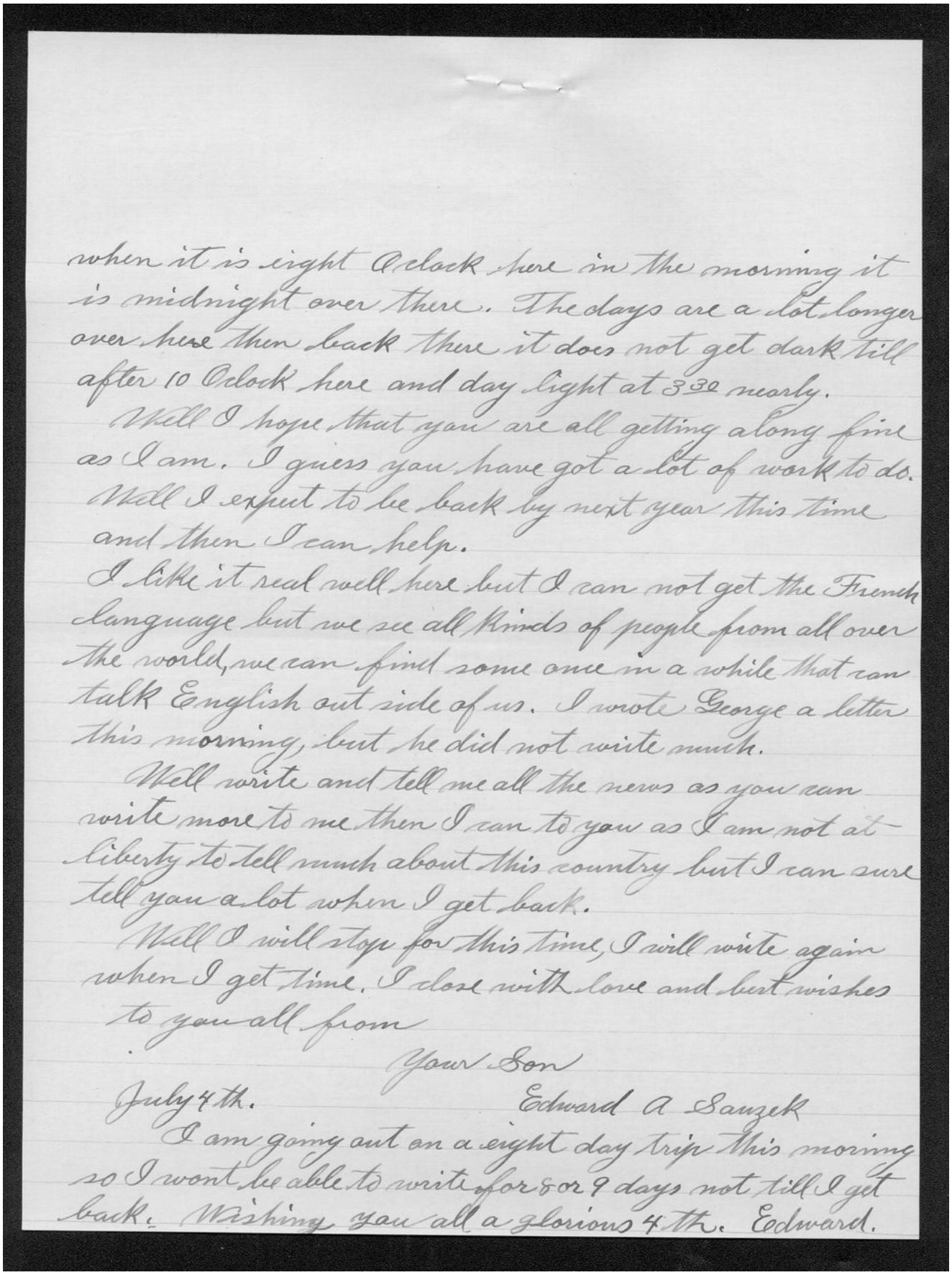
Dear Mother:

Well July 2 nd was the first time I got mail since I left Camp Mills, and I was sure glad to get them as it was a long time since I heard from any where I got two letters from you one that you wrote June 5 th and 9 th and also got one from Brother George up at Camp Funston it sure surprised me to hear that he was in the army he has been in five weeks now and I just found it out last night when I got the mail, I guess he knows what the army is like by now I would sure like to see George and Ralph drill.

Well I do not think that I will ever meet them over here as we are all over France now, one place and then another we will or I will go to an other place in about a day or two about the 5 th of July I sure like the work that we are doing I guess we will have a little doings tomorrow the 4 th. it sure does not seem like the 4 th tomorrow but I guess it is.

Well how is every body at home now, I am as fine as ever getting along fine.

Well the weather over here is about the same as over there but a lot cooler at nights then over there we are eight hours ahead of your time over there



when it is eight Oclock here in the morning it is midnight over there. The days are a lot longer over here then back there it does not get dark till after 10 Oclock here and day light at 3:30 nearly.

Well I hope that you are all getting along fine as I am. I guess you have got a lot of work to do. Well I expect to be back by next year this time and then I can help.

I like it real well here but I can not get the French language but we see all kinds of people from all over the world, we can find some one in a while that can talk English out side of us. I wrote George a letter this morning, but he did not write much.

Well write and tell me all the news as you can write more to me then I can to you as I am not at liberty to tell much about this country but I can sure tell you a lot when I get back.

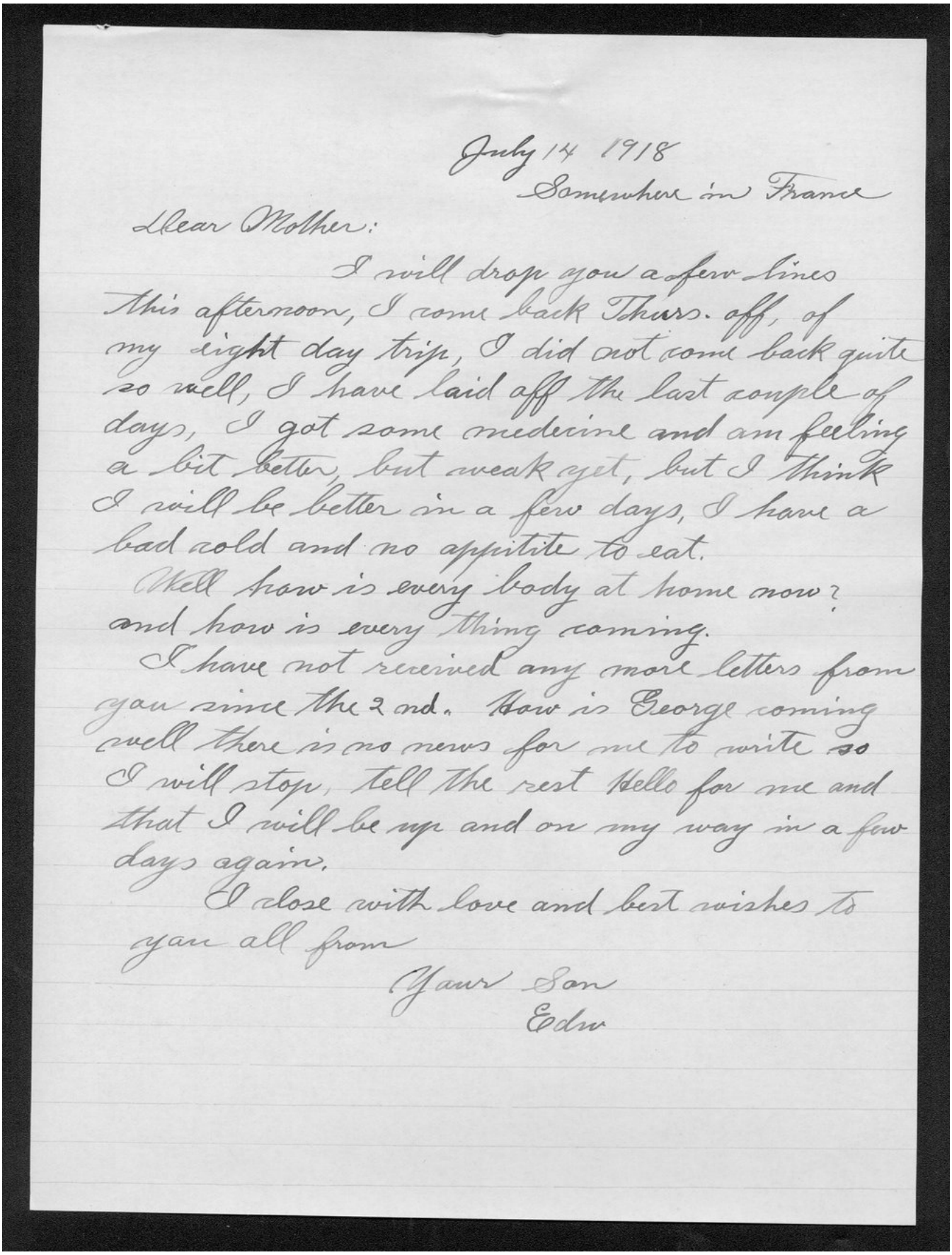
Well I will stop for this time, I will write again when I get time. I close with love and best wishes to you all from

Your Son

July 4th. Edward A Sauzek

I am going out on a eight day trip this morning so I wont be able to write for 8 or 9 days not till I get back. Wishing you all a glorious 4th. Edward.

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July 14 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

I will drop you a few lines this afternoon, I come back Thurs. off, of my eight day trip, I did not come back quite so well, I have laid off the last couple of days, I got some medicine and am feeling a bit better, but weak yet, but I think I will be better in a few days, I have a bad cold and no appitite to eat.

Well how is every body at home now? and how is every thing coming.

I have not received any more letters from you since the 2nd. How is George coming well there is no news for me to write so I will stop, tell the rest Hello for me and that I will be up and on my way in a few days again.

I close with love and best wishes to you all from

Your Son

Edw

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July 18, 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother & all.

I will write a few lines this evening, I wrote you a few lines a few days ago, but I was not feeling very good then but I am a lot better now but I lost a good many lbs. in weight

Well how are you all by now? I received three letters from you in the last few days one that you wrote June 14th 24th & 30th. the one you wrote the 30th I got today July 18th that sure come fast I got only 1 letter from George so far.

Well I guess he is getting used to the army by now. I know a lot of them boys in that list that you sent me a good many from Wichita I guess they will be all going before long.

Well it looks like as if you aught to of got more then one letter from me by this time I wrote a good many when I was in England and also since I have been here. I also got one from Minnie today, she said they were going to thresh about the 8th or 9th of this month.

They are just starting to cut wheat over here it is a little later as it is so cool it has been raining here off and on the last few days.

Well I made another move yesterday and I seen Boylen for the first time we landed in

France I have not seen Brooks yet I did not look around last night as I was to tired and I wont have time tonight as I got to write letters I have not wrote any for a long while to any one else

Tell Gus and Bazel to write once in a while, I wrote them several letters since I have been here.

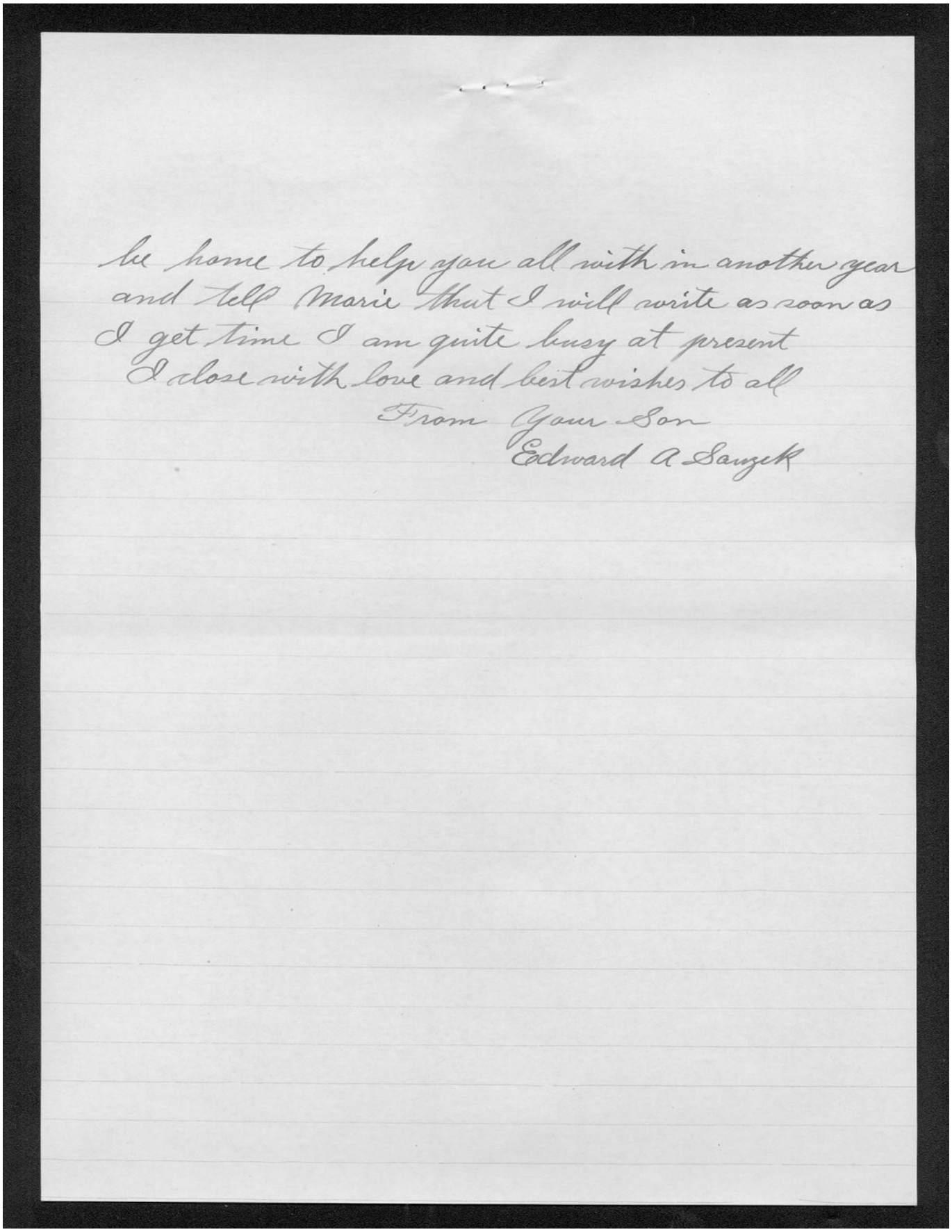
Yes I think I got all of your letters that you wrote I got eather 5 or 6 so far, Yes we get some papers to read over here once in a while it is printed in Paris only one paper that is that we can read English the rest are all French

Well how did you celebrate the 4th I traveled on the train most all day and landed in a little burg to get horses there was about one saloon and one Cafe in it.

Yes I got a number like George to, Mine is not quite so high it is 1466551 that is my number you can keep that if you have not got it, it might come in handy that is a good way to find a person.

Well my letter is getting quite long so I guess I had better quit for this time I will write again in a few days I hope you are all getting along well in your work and that I will

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be home to help you all with in another year
and tell Marie that I will write as soon as
I get time I am quite busy at present
I close with love and best wishes to all
From Your Son
Edward A Sauzek

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July 22, 1918
Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

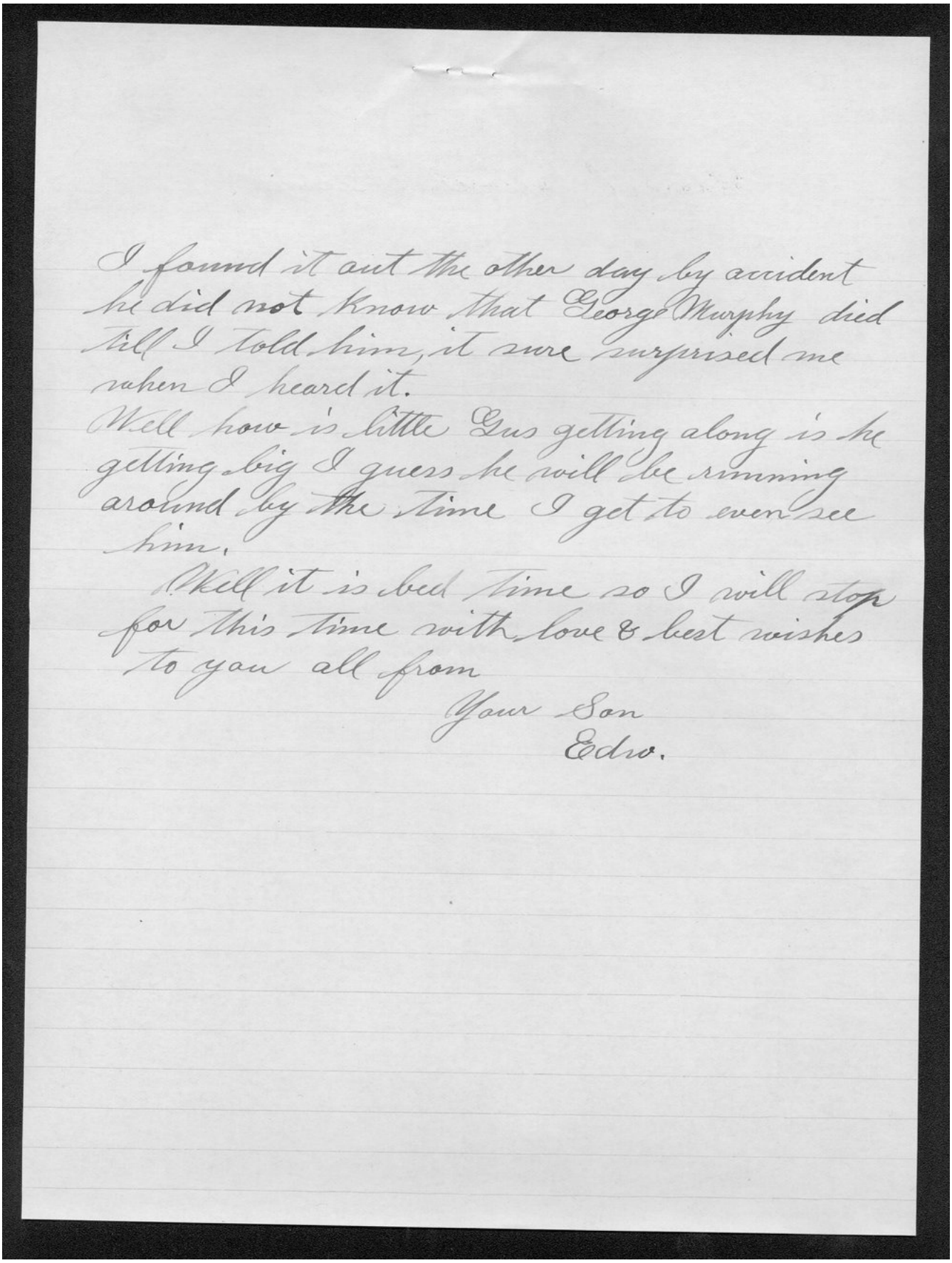
I will write you a few lines this evening, I wrote you one night before last. Well how are you all by now? I am real well at present.

I received a letter from you today but it was a bit older then some that I have received from you it was wrote the 19th of June, I see that you are having real hot weather over there it is cool over here nearly all the time at least at night. Well I see that George was at home over Sunday well I guess he was lucky in getting off, I know that I couldent of done that when I was there, I guess you all must of had a good time. Well may be it wont be long till Both of us will be back and then we will have some big dinner together, I would of sure liked to of been there to but I am many miles away but yet I am getting along fine but there is no plase like the good old U. S. A.

I must to get back and eat some of them good cherries that you canned.

How is Mr. House getting along by now? There is a man or a soldier in our Battery that is a Cousin to Mary Grace Bevis

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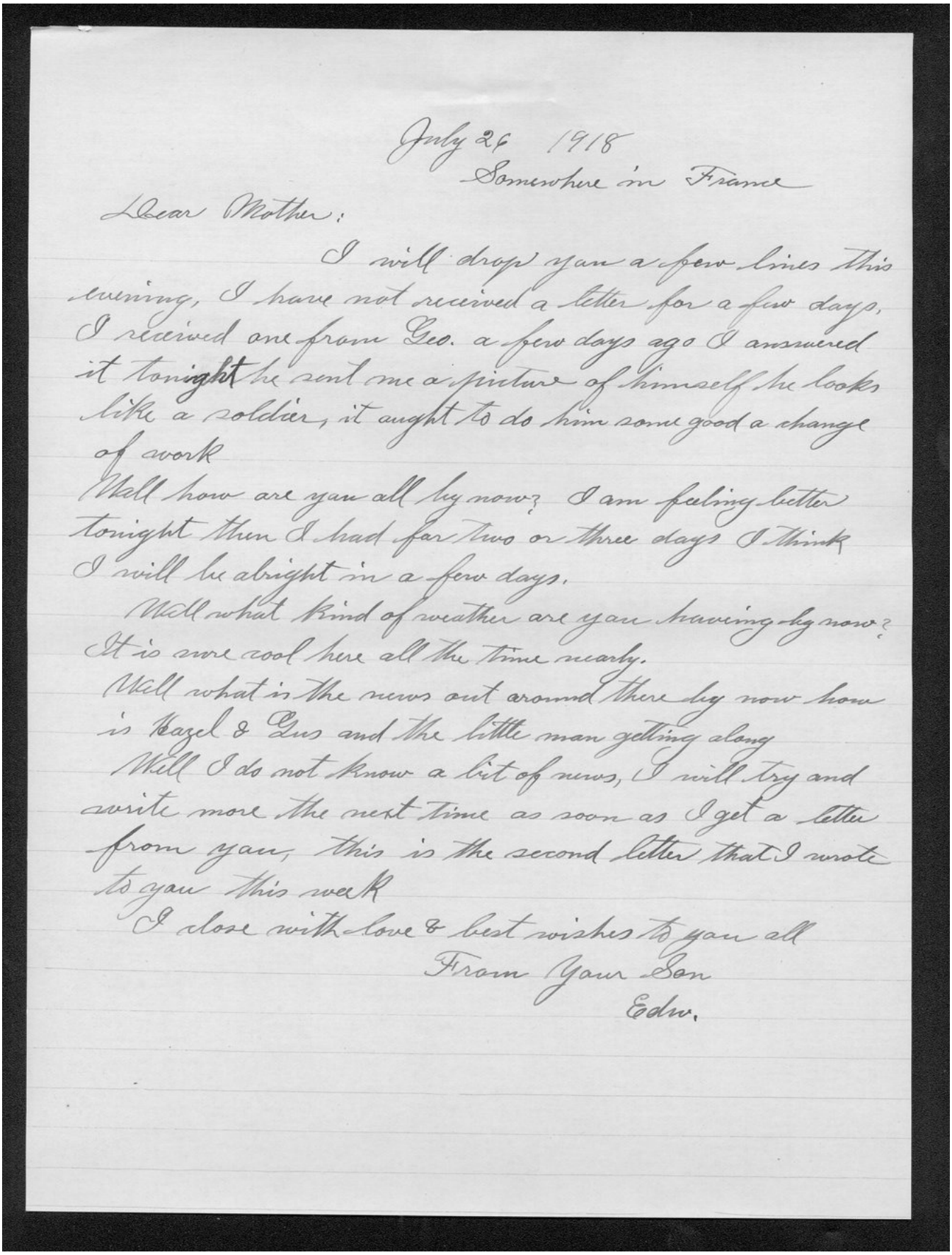
I found it out the other day by accident he did not know that George Murphy died till I told him, it sure surprised me when I heard it.

Well how is little Gus getting along is he getting big I guess he will be running around by the time I get to even see him.

Well it is bed time so I will stop for this time with love & best wishes to you all from

Your Son
Edw.

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July 26 1918
Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

I will drop yan a few lines this evening, I have not received a letter for a few days, I received one from Geo. a few days ago I answered it tonight he sent me a pinture of himself he looks like a soldier, it aught to do him some good a change of work

Well how are yan all by now? I am feeling better tonight than I had for two or three days I think I will be abright in a few days.

Well what kind of weather are yan having by now? It is awe cool here all the time nearly.

Well what is the news out around there by now how is Hazel & Gus and the little man getting along

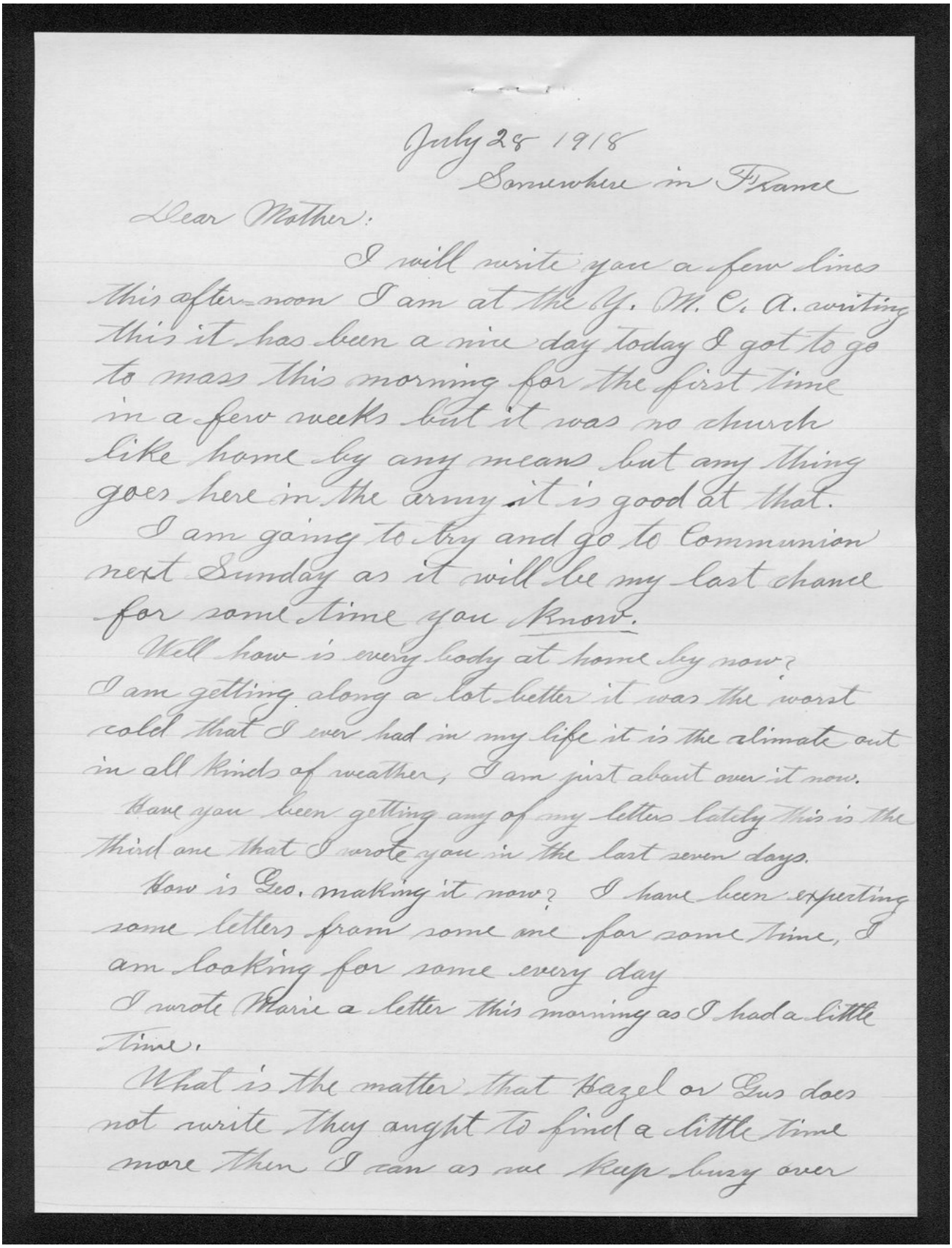
Well I do not know a bit of news, I will try and write more the next time as soon as I get a letter from yan, this is the second letter that I wrote to yan this week

I close with love & best wishes to yan all

From Yaur Son

Edw.

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July 28 1918
Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

I will write you a few lines this after-noon I am at the Y. M. C. A. writing this it has been a nice day today I got to go to mass this morning for the first time in a few weeks but it was no church like home by any means but any thing goes here in the army it is good at that.

I am going to try and go to Communion next Sunday as it will be my last chance for some time you Know.

Well how is every body at home by now? I am getting along a lot better it was the worst cold that I ever had in my life it is the climate out in all kinds of weather, I am just about over it now.

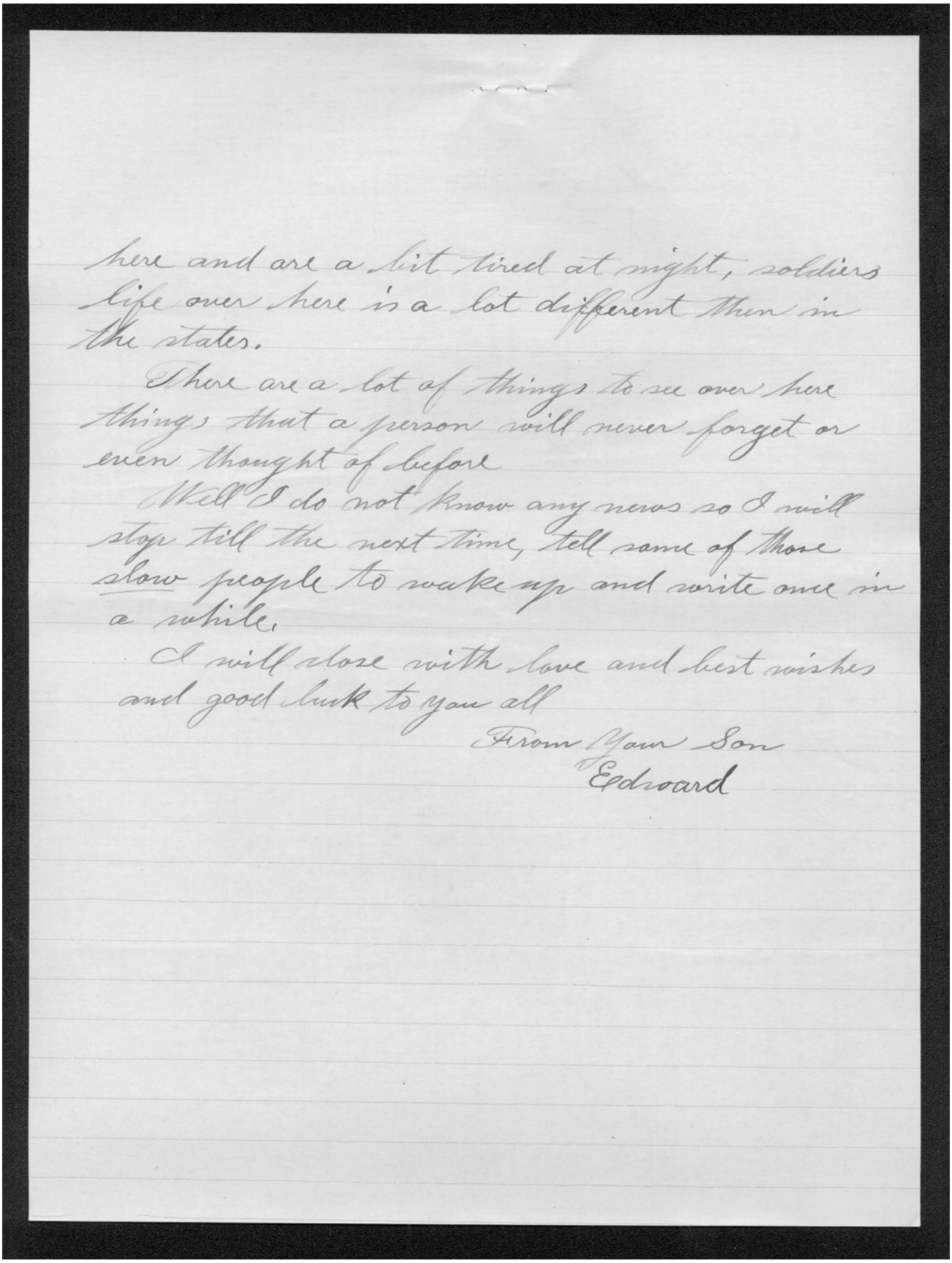
Have you been getting any of my letters lately this is the third one that I wrote you in the last seven days.

How is Geo. making it now? I have been expecting some letters from some one for some time, I am looking for some every day

I wrote Marie a letter this morning as I had a little time.

What is the matter that Hazel or Gus does not write they aught to find a little time more then I can as we keep busy over

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here and are a bit tired at night, soldiers life over here is a lot different then in the states.

There are a lot of things to see over here things that a person will never forget or even thought of before

Well I do not know any news so I will stop till the next time, tell some of those slow people to wake up and write once in a while.

I will close with love and best wishes and good luck to you all

From Your Son
Edward

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Aug 1 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

I will drop you a few lines this evening to let you know that I am as well as ever at present, I am feeling just fine and I hope that you are all the same. I received two letters from you yesterday July 31 th. one that you wrote July 5 th and the other July 12 th it did not take quite one month to come over here.

Well Brother George sure is lucky to get of as often as he does to spend the 4 th at home, well I traveled nearly all day on the Train on the 4 th and stayed in a little burg all night with one restaurant and about one or two saloons, there were five of us we had quite a little time, but not like as if I would have been at home, well I hope I will be back by the next fourth.

Well what kind of weather are you having now, wet or dry it is raining here tonight, when it starts to rain it rain off and on for three or four days, then may be not rain for two or three days, but cloudy nearly all the time and it sure is cool here nearly all day only a few hours in the middle of the day, it is a lot different then in the states.

Yes I seen Fred Bachman and the Skean

boys when I was in England they were getting along fine but I wont see them over here any more unless I run across them by accident but I do not think that I will.

Well I did not get Geo. letter that he said in it that he had his picture taken but I guess I will get it soon, he aught to make a good Picture, as I heard that he makes a fine looking soldier in his uniform. I received the post card Picture of him, I will send you a post card Picture of myself in a few days I have not got them yet, that is if they are good.

I see in your letter that you was over at Gus and Hazels and had such good Ice cream that is the thing of the past over here, there is none to be gotton here, I never had any since I left the states and it is hard to get any soft drinks here, about the only kind of drinks that can be gotton is such as wine, beer, and Brandy of all kinds and several more such drinks, no pop or any thing like that, no soda fountain any place or in drug stores eather, you would

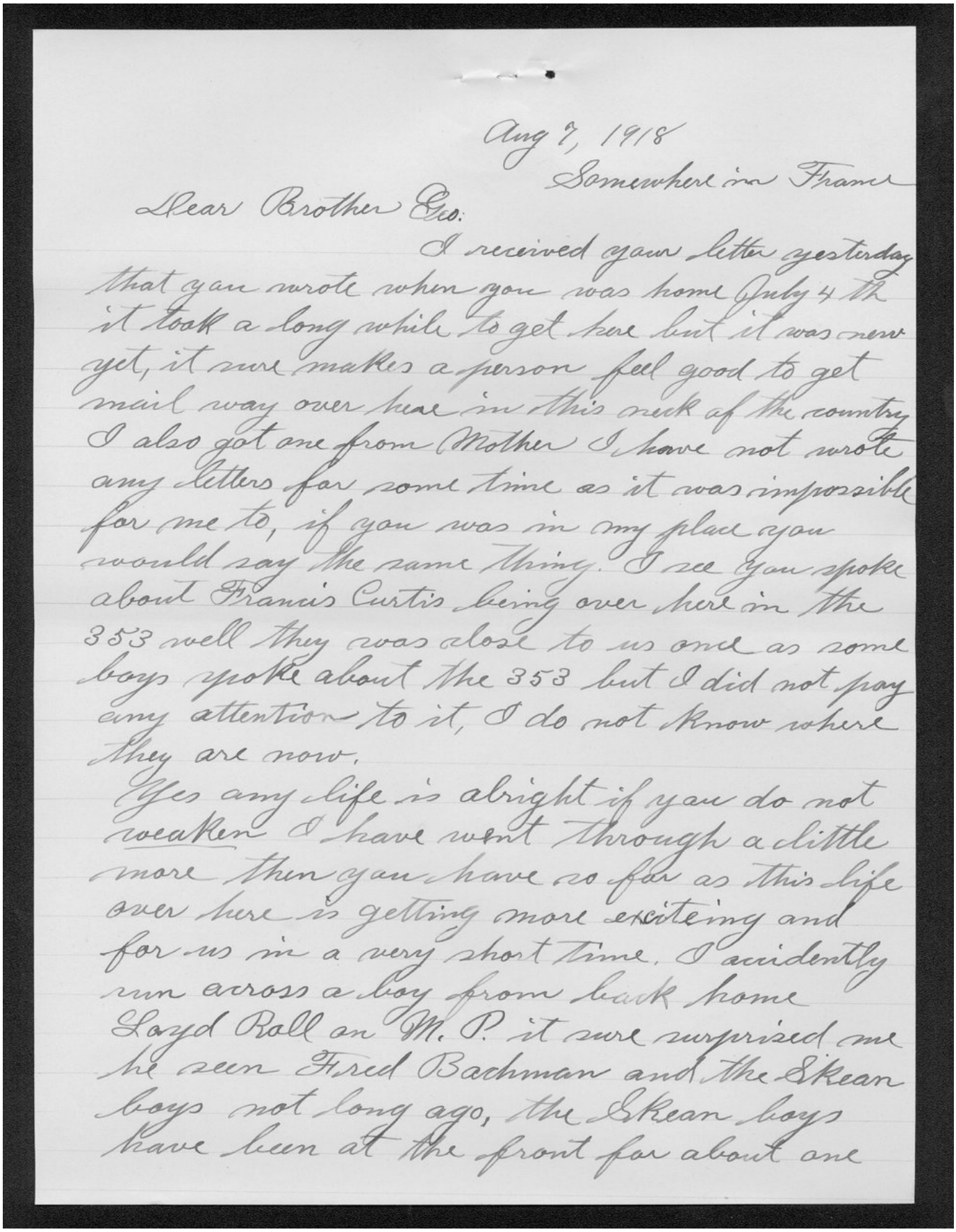
be surprised if you saw this country it is nothing like the states, this is about all I can say about it this time. I can tell you a lot more when I get back as I hardly know what I am at Liberty to write, it is a bit hard to write a long letter unless you ask some questions I will try and answer them all if I think I am allowed to

Well I must stop for this time, will write again in a day or two

I close with love and best wishes to you all

Your Son
Edw

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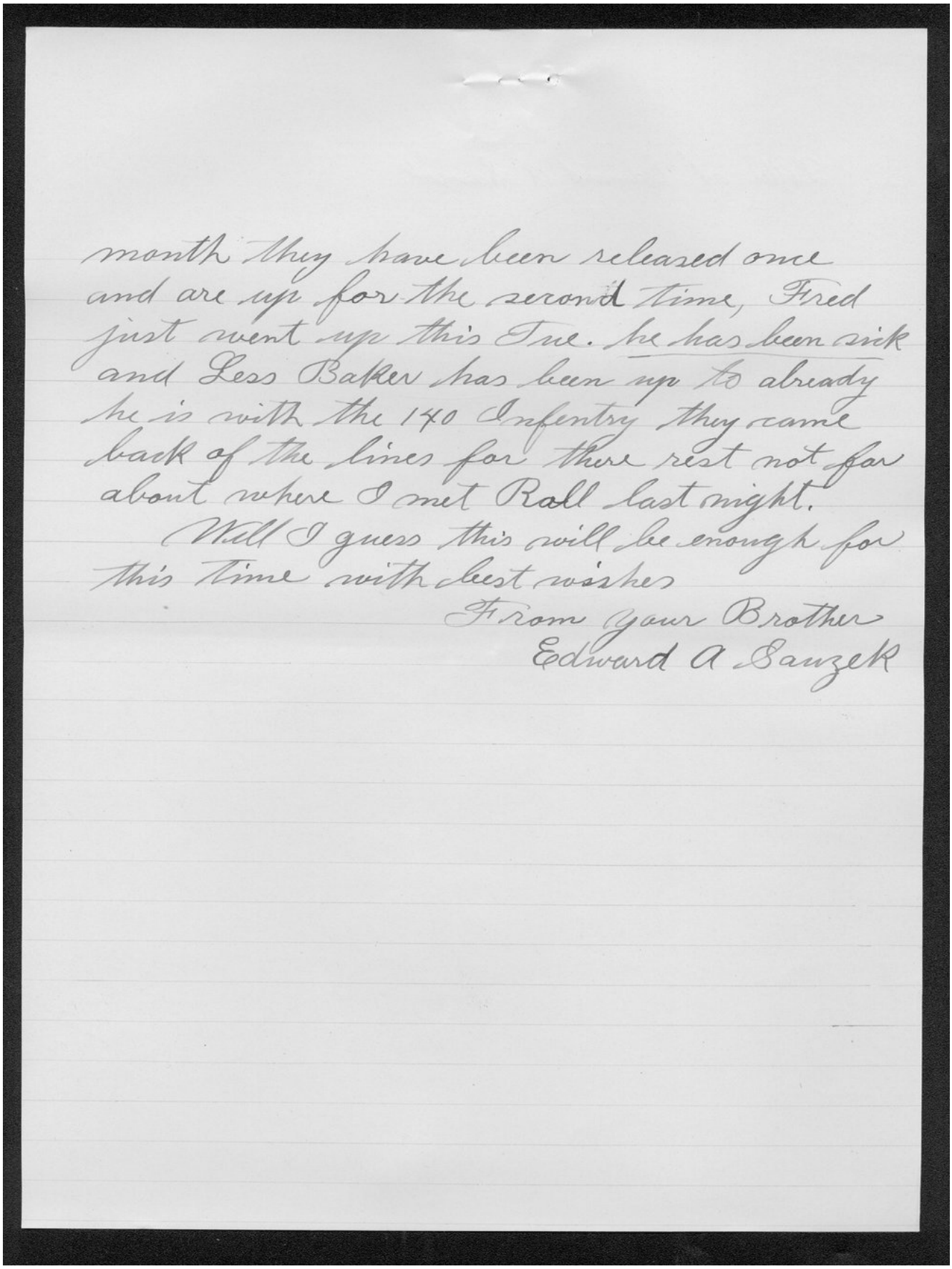
Aug 7, 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Brother Geo:

I received yaur letter yesterday that yau wrote when you was home July 4th it took a long while to get here but it was new yet, it sure makes a person feel good to get mail way over here in this neck af the country I also got one from Mother I have not wrote any letters for some time as it was impossible for me to, if you was in my place you would say the same thing. I see You spoke about Francis Curtis being over here in the 353 well they was close to us once as some boys spoke about the 353 but I did not pay any attention to it, I do not know where they are now.

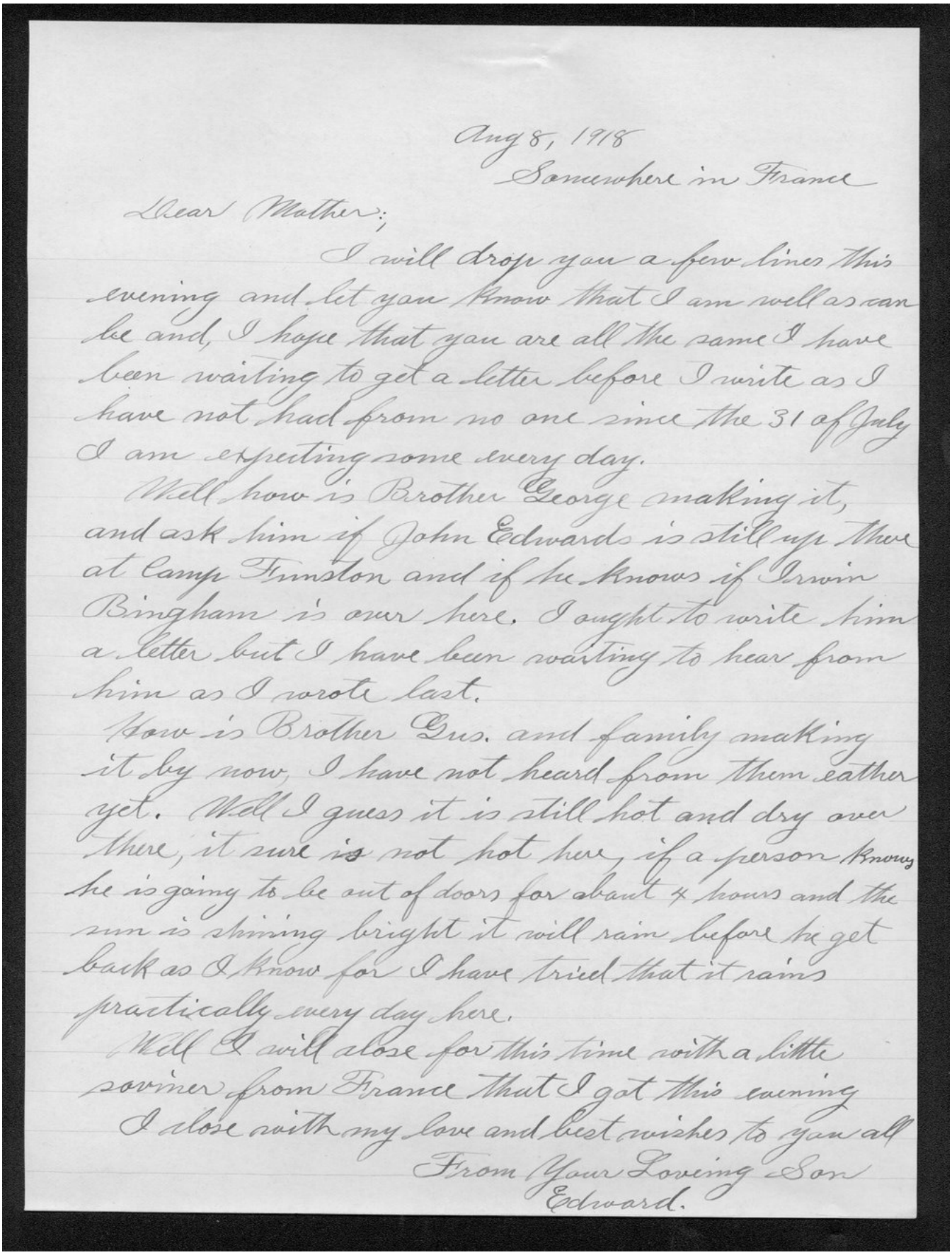
Yes any life is alright if yau do not weaken I have went through a little more then yau have so far as this life over here is getting more exciteing and for us in a very short time. I accidently run across a boy from back home Loyd Roll an M. P. it sure surprised me he seen Fred Bachman and the Skean boys not long ago, the Skean boys have been at the front for about one



month they have been released once and are up for the second time, Fred just went up this Tue. he has been sick and Less Baker has been up to already he is with the 140 Infentry they came back of the lines for there rest not far about where I met Rall last night.

Well I guess this will be enough for this time with best wishes

From your Brother
Edward A Sauzek



Aug 8, 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

I will drop you a few lines this evening and let you know that I am well as can be and, I hope that you are all the same I have been waiting to get a letter before I write as I have not had from no one since the 31 of July I am expecting some every day.

Well how is Brother George making it, and ask him if John Edwards is still up there at Camp Funston and if he knows if Irwin Bingham is over here. I ought to write him a letter but I have been waiting to hear from him as I wrote last.

How is Brother Gus. and family making it by now, I have not heard from them either yet. Well I guess it is still hot and dry over there, it sure is not hot here if a person knows he is going to be out of doors for about 4 hours and the sun is shining bright it will rain before he get back as I know for I have tried that it rains practically every day here.

Well I will close for this time with a little souvinir from France that I got this evening

I close with my love and best wishes to you all

From Your Loveing Son

Edward.

Aug 17, 1918

Somewhere in France

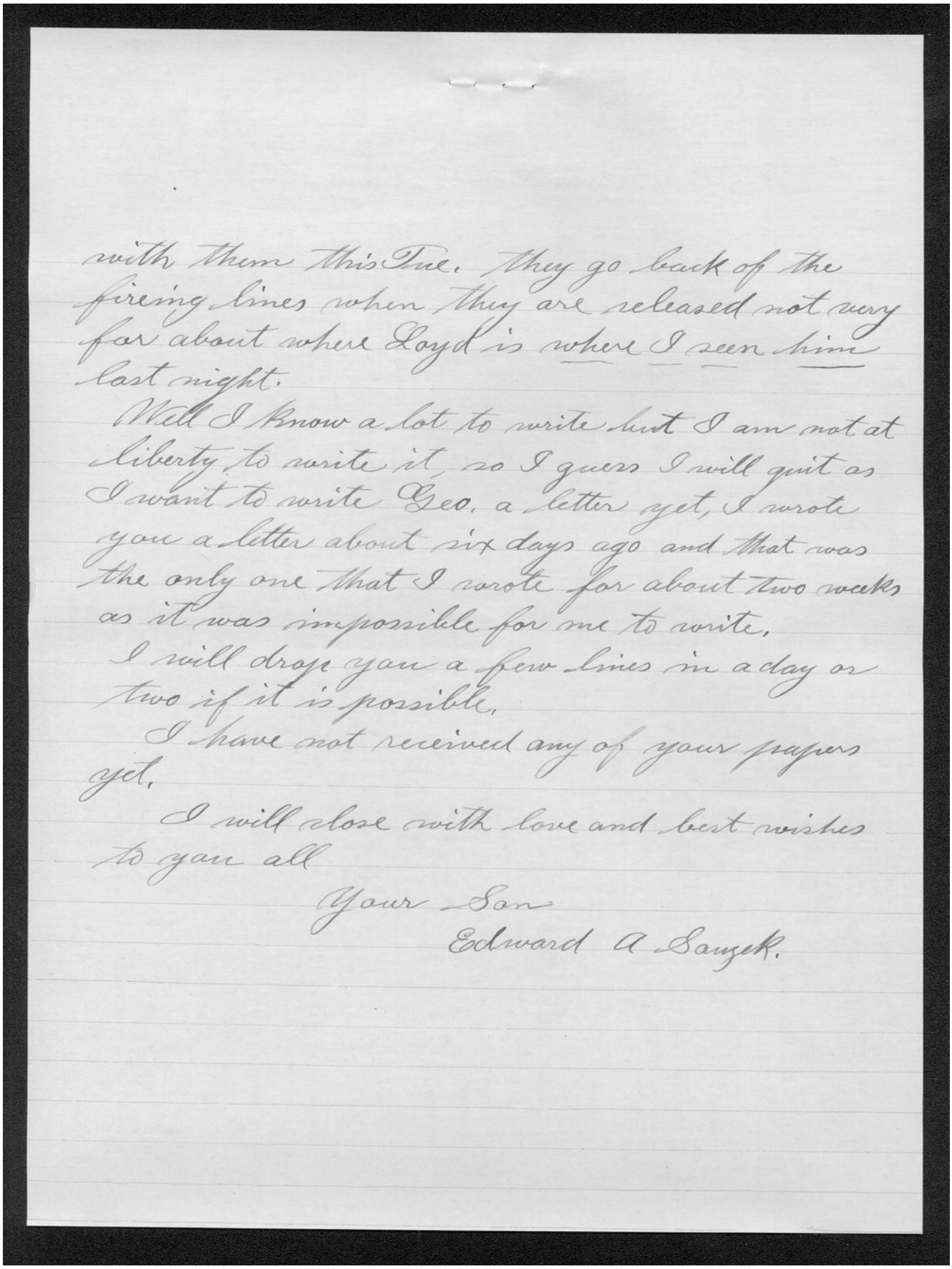
Dear Mother;

Well I have received two letters from you now, one a few days ago, and one yesterday, one you wrote on the 14th and the other on the 17th. Well how are you all by now?

I am as fine as ever before and hope that you are the same, I also received a letter from Brother Geo. the one he wrote when he was home on the 7th.

Well I see by your letter that you are all doing some good works at home or I mean in our Parish well it sure is a good thing, for we all need it over here, and I also see that you had a quite a doing in town one night in July you were all more excited over there than we were here.

Well I accidently run across one of the boys back home last night, you may not know him but Gus. does Loyd Roll he is still with the M. P. he seen Fred Bachman and the Ekean boys not long ago, they have been on the front, the Ekean been there for a month or more now they have had one rest already and are back for the second time that is in action and Fred just went



with them this Fue. They go back of the firing lines when they are released not very far about where Loyd is where I seen him last night.

Well I know a lot to write but I am not at liberty to write it, so I guess I will quit as I want to write Geo. a letter yet, I wrote you a letter about six days ago and that was the only one that I wrote for about two weeks as it was impossible for me to write.

I will drop you a few lines in a day or two if it is possible.

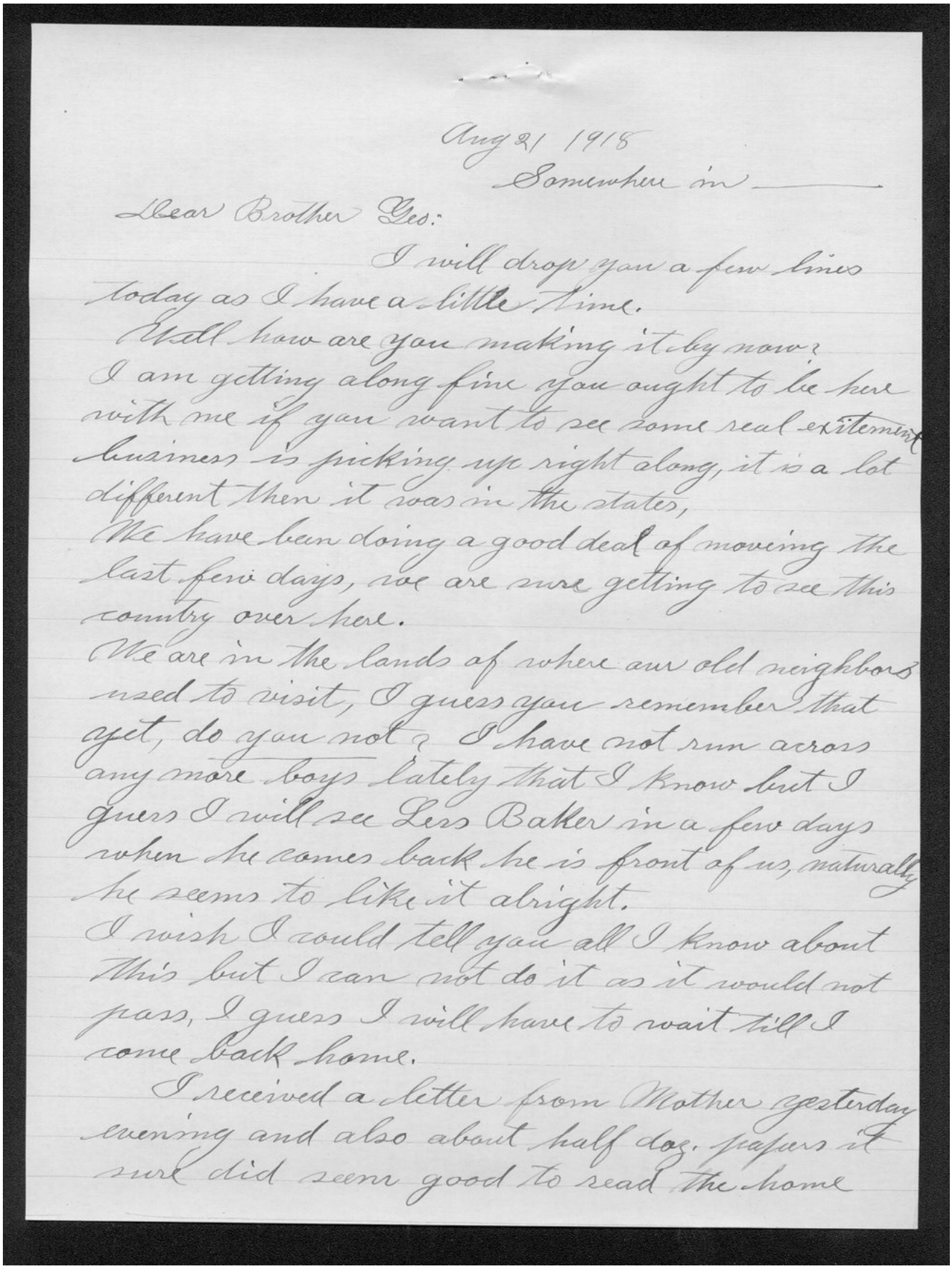
I have not received any of your papers yet.

I will close with love and best wishes to you all

Your Son

Edward A Sauzek.

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Aug 21 1918

Somewhere in ———

Dear Brother Geo:

I will drop you a few lines today as I have a little time.

Well how are you making it by now? I am getting along fine you ought to be here with me if you want to see some real excitement business is picking up right along, it is a lot different then it was in the states,

We have been doing a good deal of moveing the last few days, we are sure getting to see this country over here.

We are in the lands of where our old neighbors used to visit, I guess you remember that yet, do you not? I have not run across any more boys lately that I know but I guess I will see Less Baker in a few days when he comes back he is front of us, naturally he seems to like it alright.

I wish I could tell you all I know about this but I can not do it as it would not pass, I guess I will have to wait till I come back home.

I received a letter from Mother yesterday evening and also about half doz. papers it sure did seem good to read the home

papers once again, it sure makes a person feel like being home only to find out that he is many thousand miles away from there.

Well I should worry there is a big bright day a coming some day if every thing keeps going as it is.

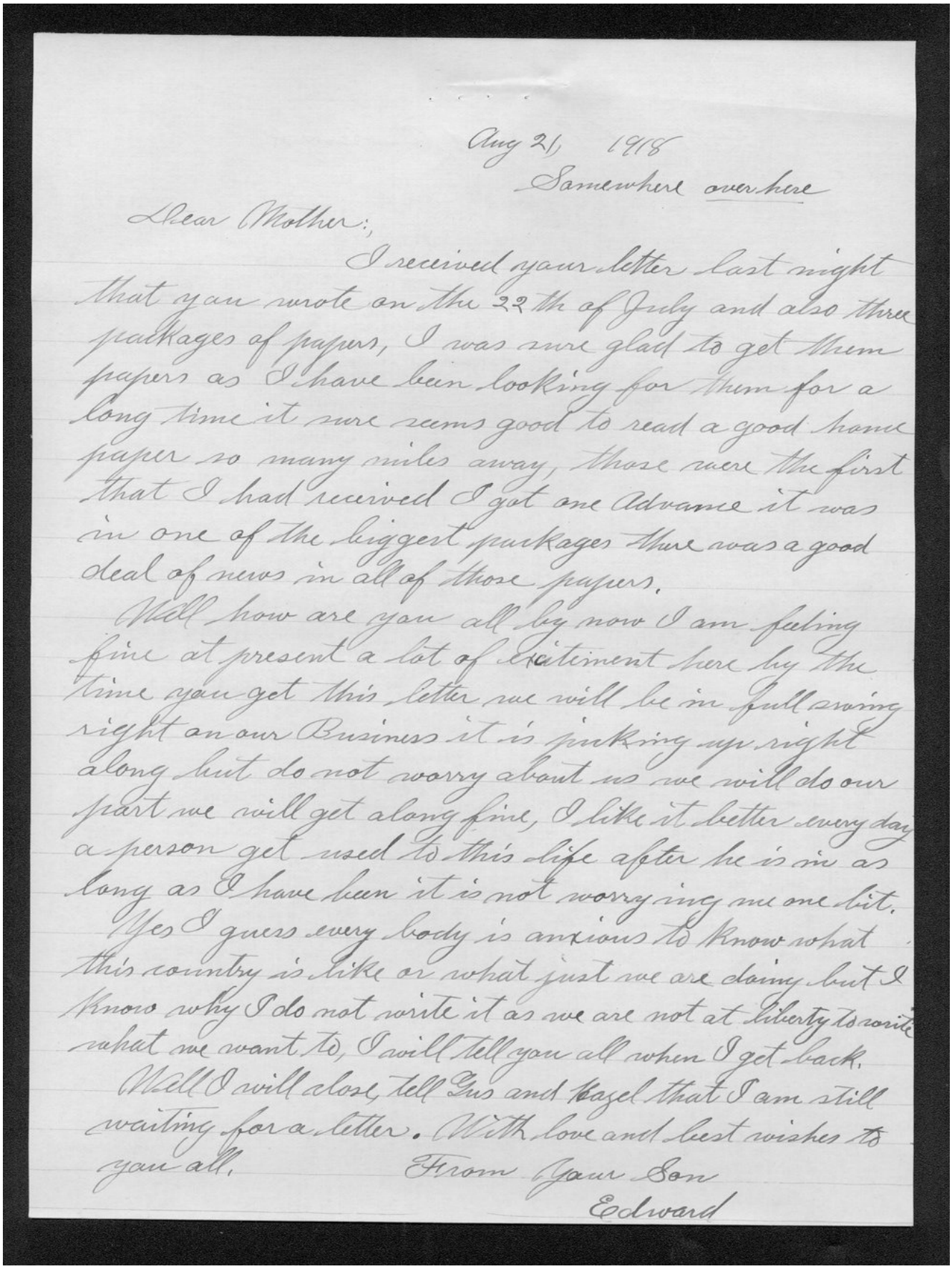
Well I guess I will quit for this time as I got about a half doz. letters to write as I have not wrote any for a long time.

With best of luck to you

From Your Brother

Edward A Sauzek

Edward August Sauzek, World War I soldier



Aug 21, 1918

Somewhere over here

Dear Mother:,

I received your letter last night that you wrote on the 22 th of July and also three packages of papers, I was sure glad to get them papers as I have been looking for them for a long time it sure seems good to read a good home paper so many miles away, those were the first that I had received I got one Advance it was in one of the biggest packages there was a good deal of news in all of those papers.

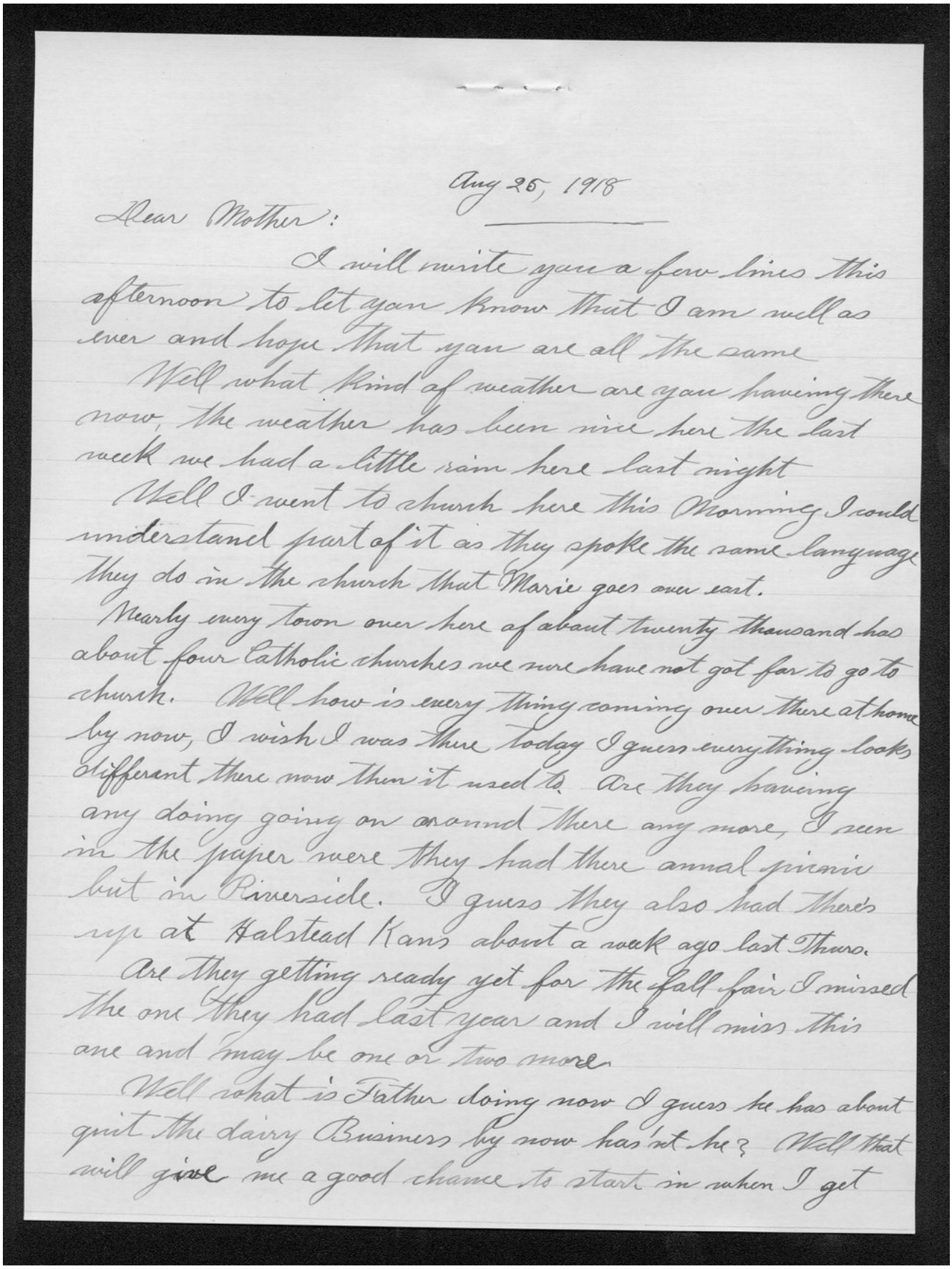
Well how are you all by now I am feeling fine at present a lot of excitement here by the time you get this letter we will be in full swing right on our Business it is pinking up right along but do not worry about us we will do our part we will get along fine, I like it better every day a person get used to this life after he is in as long as I have been it is not worrying me one bit.

Yes I guess every body is anxious to know what this country is like or what just we are doing but I know why I do not write it as we are not at liberty to write what we want to, I will tell you all when I get back.

Well I will close, tell Gus and Hazel that I am still waiting for a letter. With love and best wishes to you all.

From Your Son

Edward



Aug 25, 1918

Dear Mother:

I will write you a few lines this afternoon to let you know that I am well as ever and hope that you are all the same

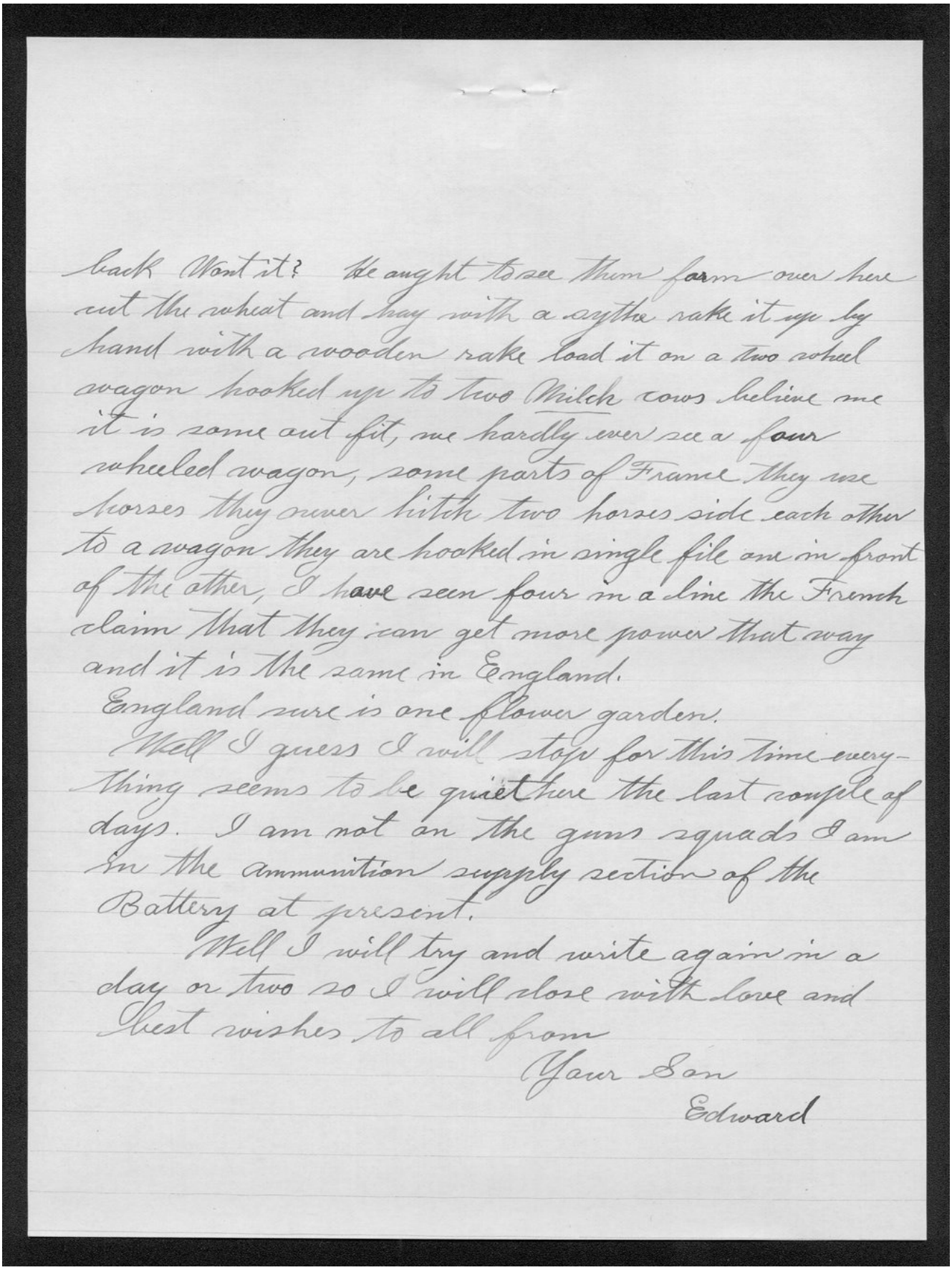
Well what kind of weather are you having there now, the weather has been nice here the last week we had a little rain here last night

Well I went to church here this Morning I could understand part of it as they spoke the same language they do in the church that Marie goes over east.

Nearly every town over here of about twenty thousand has about four Catholic churches we sure have not got far to go to church. Well how is every thing coming over there at home by now, I wish I was there today I guess every thing looks different there now then it used to. Are they having any doing going on around there any more, I seen in the paper were they had there annal picnic but in Riverside. I guess they also had there's up at Halstead Kans about a week ago last Thurs.

Are they getting ready yet for the fall fair I missed the one they had last year and I will miss this one and may be one or two more.

Well what is Father doing now I guess he has about quit the dairy Business by now has'nt he? Well that will give me a good chance to start in when I get



back Wont it? We aught to see them farm over here cut the wheat and hay with a scythe rake it up by hand with a wooden rake load it on a two wheel wagon hooked up to two Milch cows believe me it is some out fit, we hardly ever see a four wheeled wagon, some parts of France they use horses they never hitch two horses side each other to a wagon they are hooked in single file one in front of the other, I have seen four in a line the French claim that they can get more power that way and it is the same in England.

England sure is one flower garden.

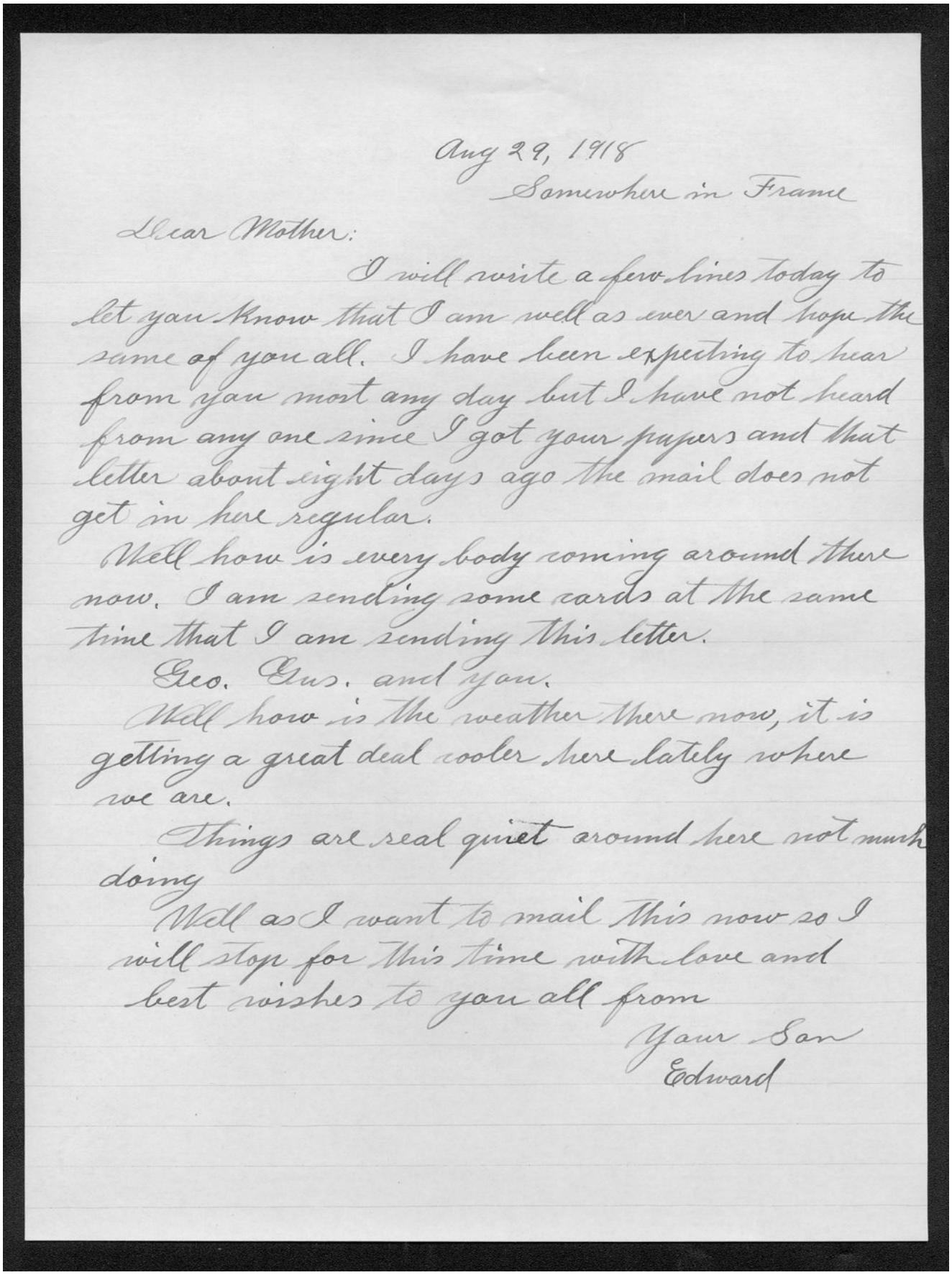
Well I guess I will stop for this time everything seems to be quiet here the last couple of days. I am not on the guns squads I am in the ammunition supply section of the Battery at present.

Well I will try and write again in a day or two so I will close with love and best wishes to all from

Your Son

Edward

Edward August Sauzek, World War I soldier



Aug 29, 1918

Somewhere in France

Dear Mother:

I will write a few lines today to let you know that I am well as ever and hope the same of you all. I have been expecting to hear from you most any day but I have not heard from any one since I got your papers and that letter about eight days ago the mail does not get in here regular.

Well how is every body coming around there now. I am sending some cards at the same time that I am sending this letter.

Geo. Gus. and you.

Well how is the weather there now, it is getting a great deal cooler here lately where we are.

Things are real quiet around here not much doing

Well as I want to mail this now so I will stop for this time with love and best wishes to you all from

Your Son

Edward