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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 Arthur Webster Huffman, Battery C, 130th Artillery, 35th Division.

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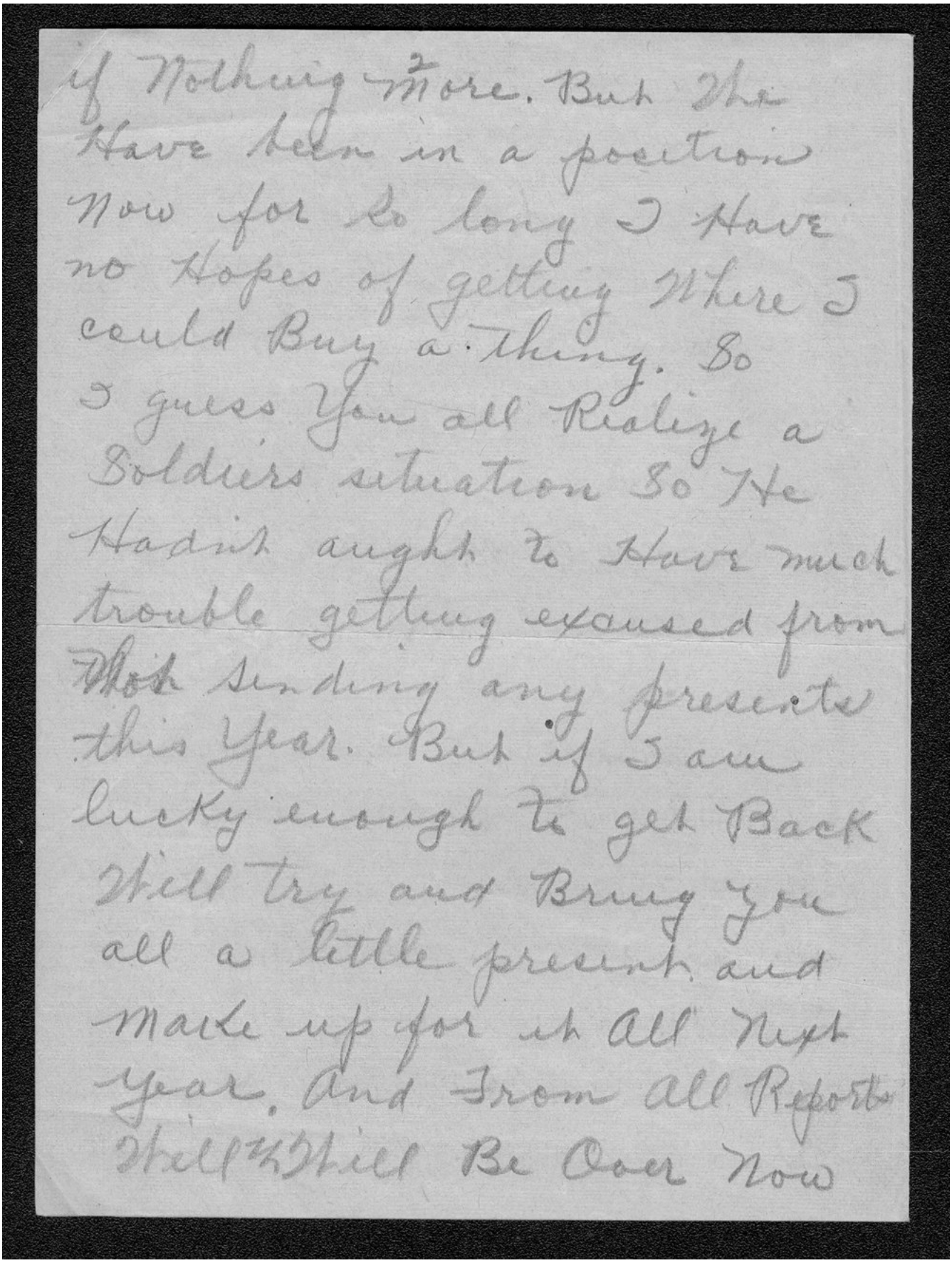
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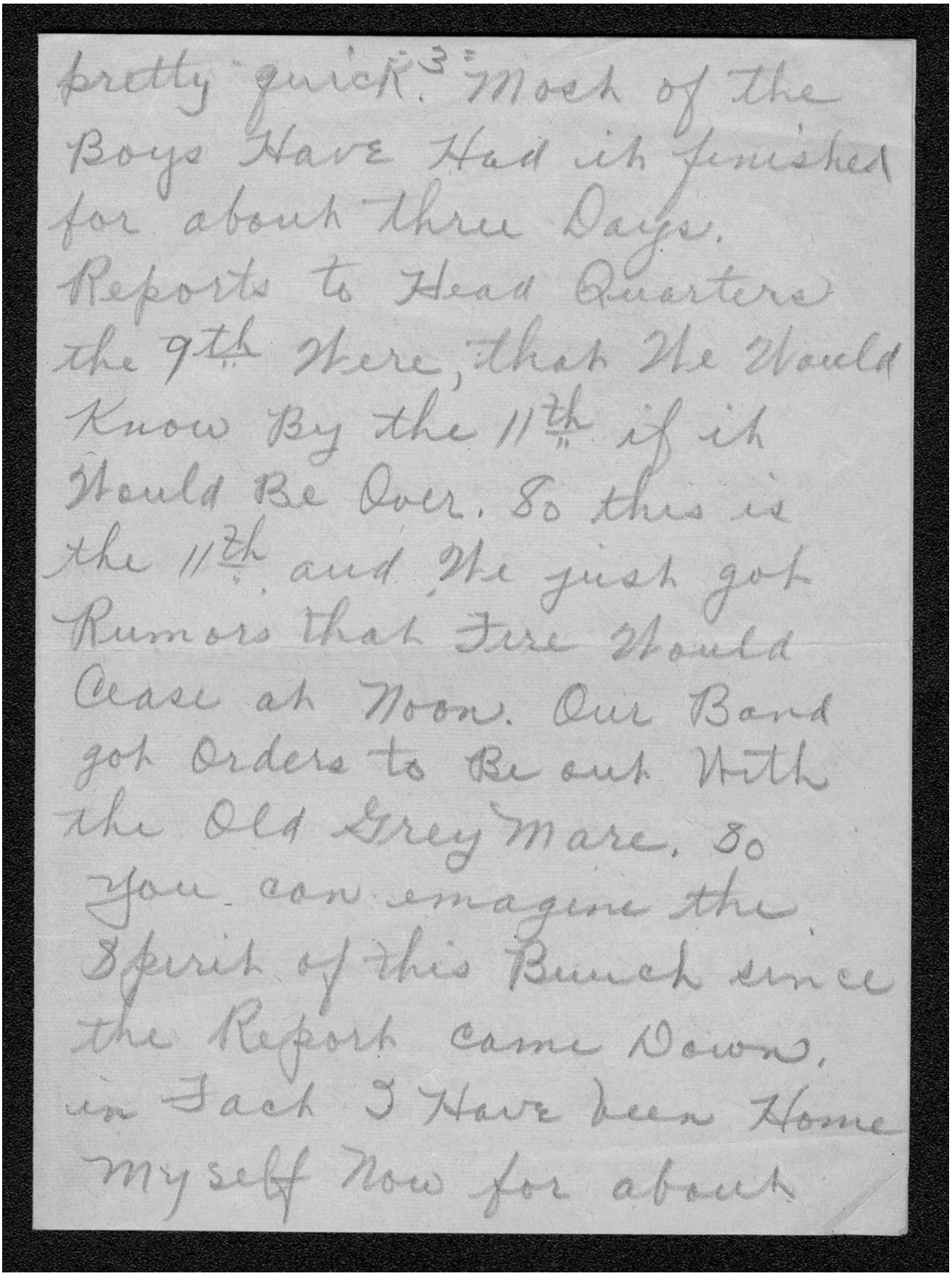
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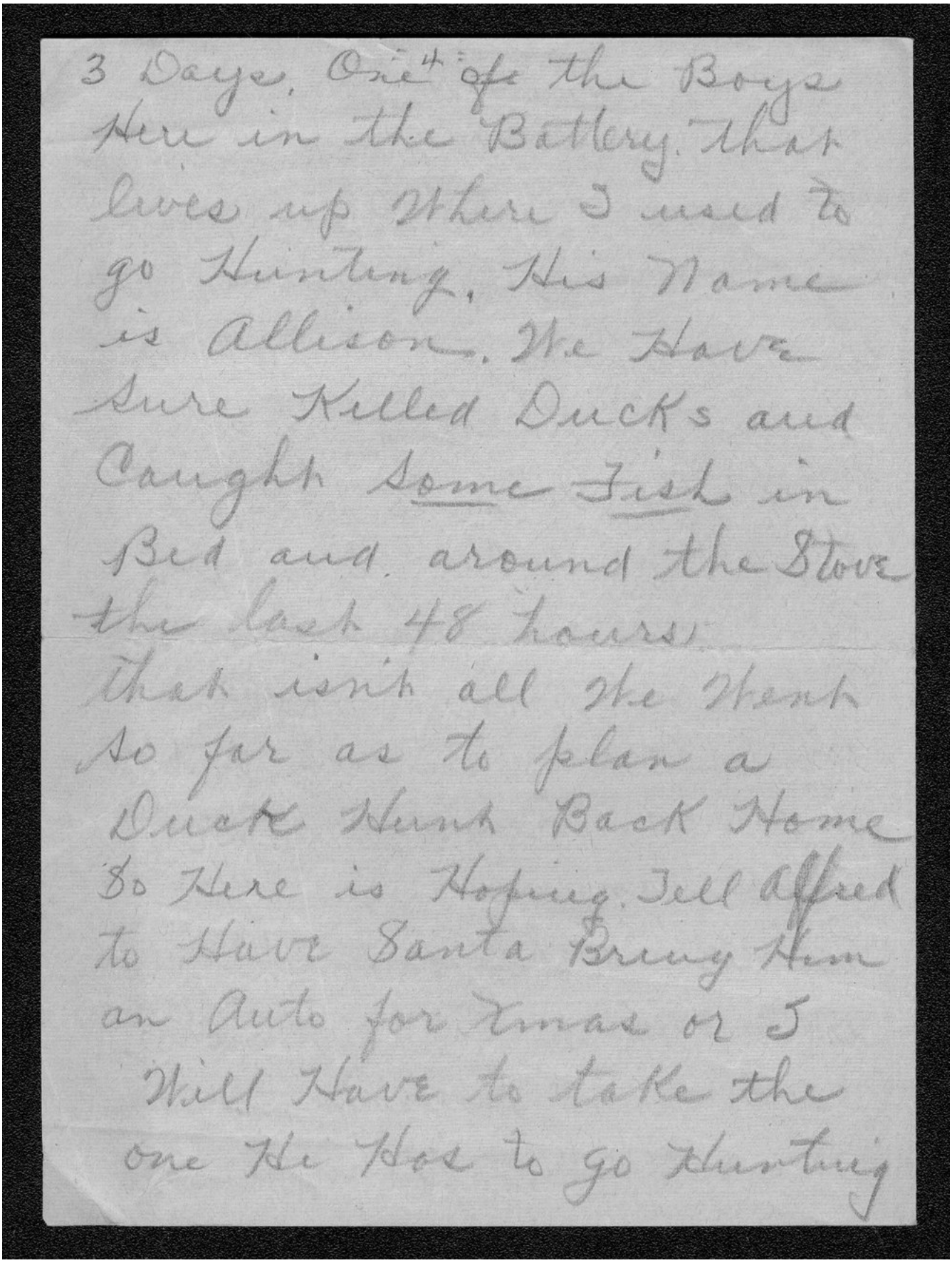


if Nothing more. But We
Have been in a position
Now for so long I Have
no Hopes of getting Where I
could Buy a Thing. So
I guess You all Realize a
Soldiers situation So He
Hadn't aught to Have much
trouble getting exused from
Not Sending any presents
this Year. But if I am
lucky enough to get Back
Will try and Bring You
all a little present and
Make up for it all Next
Year. And From all Reports
Will Be Over Now



pretty quick. Most of the
Boys Have Had ich finished
for about three Days.
Reports to Head Quarters
the 9th Here, that He Would
Know By the 11th if ich
Would Be Over. So this is
the 11th and We just got
Rumors that Fire Would
Cease at Noon. Our Band
got Orders to Be out With
the Old Grey Mare. So
You can emagine the
Spirit of this Bunch since
the Report came Down,
in Fact I Have been Home
Myself Now for about

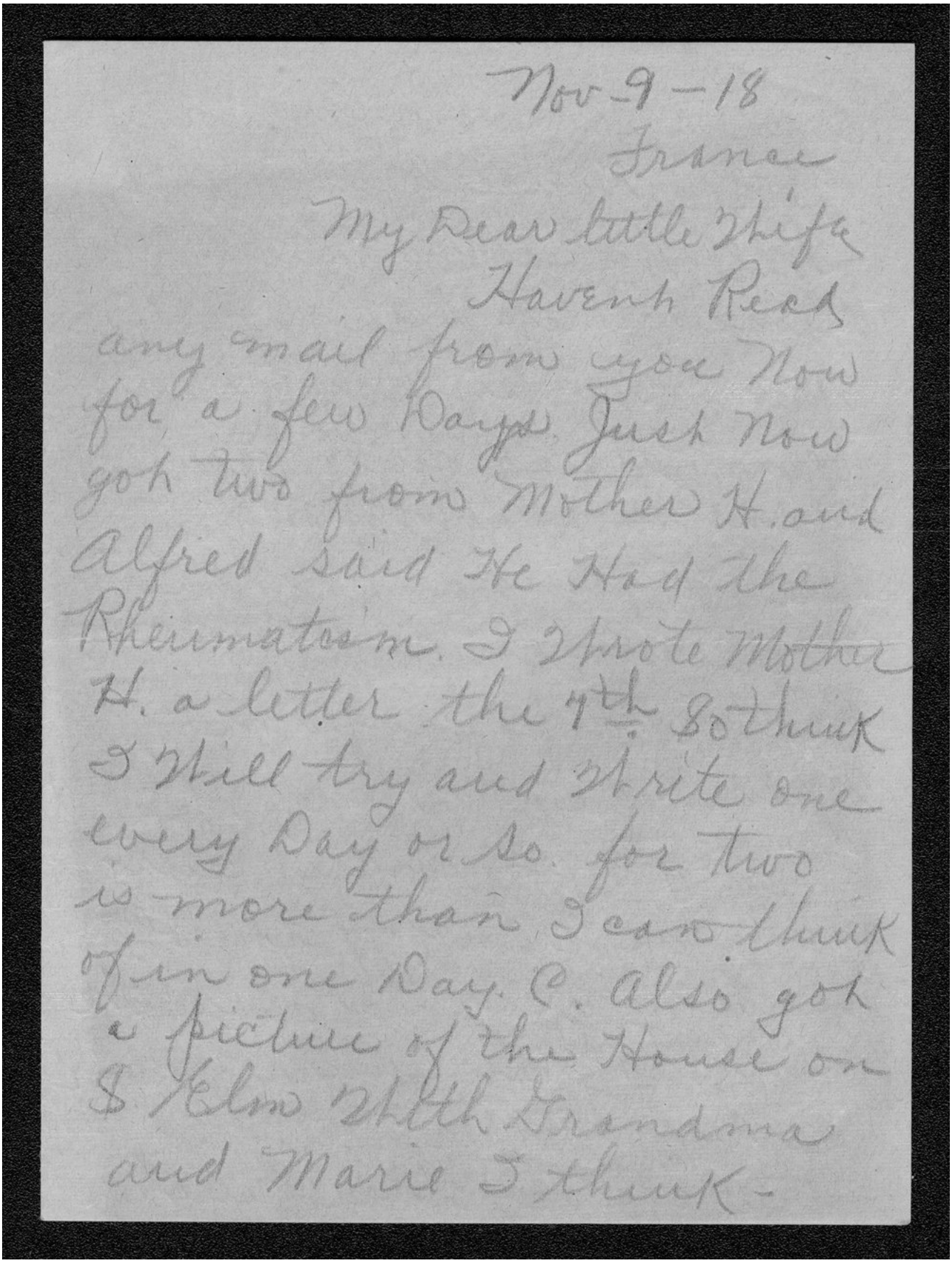
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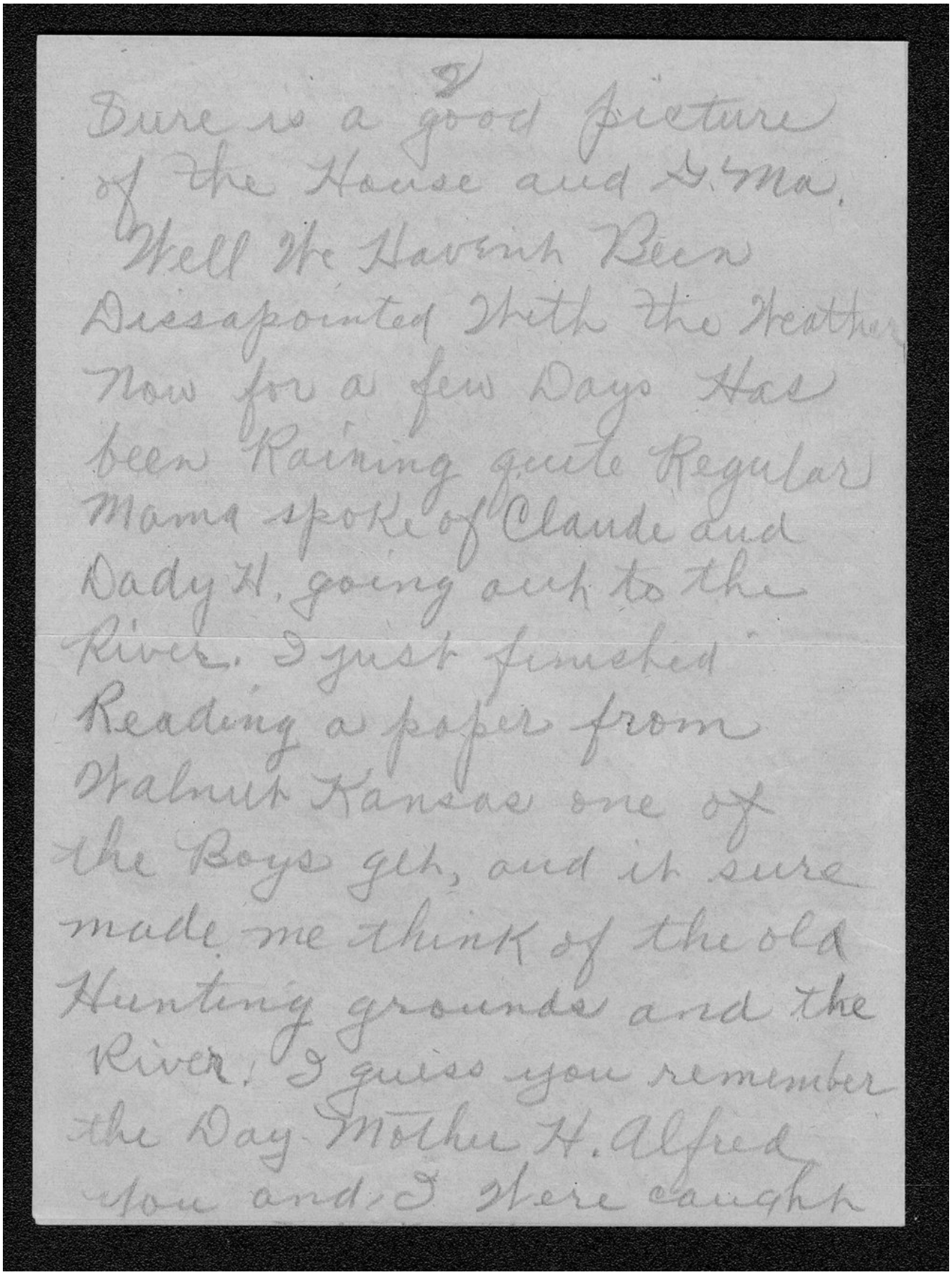
3 Days. One 4th of the Boys Here in the Battery. That lives up There I used to go Hunting. His Name is Allison. We Have Sure Killed Ducks and Caught Some Fish in Bed and around the Stove the last 48 hours.

That isn't all the Hunt so far as to plan a Duck Hunt Back Home So Here is Hoping. Tell Alfred to Have Santa Bring Him an Auto for Xmas or I Will Have to take the one He Has to go Hunting

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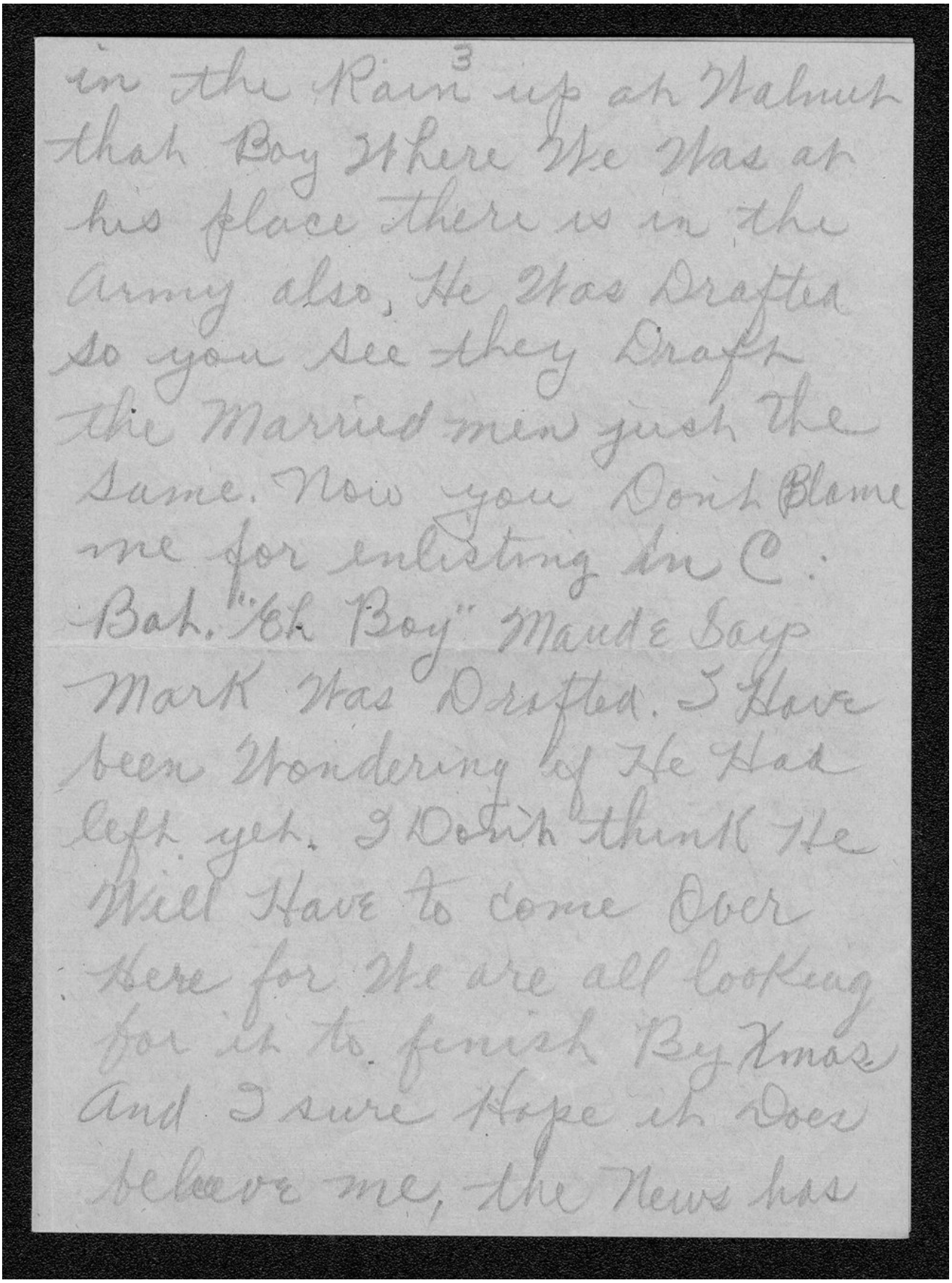


Nov-9-18
France
My Dear little Wife
Haven't Read
any mail from you Now
for a few Days. Just Now
got two from Mother H. and
Alfred said He Had the
Rheumatism. I Wrote Mother
H. a letter the 7th So think
I Will try and Write one
every Day or So. for two
is more than I can think
of in one Day. C. Also got
a picture of the House on
S Elm 12th Grandma
and Marie I think -



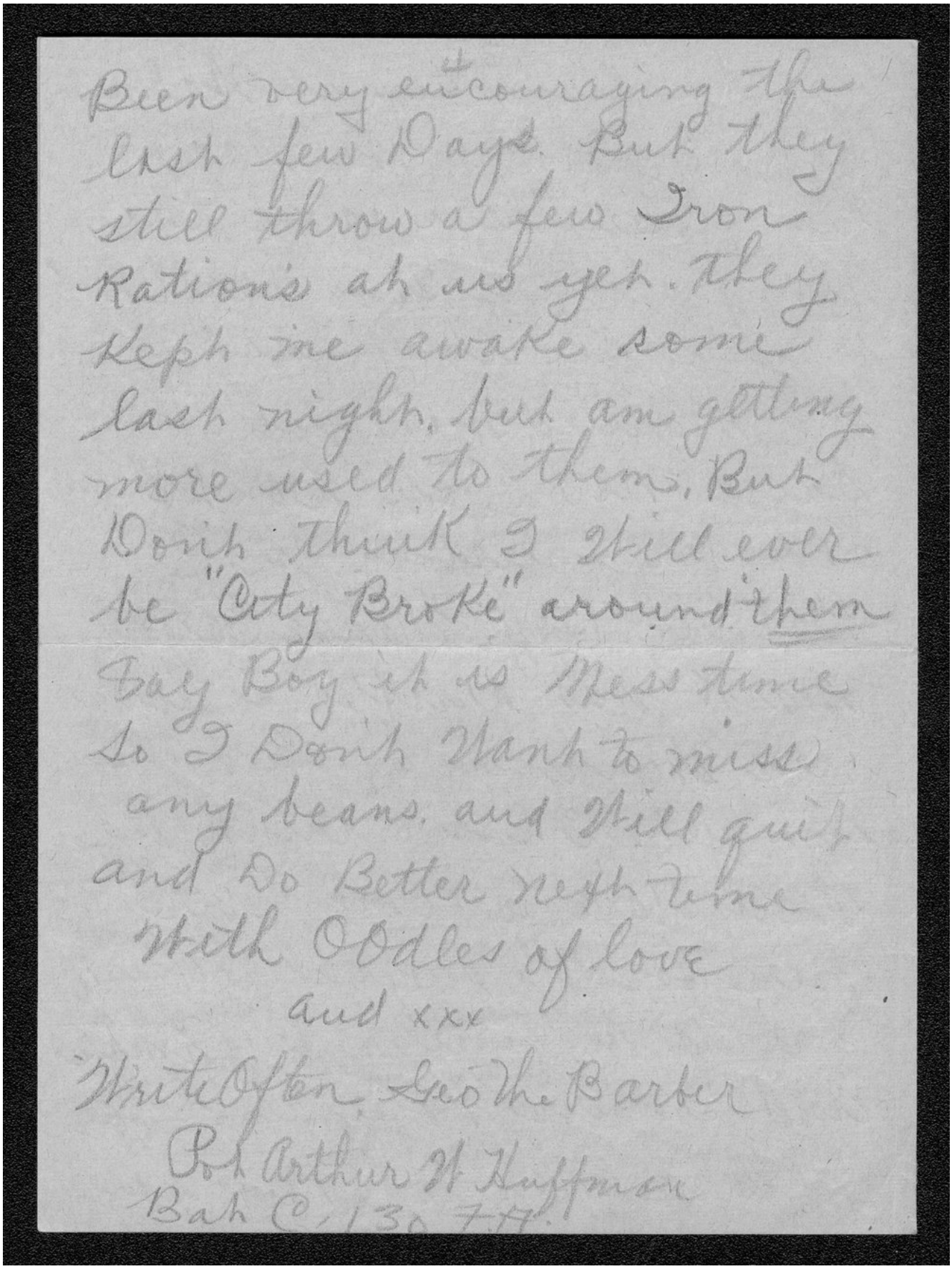
Dure is a good picture
of the House and D. Ma.
Well We Haven't Been
Dissapointed With the Weather
Now for a few Days Has
been Raining quite Regular
Mama spoke of Claude and
Dady H. going out to the
River. I just finished
Reading a paper from
Walnut Kansas one of
the Boys geth, and it sure
made me think of the old
Hunting grounds and the
River. I guiss you remember
the Day Mother H. Alfred
You and I There caught

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in the Rain 3 up at Walnut that Boy Where We Was at his place there is in the Army also, He Was Drafted so you See they Draft the Married men yush the Same. Now you Don't Blame me for enlisting in C. Bat. "Ch Boy" Maude Says Mark Was Drafted. I Have been Wondering if He Had left yet. I Don't think He Will Have to come Over Here for We are all looking for it to finish By Xmas And I sure Hope it Does believe me, the News has

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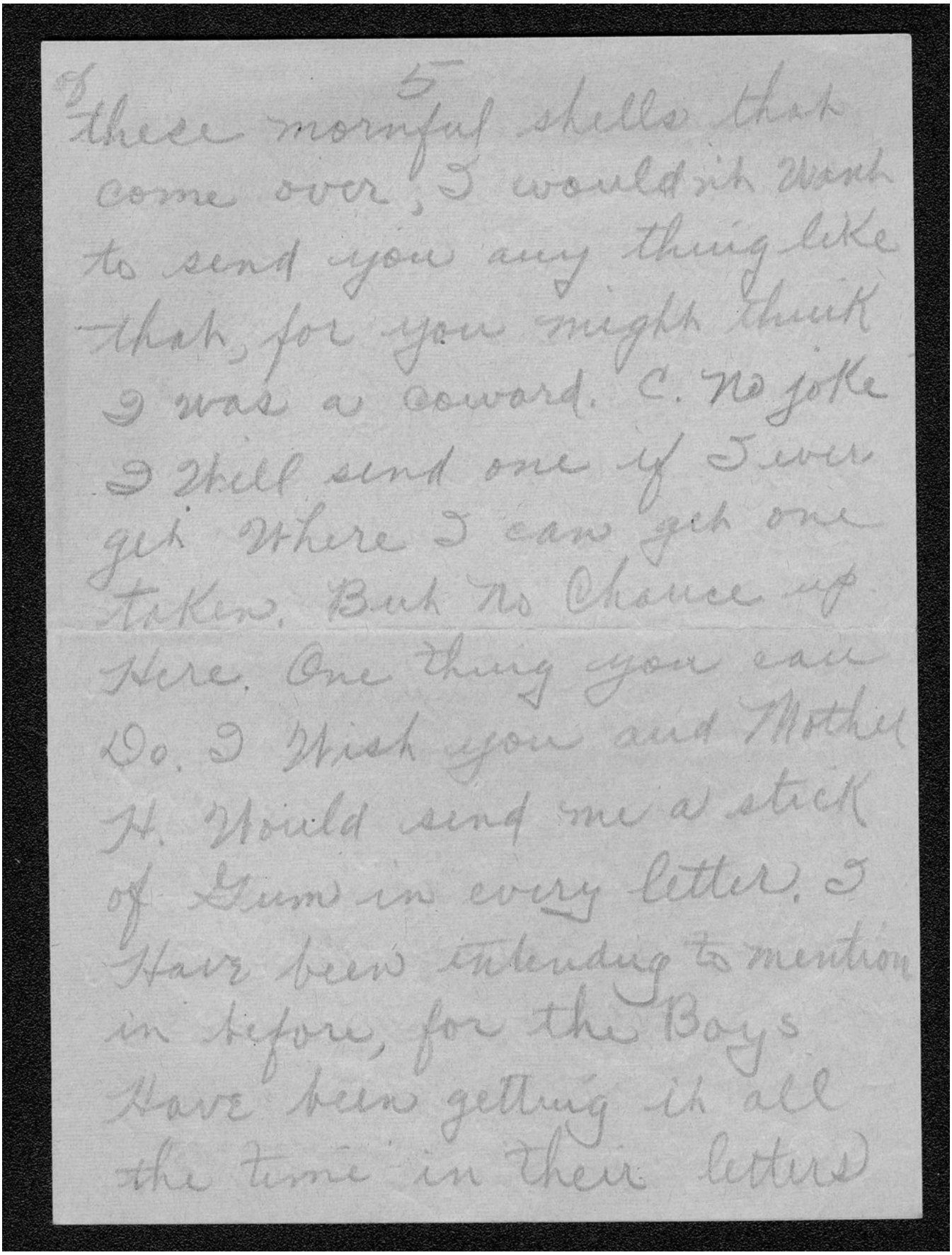


Been very encouraging the last few Days. But they still throw a few Iron Rations ah us yet. They Keph me awake some last night, but am getting more used to them. But Donih think I will ever be "Coty Broke" around them Say Boy it is Mess time so I Donih Hank to miss any beans, and will quit and Do Better neph time With Oodles of love and xxx

Write Often, Geo The Barber

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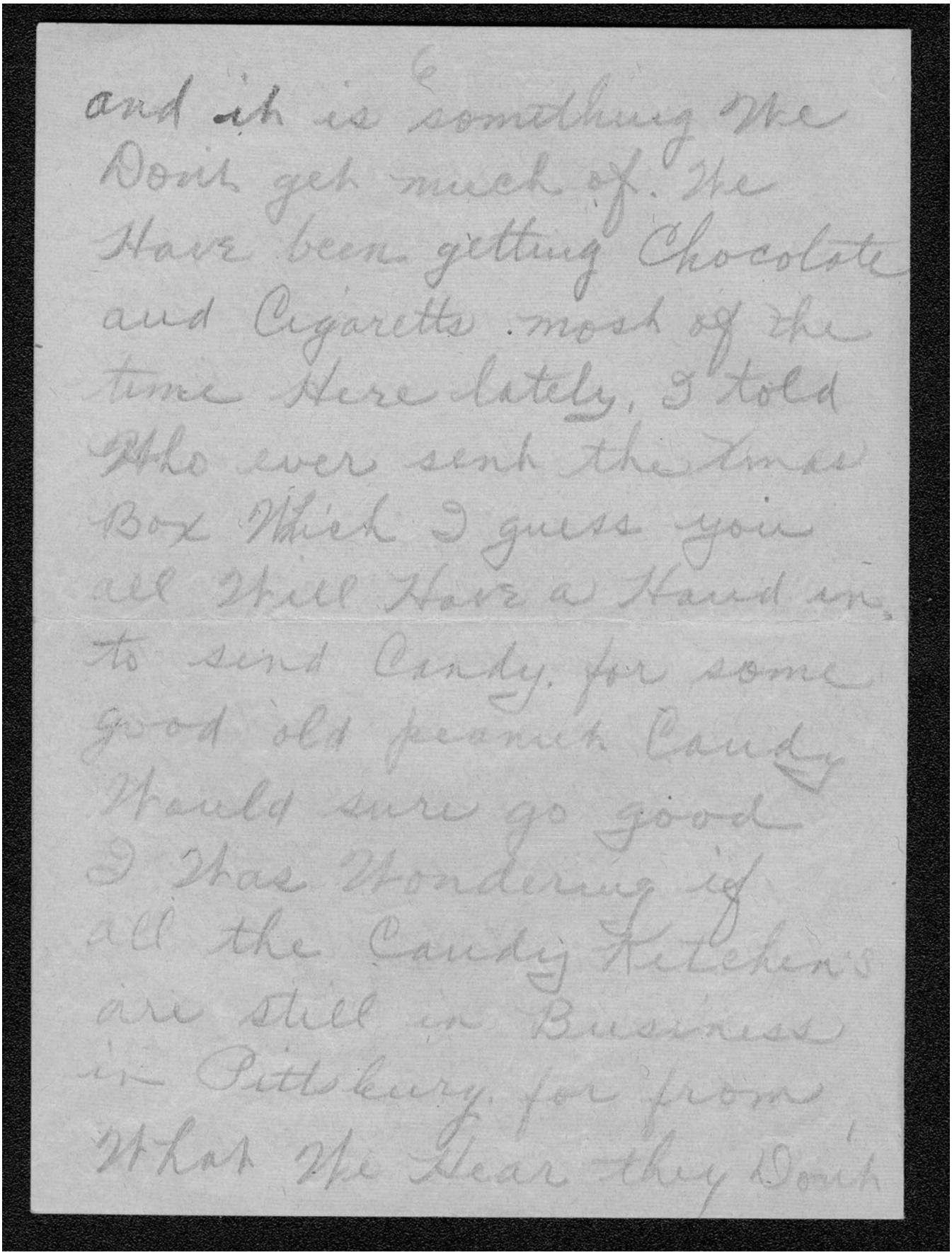
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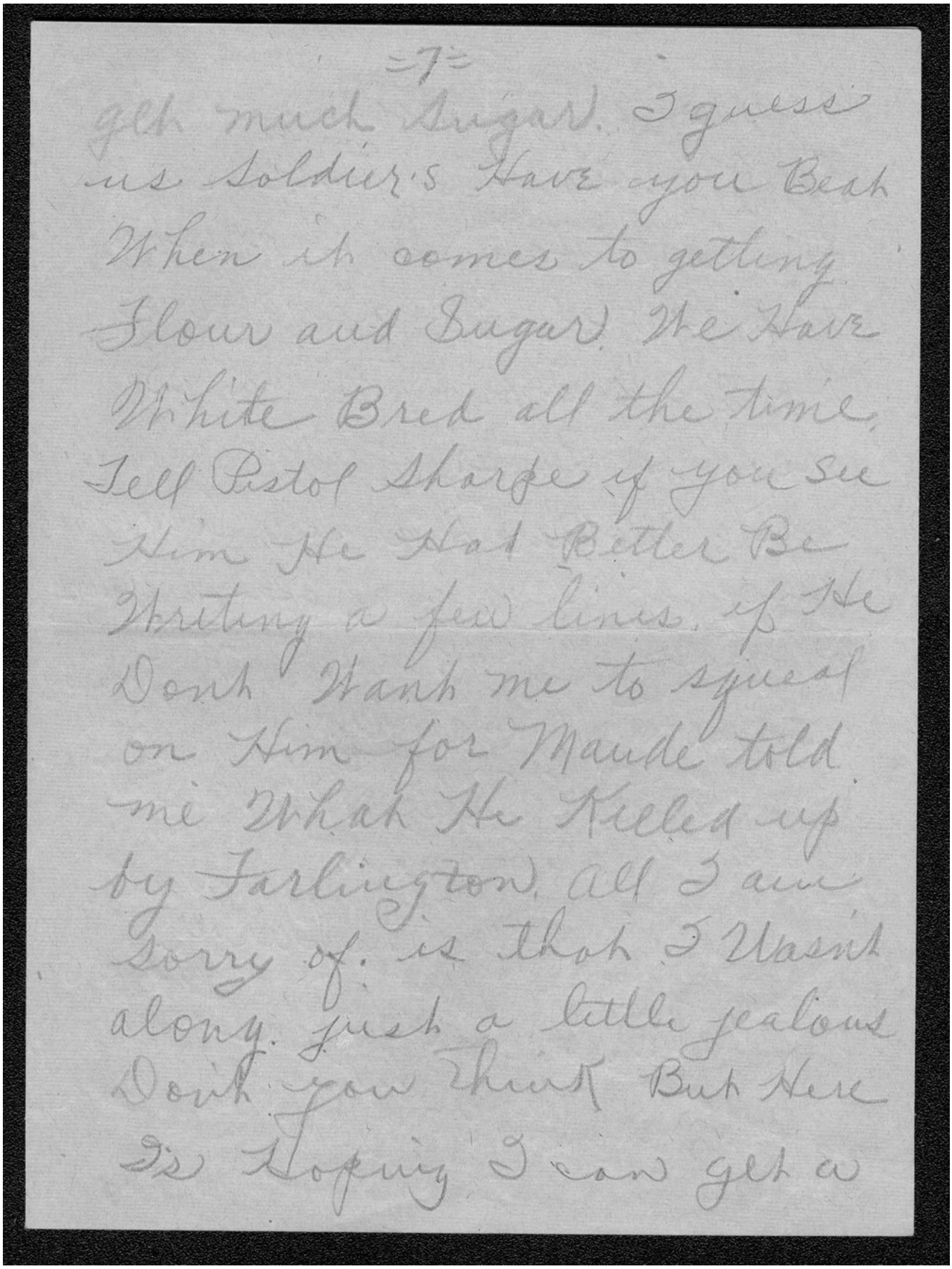
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these mornful shells that come over, I would sik Wish to send you any thing like that, for you might think I was a coward. C. No joke I Will send one if I ever get there I can get one taken. But No Chance up Here. One thing you can Do. I Wish you and Mother H. Would send me a stick of Gum in every letter. I Have been intending to mention in before, for the Boys Have been getting ik all the time in their letters

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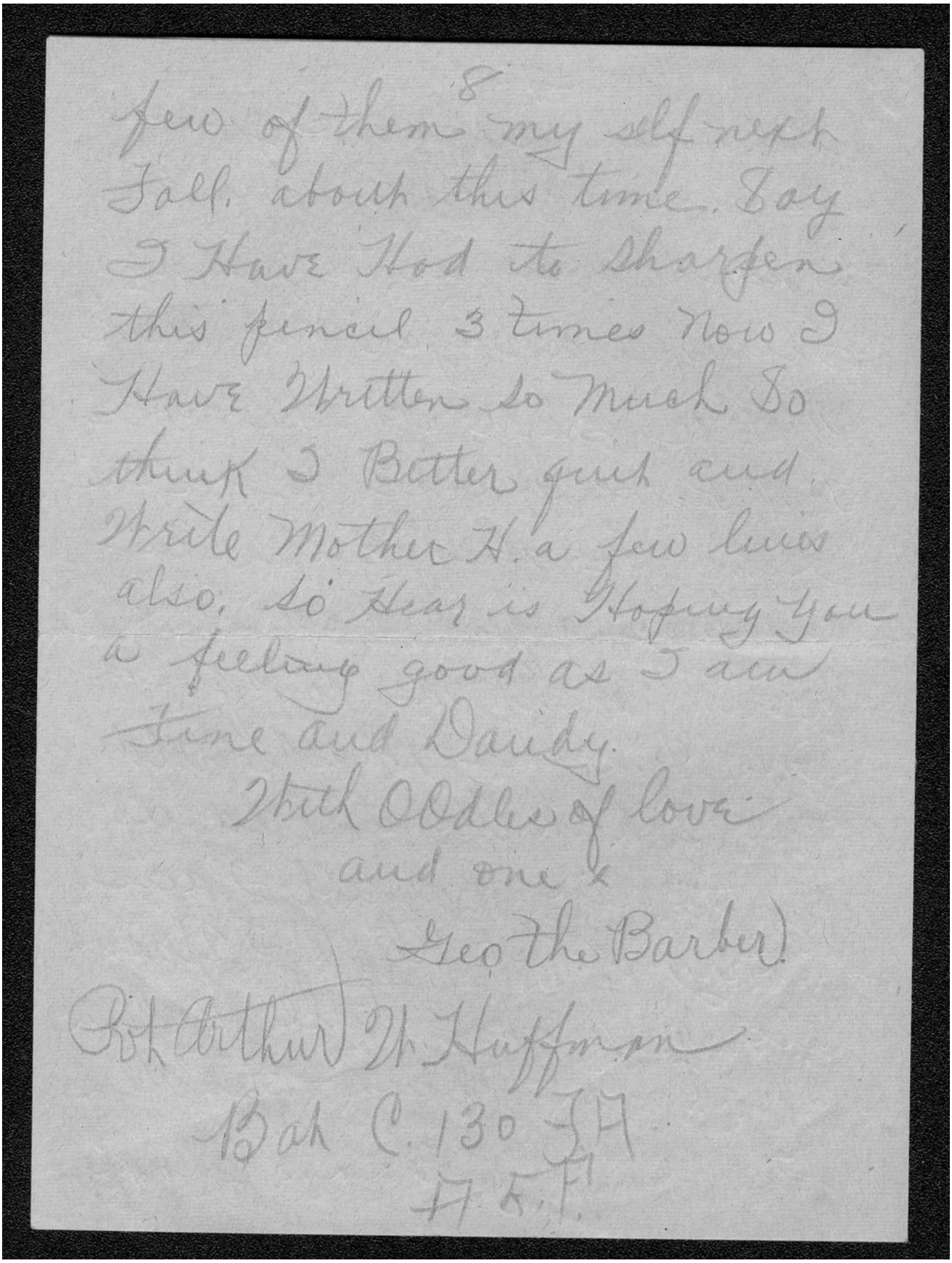
and it is something We
Don't get much of. We
Have been getting Chocolate
and Cigaretts most of the
time Here lately, I told
Who ever sent the Xmas
Box Which I guess you
all Will Have a Hand in
to send Candy, for some
good old peanut Candy
Would sure go good
I Was Wondering if
all the Candy Ketchen's
are still in Business
in Pittsburg, for from
What We Hear they Don't



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get much Sugar. I guess
us Soldier's Have ayou Beat
When it comes to getting
Flour and Sugar. We Have
White Bred all the time.
Tell Pistol Sharpe if you see
Him He Had Better Be
Writing a few lines. if He
Dont Hank me to squeal
on Him for Maude told
me What He Kicked up
by Farlington. all I am
Sorry of. is that I Wasnt
along. just a little jealous
Dont you Think But Here
Is Hoping I can get a

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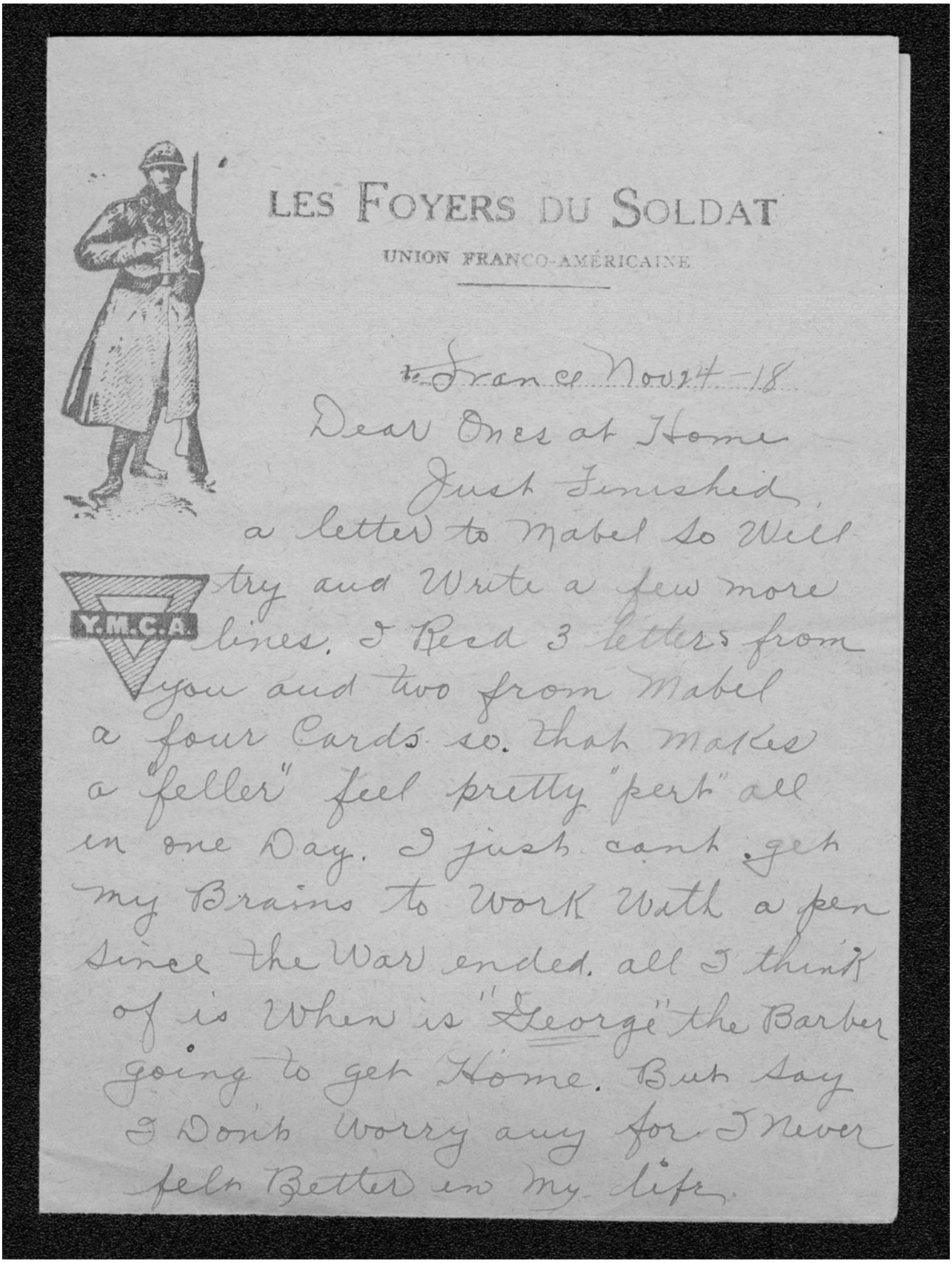
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few of them my self kept
Sall. about this time. Say
I Have Had to Sharpen
this pencil 3 times Now I
Have Written So Much So
think I Better quit and
Write Mother H. a few lines
also. So Hear is Hoping You
a feeling good as I am
Tune and Daidy.

With Oddes of love
and one
Geo the Barber

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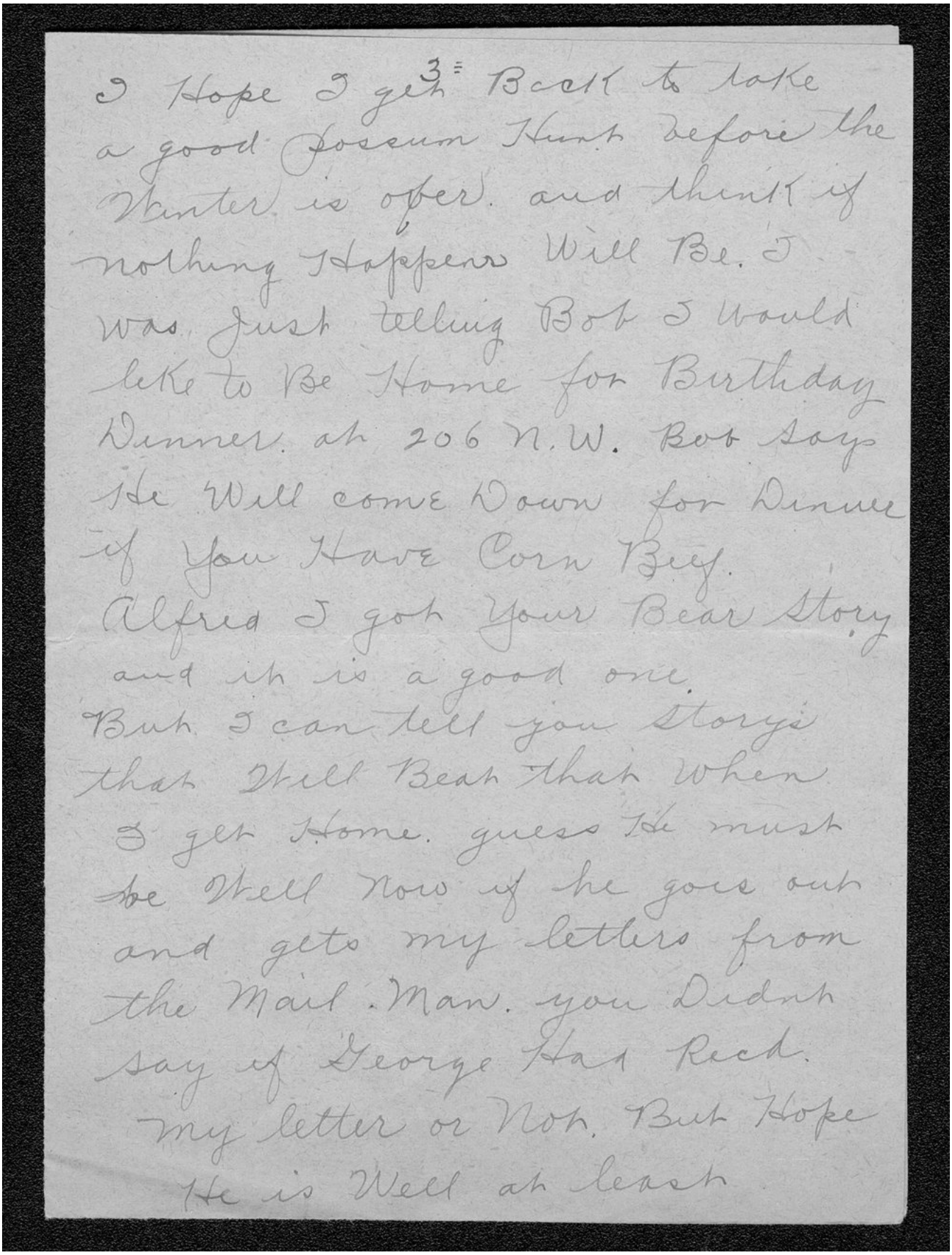
Dear Ones at Home

Just Finished a letter to Mabel so Will try and Write a few more lines. I Recd 3 letters from you and two from Mabel a four Cards so. that Makes a "feller" feel pretty "pert" all in one Day. I just cant get my Brains to Work With a pen since the War ended. all I think of is When is "George" the Barber going to get Home. But say I Dont Worry any for I Never felt Better en my life.

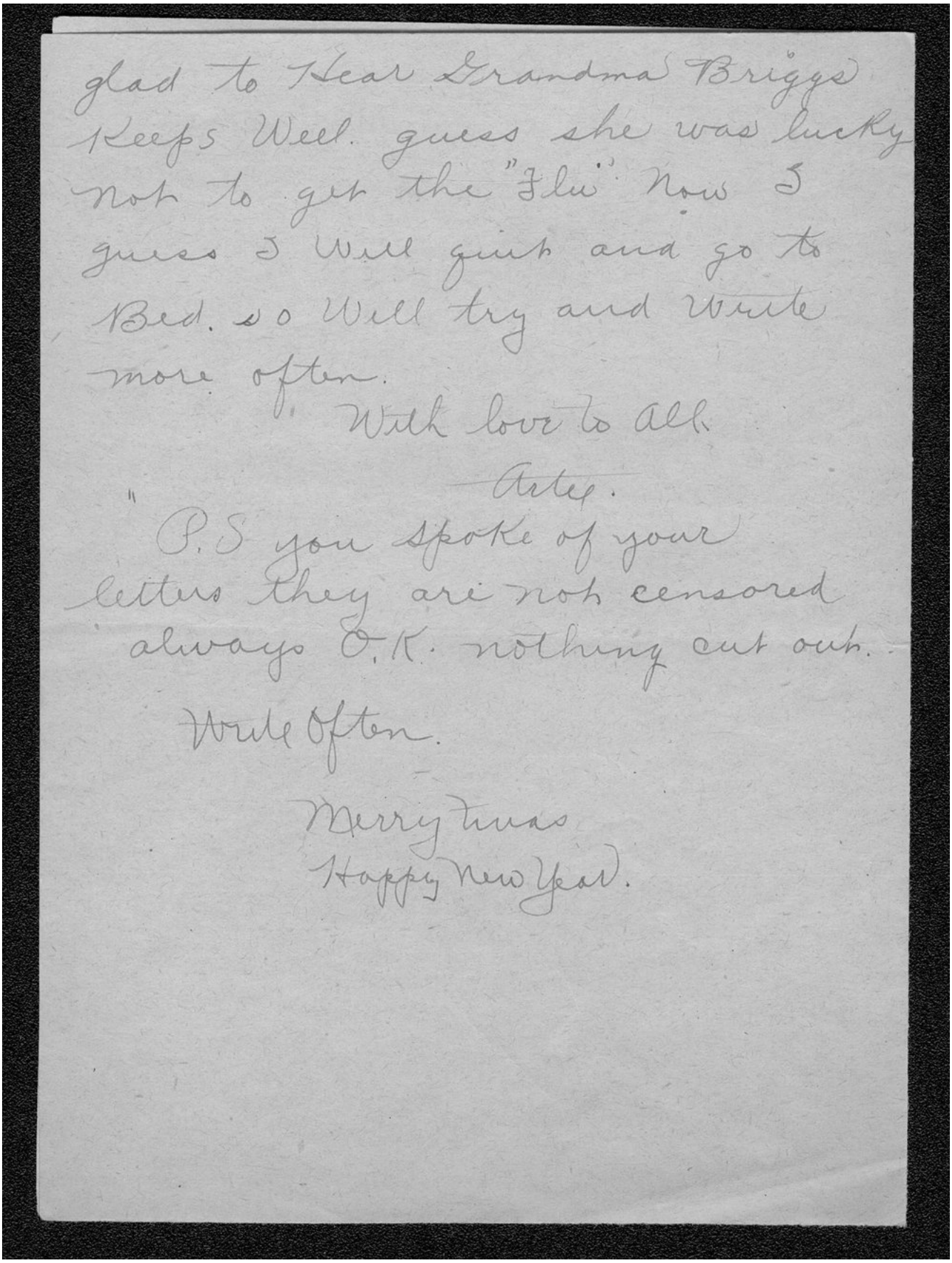
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another thing it Hasn't Rained a Day since "Boom" "Boom" ended Sun Has Been Shining all the time and Warm for this time of year. and that is enough to Make me think for Sure it is finished. Believe me if it Didn't rain every Day We felt Slighted Hope you all are Over the Spanish "Flu" it Hasn't Bothered us to speak of. You spoke of Claude's folks not getting my letter I sure wrote them a letter When I said. But possibly it may of Been misplaced for I also Wrote Mabel one on Her Birthday and she says she Didn't get it. Certainly glad you got old "Blunger" Back for Keeps. "Dady." H.

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I Hope I get 3rd Book to take a good Possum Hunt before the Winter is over. and think if nothing Happens Will Be. I was Just telling Bob I would like to Be Home for Birthday Dinner at 206 N.W. Bob says He Will come Down for Dinner if You Have Corn Beef.
Alfred I got Your Bear Story and it is a good one.
But I can tell you Story's that Will Beat that When I get Home. guess He must be Well Now if he goes out and gets my letters from the Mail Man. you Didn't say if George Had Recd. my letter or Not. But Hope He is Well at least



glad to Hear Grandma Briggs Keeps Well. guess she was lucky not to get the "Flu" Now I guess I Will quit and go to Bed. so Will try and Write more often.

With love to all.

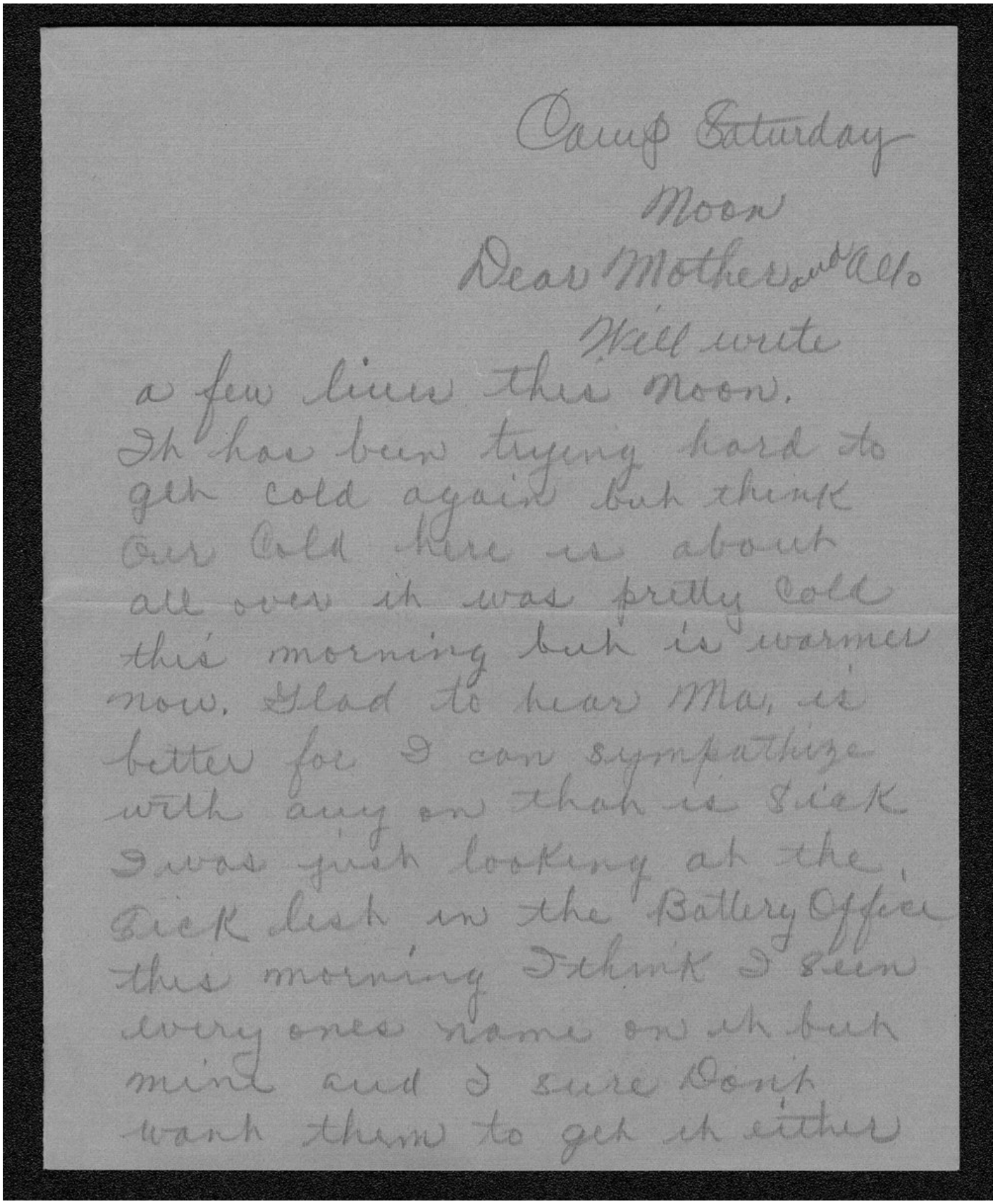
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P.S you spoke of your letters they are not censored always O.K. nothing cut out.

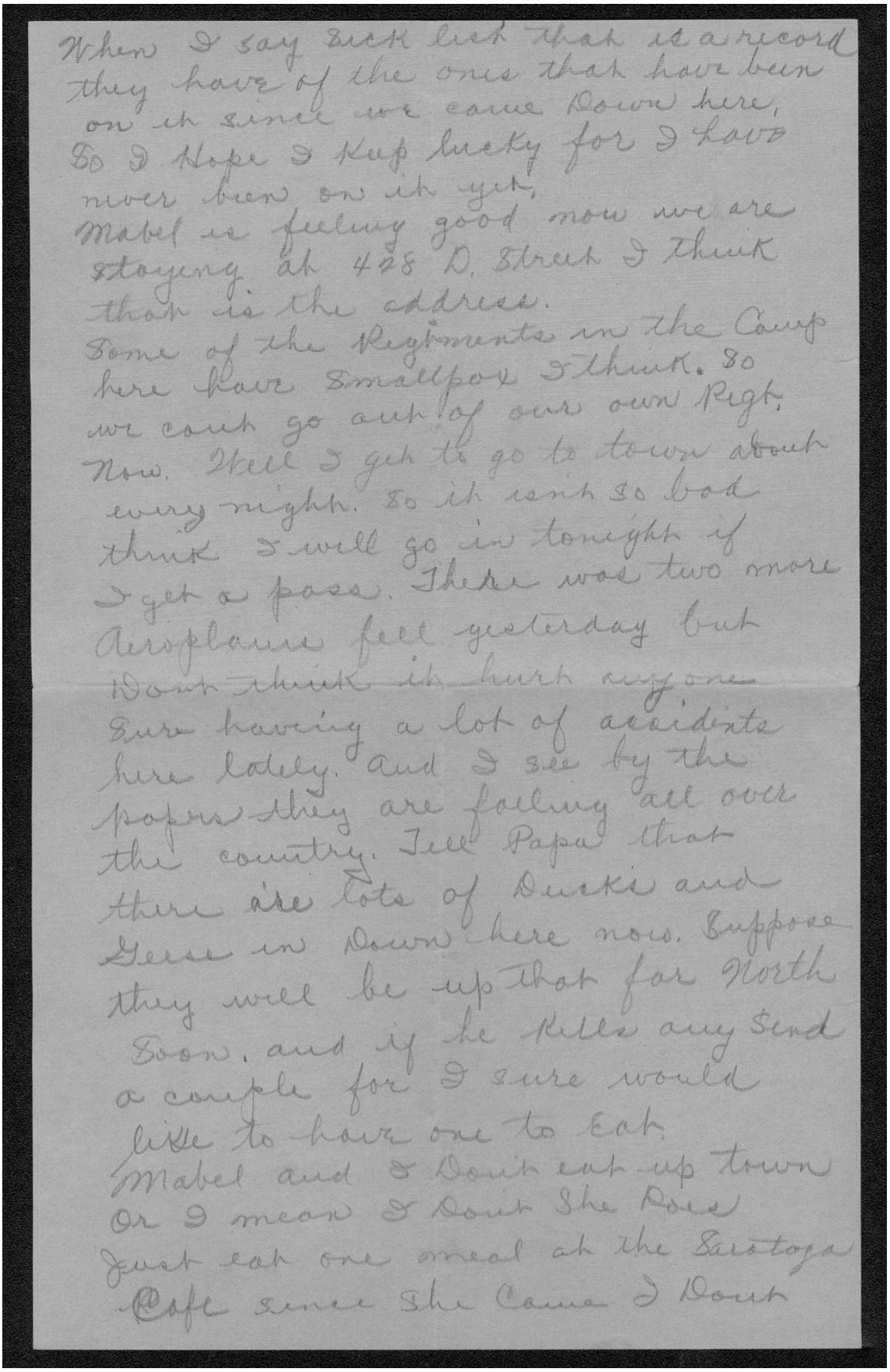
Write Often.

Merry Xmas
Happy New Year.

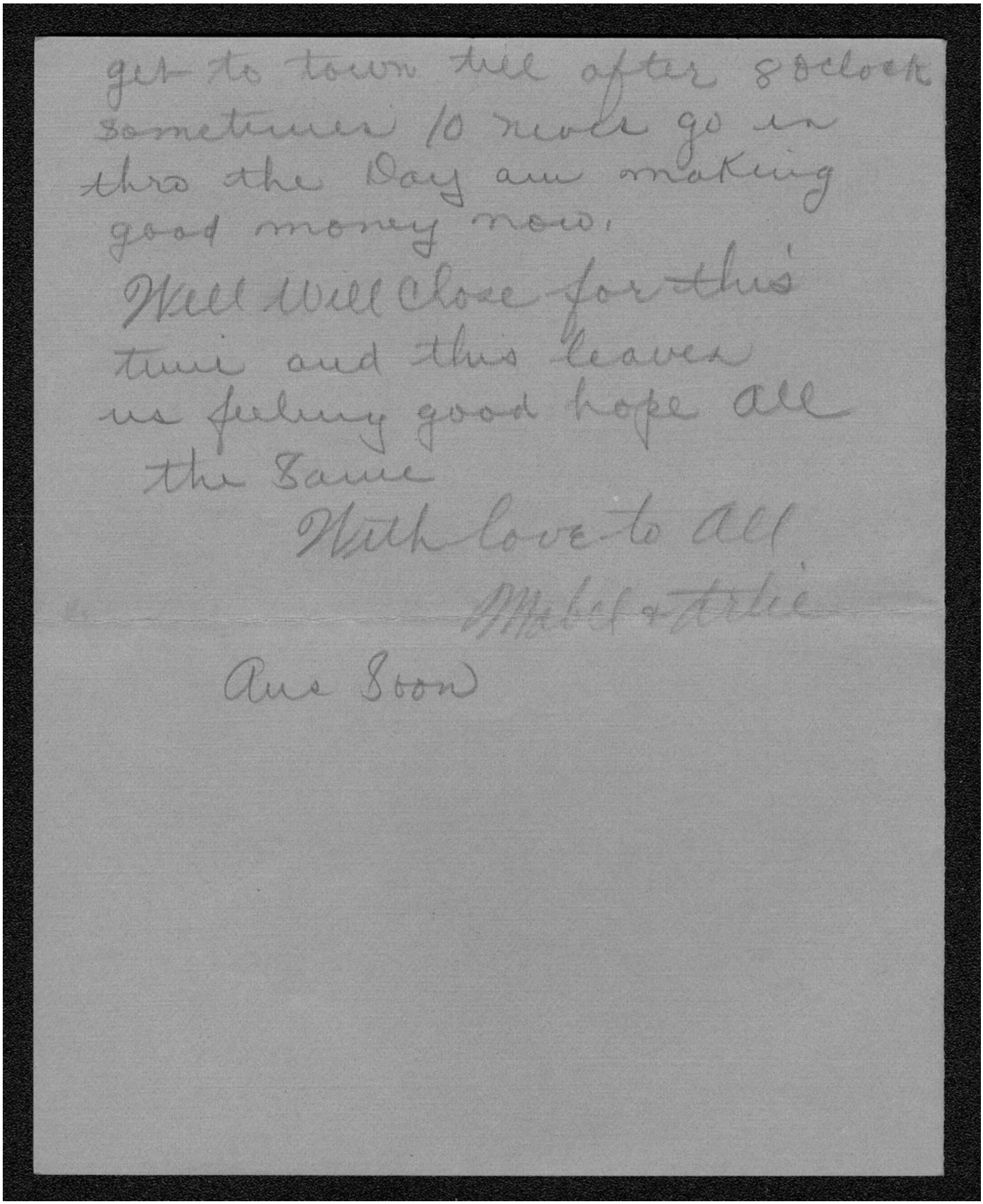
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Camp Saturday
Noon
Dear Mother and All
Will write
a few lines this noon.
Ih have been trying hard to
geh cold again but think
our cold here is about
all over ih was pritty cold
this morning buh is warmer
now. Glad to hear Ma, is
better for I can sympathize
with any one thah is sick
I was just looking at the
Sick list in the Battery Office
this morning I think I seen
every ones name on ih buh
mine and I sure Don't
wanh them to geh ih either



When I say Such luck that is a record they have of the ones that have been on it since we came Down here, So I Hope I Kep lucky for I have never been on it yet,
Mabel is feeling good now we are staying at 428 D. Street I think that is the address.
Some of the Regiments in the Camp here have Smallpox I think. So we cant go out of our own Right Now. Well I get to go to town about every night. So it isnt so bad I think I will go in tonight if I get a pass. There was two more Aeroplane fell yesterday but Dont think it hurt any one Sure having a lot of accidents here lately. and I see by the papers they are falling all over the country. Tell Papa that there are lots of Ducks and Geese in Down here now. Suppose they will be up that far North Soon. and if he Kills any Send a couple for I sure would like to have one to Eat.
Mabel and I Dont eat up town Or I mean I Dont She Does Just eat one meal at the Saratoga Cafe since She Came I Dont



get to town till after 8 oclock
Sometimes 10 oclock go in
thro the Day am making
good money now.
Well will Close for this
time and this leaves
us feeling good hope all
the Same
With love to All
Mabel & Arlie

Ans Soon

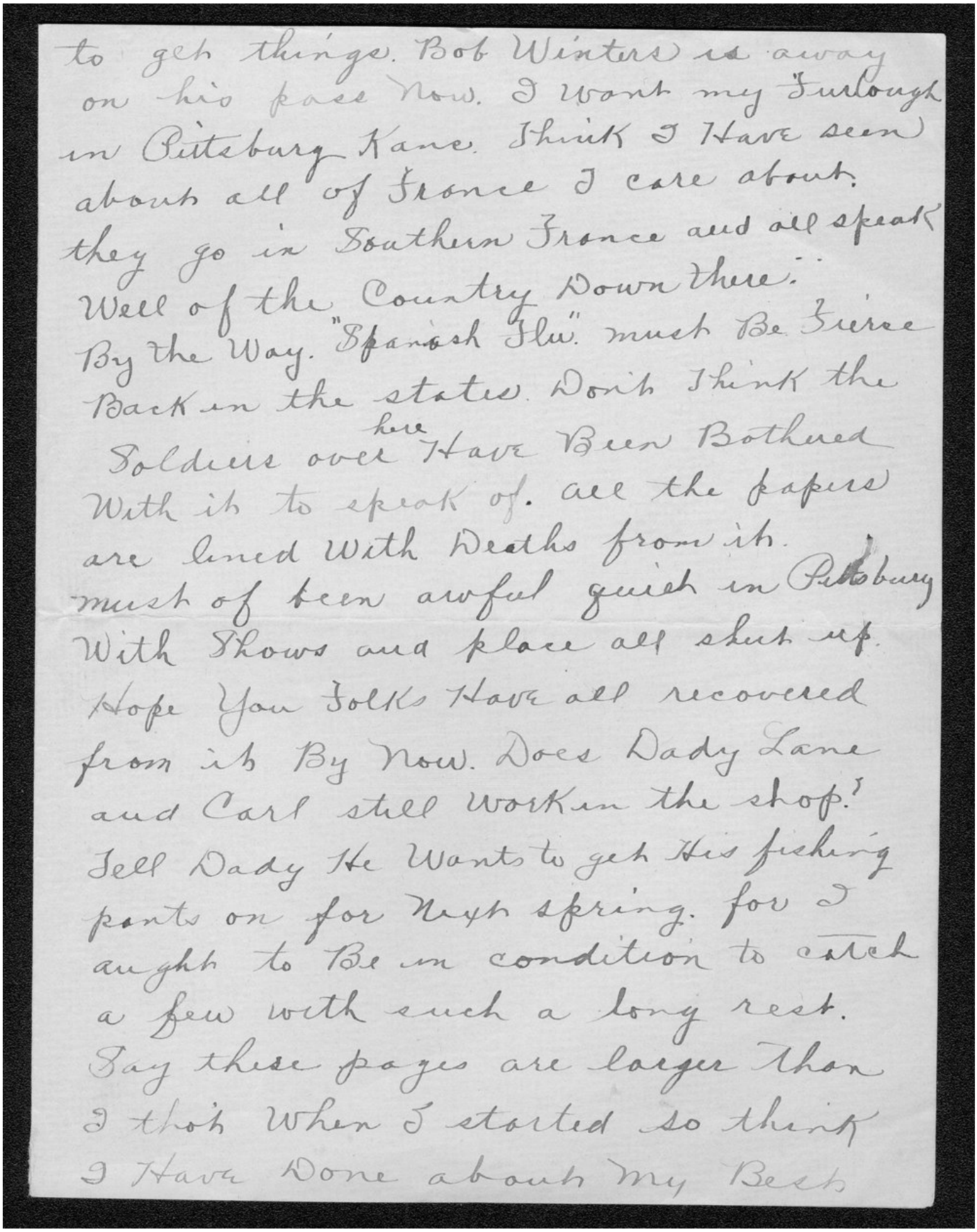
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Dear Aunt – Uncle

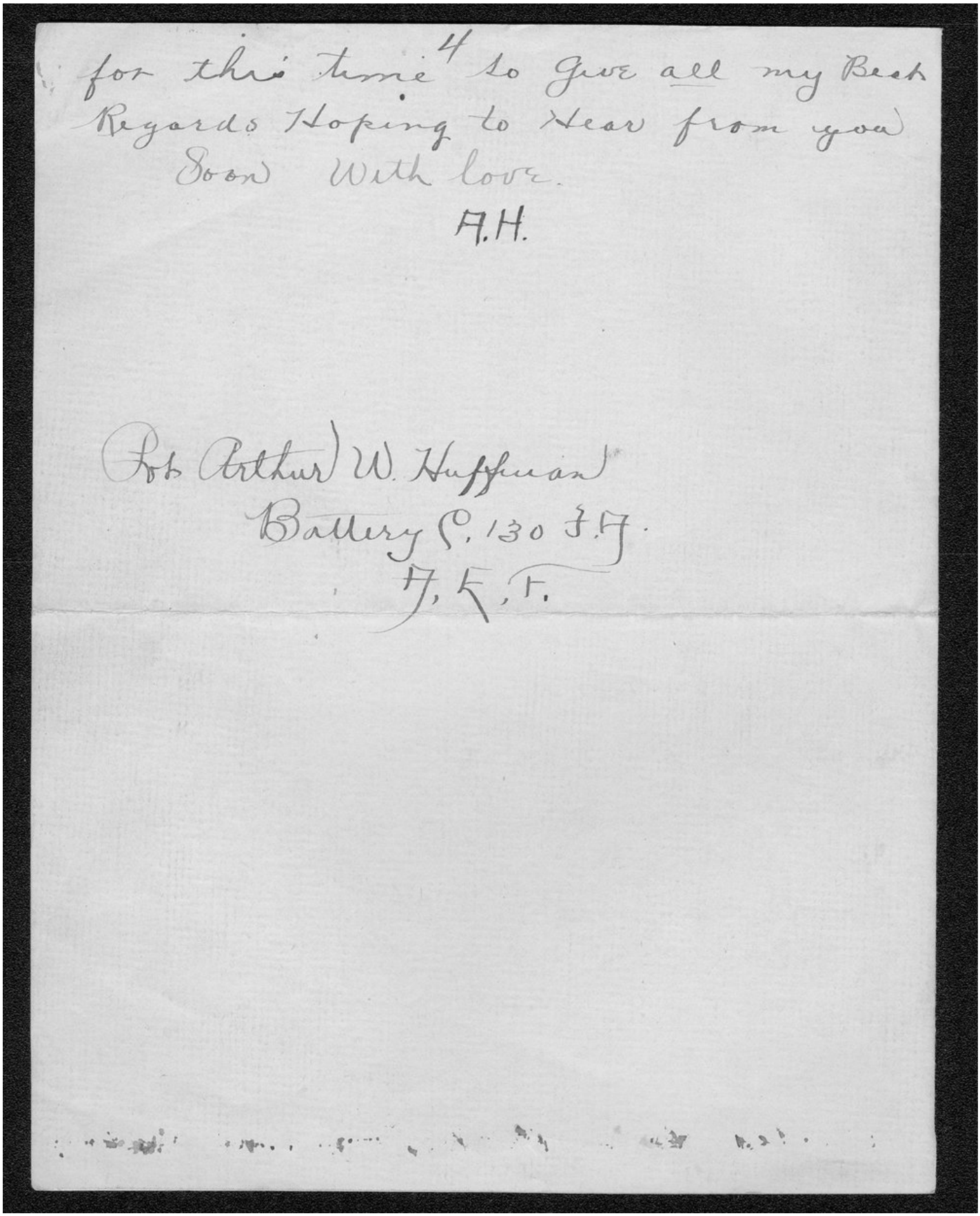
Recd your always welcome letter yesterday and the pictures. they were real good. Make me a little Homesick at times when I look at those Fish. But maby if nothing Happens Will Be Back Where I can try my luck again soon. Can't say as when We will get Back. Have only an Idea and Hope to Be there By early Spring. I took a trip "Hike rather" to Verdun one of France's Noted Cities it sure is some sights to see. Which I Don't appreciate like people coming Over from the States Will for the next 5 years to come. We Have seen so many towns and Cities shot up. We realy Don't realize what a sight it is. I expect if Mark Did get started He is Back Home By this time

Speaking of the 2nd Tank Service I sure know What He was getting in. for We sure saw them in action in the Argonne Drive. they are about the only thing that could get to some of the Hun Machine gun Nests in the Argonne Forrests.

You Spoke of Mark and Clarence going Hunting. I sure Have seen plenty of Ducks Here lately. But would like to take a good Bird Hunt By the Way tell "Pistol" He owes me a letter and to get on the job. Mama spoke of sending my Xmas Box sorry I can't Return it With something. But it is impossible to get any thing Here. I Haven't seen 1/2 Dozen Civilians in about 2 months so you can imagine What it Would Be to try and Buy any thing. Of course some of the Boys go on Furlough's they Have an opportunity



to get things. Bob Winters is away on his pass Now. I Wont my furlough in Pittsburg Kans. Think I Have seen about all of France I care about. they go in Southern France and all speak Well of the Country Down there. By the Way. "Spanish Flu" must Be fierce Back in the states. Don't Think the Soldiers over here Have Been Bothered With it to speak of. all the papers are lined With Deaths from it. must of been awful quiet in Pittsburg With Shows and place all shut up. Hope You folks Have all recovered from it By Now. Does Dady Lane and Carl still Work in the shop? Tell Dady He Wants to get his fishing pants on for Next spring. for I aught to Be in condition to catch a few with such a long rest. Say these pages are larger than I thot When I started so think I Have Done about my Best

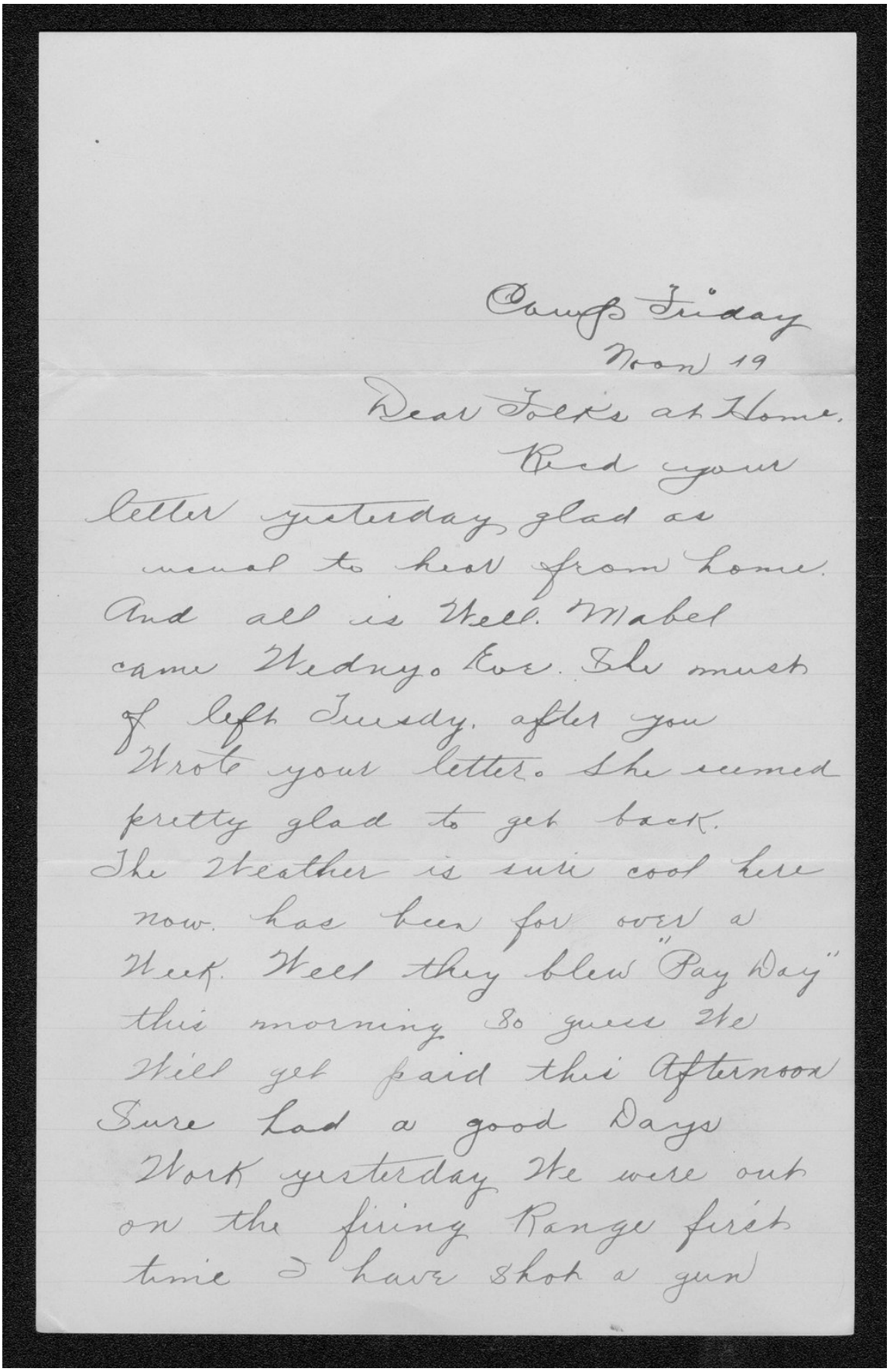


for this time 4 to Give all my Best Regards Hoping to Hear from you Soon With love.

A.H.

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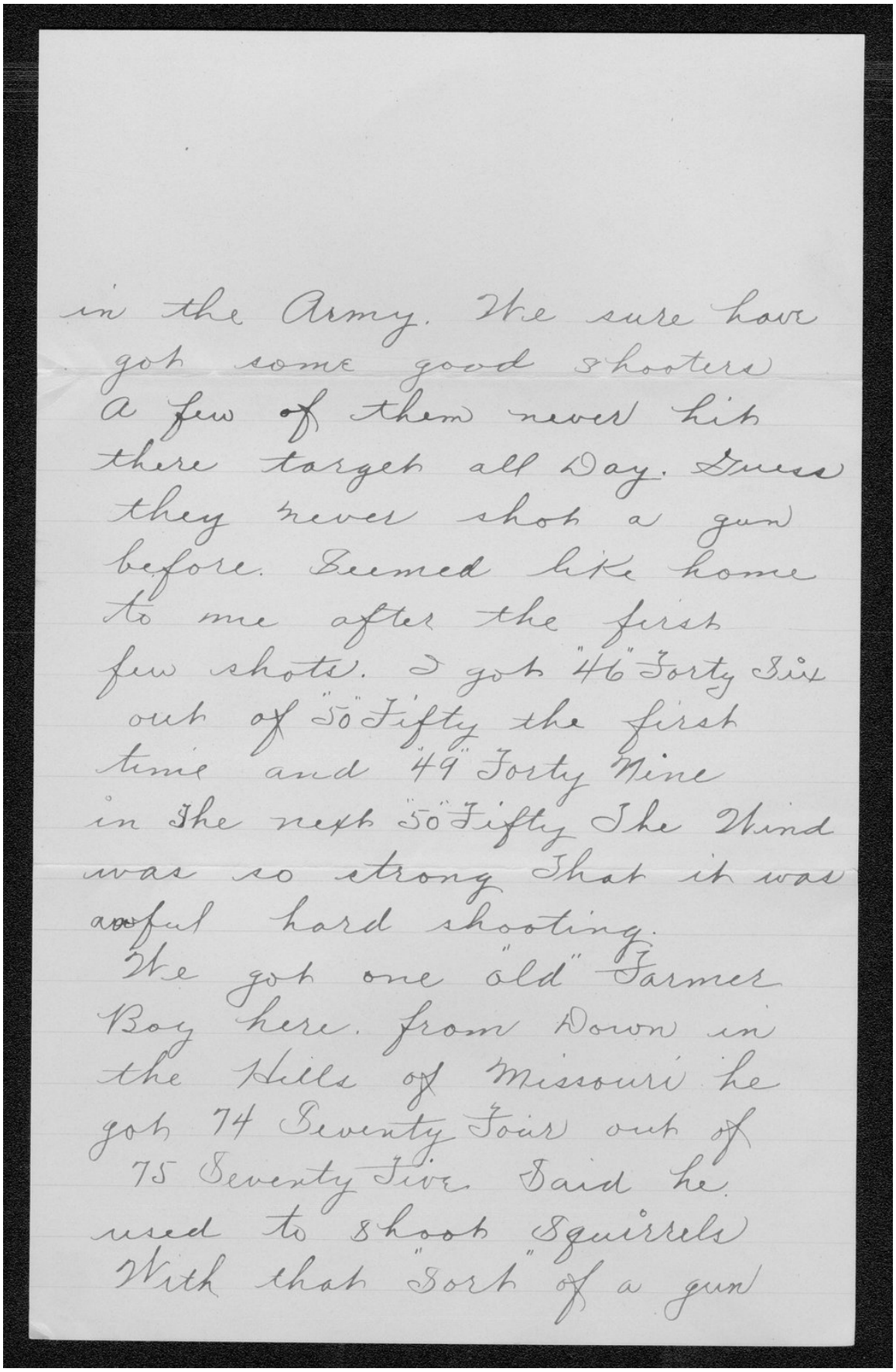


Camp Funday
Nov 19

Dear Folks at Home.

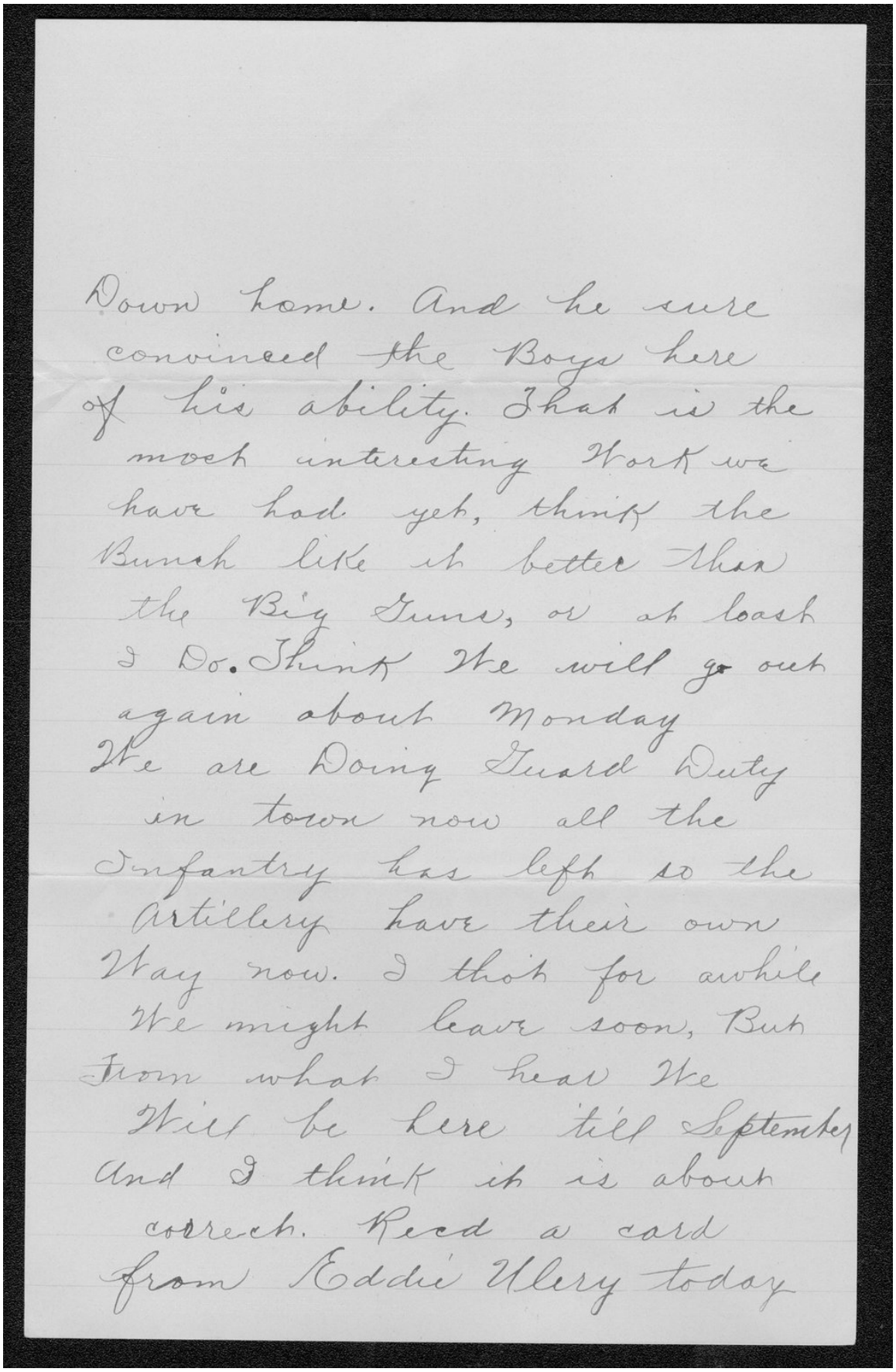
Rec'd your letter yesterday glad as usual to hear from home. And all is Well. Mabel came Wednys. Eve. She must of left Tuesdy. after you wrote your letter. She seemed pretty glad to get back. The Weather is sure cool here now. has been for over a Week. Well they blew "Pay Day" this morning. So guess We will get paid this Afternoon Sure had a good Days Work yesterday We were out on the firing Range first time I have shot a gun

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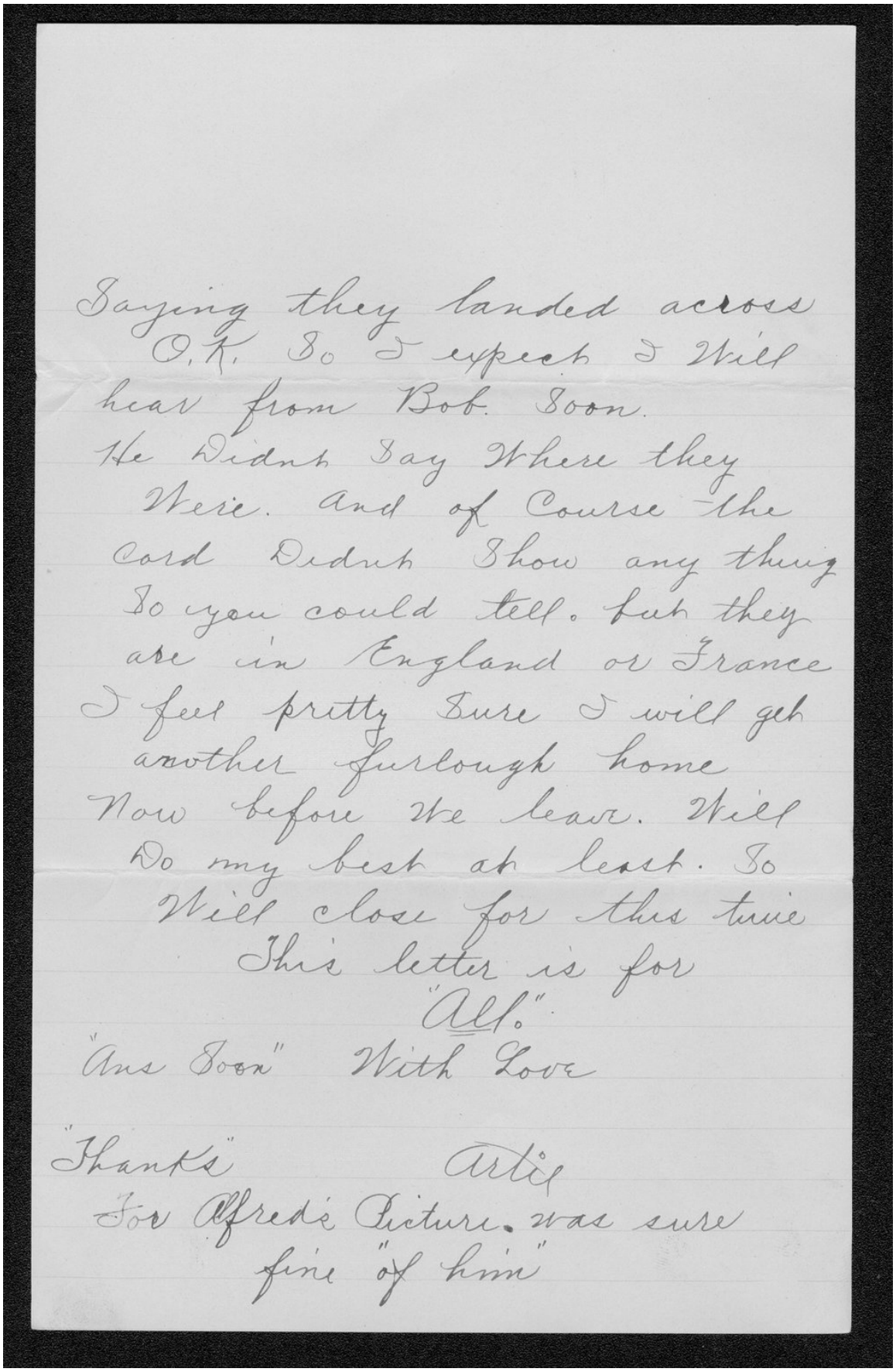
in the Army. We sure have got some good shooters A few of them never hit there target all Day. Guess they never shot a gun before. Seemed like home to me after the first few shots. I got "46" Forty Six out of "50" Fifty the first time and "49" Forty Nine in the next "50" Fifty The Wind was so strong That it was awful hard shooting.

We got one "old" Farmer Boy here. from Down in the Hills of Missouri he got 74 Seventy Four out of 75 Seventy Five Said he used to shoot Squirrels With that "Sort" of a gun



Down home. And he sure convinced the Boys here of his ability. That is the most interesting Work we have had yet, think the Bunch like it better than the Big Guns, or at least I Do. Think We will go out again about Monday We are Doing Guard Duty in town now all the Infantry has left so the Artillery have their own Way now. I thot for awhile We might leave soon, But from what I hear We Will be here till September And I think it is about correct. Recd a card from Eddie Ulery today

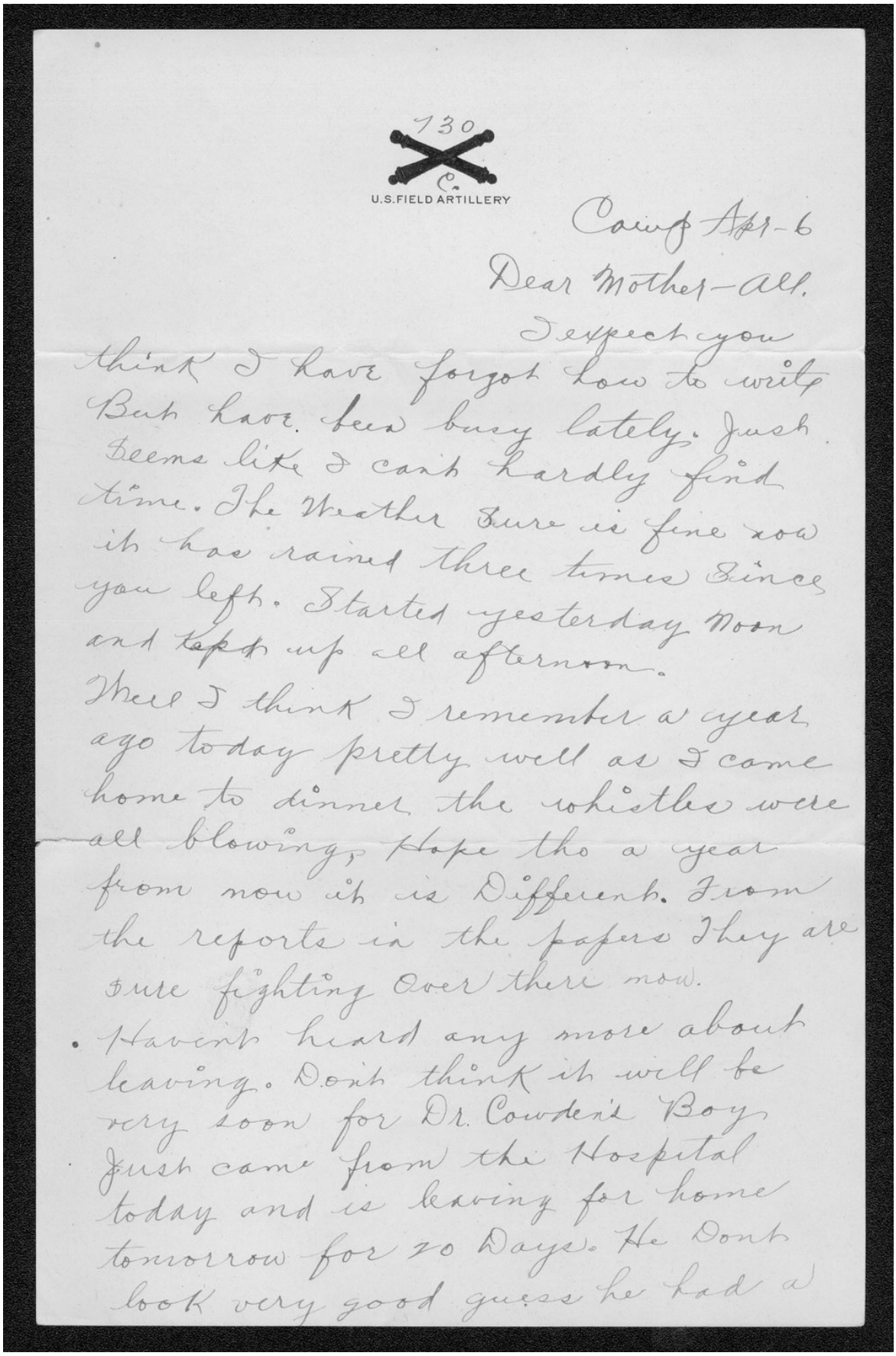
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Saying they landed across
O.K. So I expect I will
hear from Bob Soon.
He Didnt Say Where they
Were. and of Course the
Card Didnt Show any thing
So you could tell. but they
are in England or France
I feel pretty Sure I will get
another furlough home
Now before we leave. Will
Do my best at least. So
Will close for this time
This letter is for
"All."
"Ans Soon" With Love

"Thanks" Artie
For Alfreds Picture. was sure
fine "of him"

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Camp of Apr-6

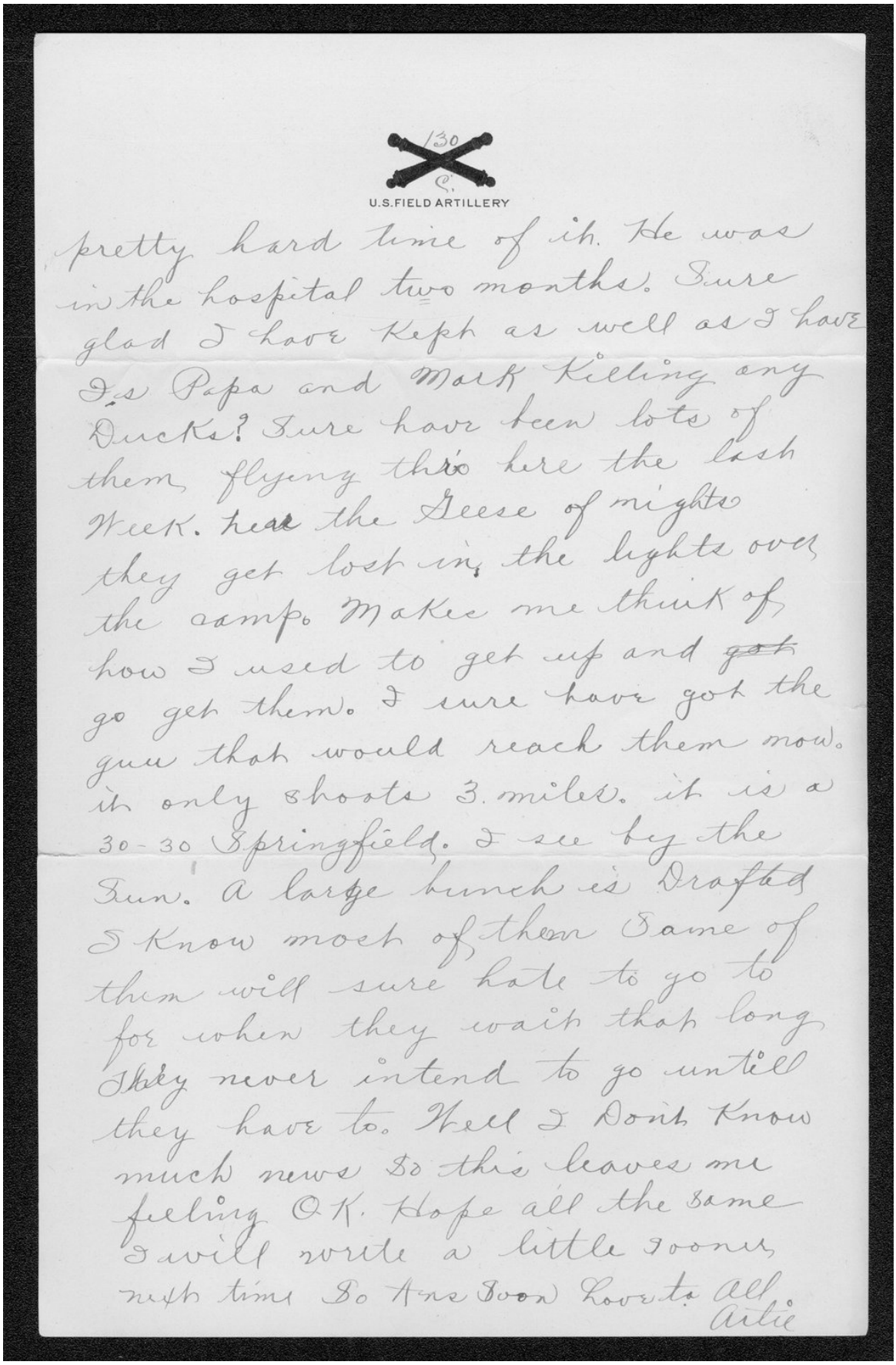
Dear Mother-All.

I expect you think I have forgot how to write But have been busy lately. Just seems like I can't hardly find time. The weather sure is fine now it has rained three times since you left. Started yesterday Noon and kept up all afternoon.

Well I think I remember a year ago today pretty well as I came home to dinner the whistles were all blowing. Hope tho a year from now it is Different. From the reports in the papers They are sure fighting over there now.

Haven't heard any more about leaving. Don't think it will be very soon for Dr. Cowden's Boy just came from the Hospital today and is leaving for home tomorrow for 20 Days. He Don't look very good guess he had a

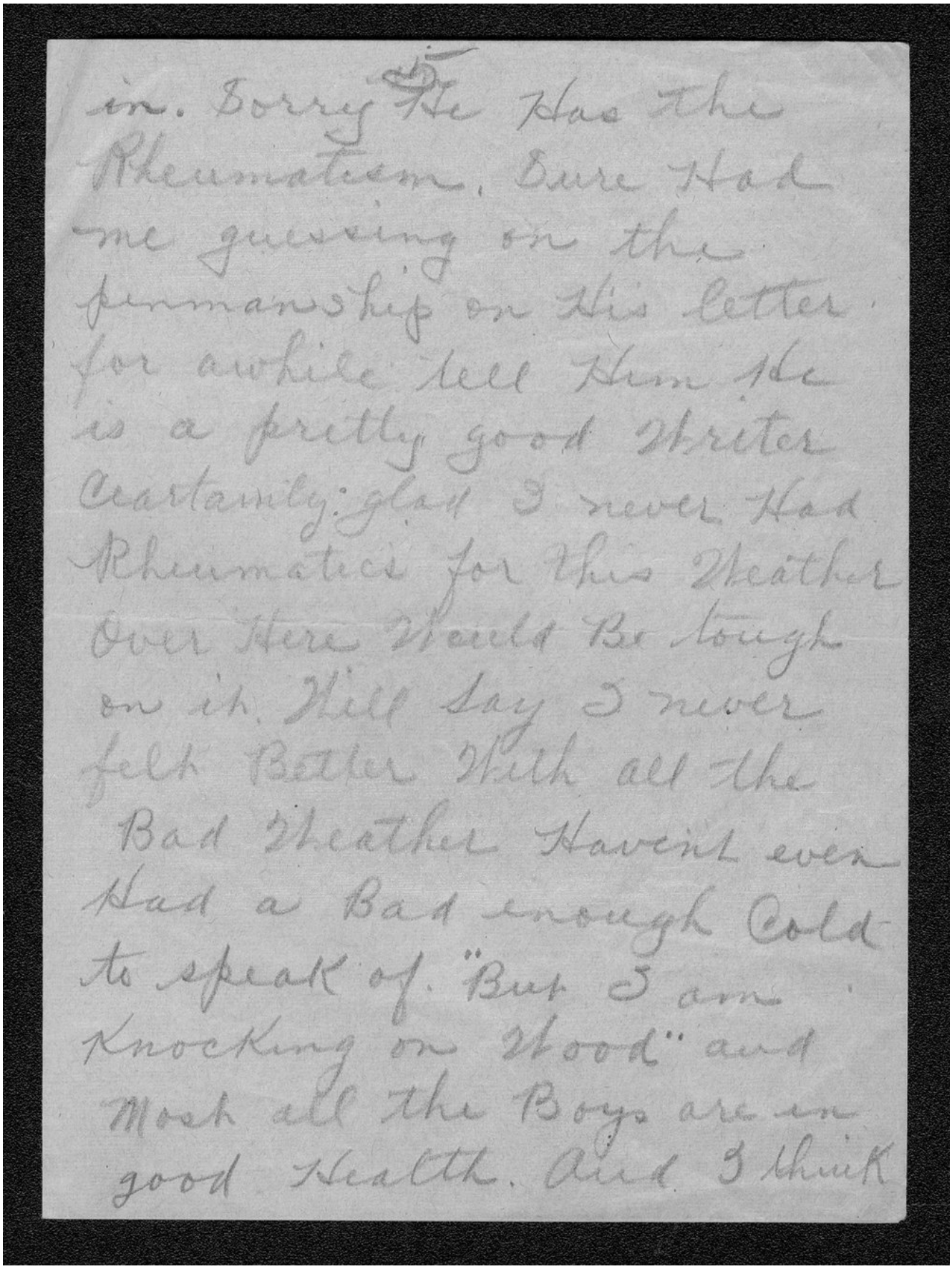
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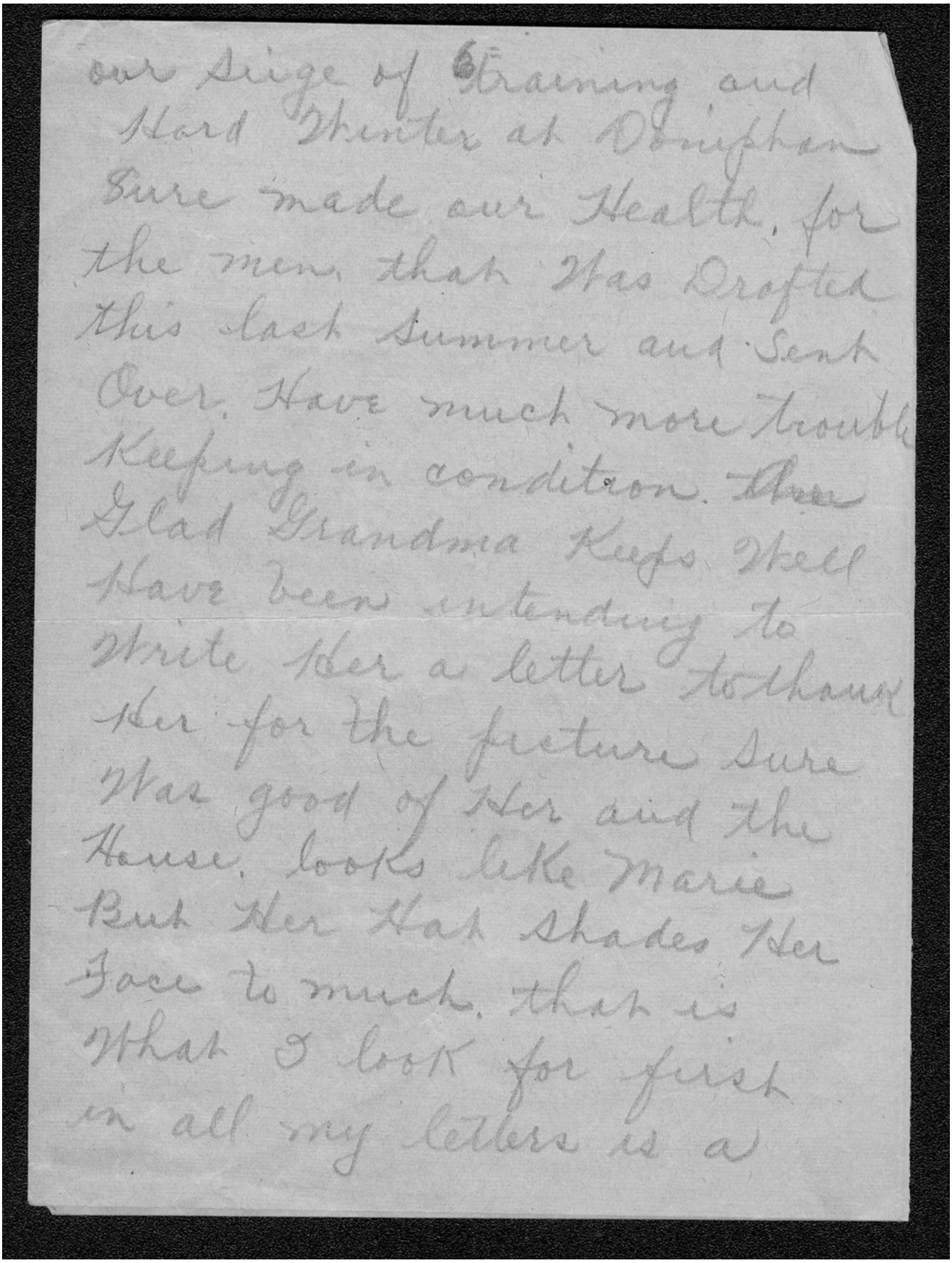
pretty hard time of it. He was in the hospital two months. Sure glad I have kept as well as I have. Is Papa and Mark killing any Ducks? Sure have been lots of them flying thro here the last week. heard the Geese of nights they get lost in the lights over the camp. Makes me think of how I used to get up and ~~got~~ go get them. I sure have got the gun that would reach them now. it only shoots 3. miles. it is a 30-30 Springfield. I see by the Sun. A large bunch is Drafted I know most of them Some of them will sure hate to go to for when they wait that long they never intend to go until they have to. Well I Dont know much news So this leaves me feeling O.K. Hope all the same I will write a little sooner next time So Ans Soon Love to All Artie

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in. Sorry He Has the
Rheumatism. Sure Had
me guessing on the
penmanship on his letter
for awhile tell Him he
is a pretty good Writer
Certainly glad I never Had
Rheumatics for this Weather
Over Here Would Be Tough
on it. Will say I never
felt Better With all the
Bad Weather Haven't even
Had a Bad enough Cold
to speak of. "But I am
Knocking on Wood" and
Most all the Boys are in
good Health. And I think

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our Siege of 6 Training and
Hard Winter at Doniphan
Sure made our Health for
the men that Has Drafted
this last Summer and Sent
Over. Have much more trouble
Keeping in conditon. Am
Glad Grandma Keeps Well
Have been intending to
Write Her a letter to thank
Her for the preture Sure
Was good of Her and the
House looks like Marie
But Her Hat Shades Her
Face to much that is
What I look for first
in all my letters is a