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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 Max E. Myers, Company H, 137th Infantry, 35th Division.

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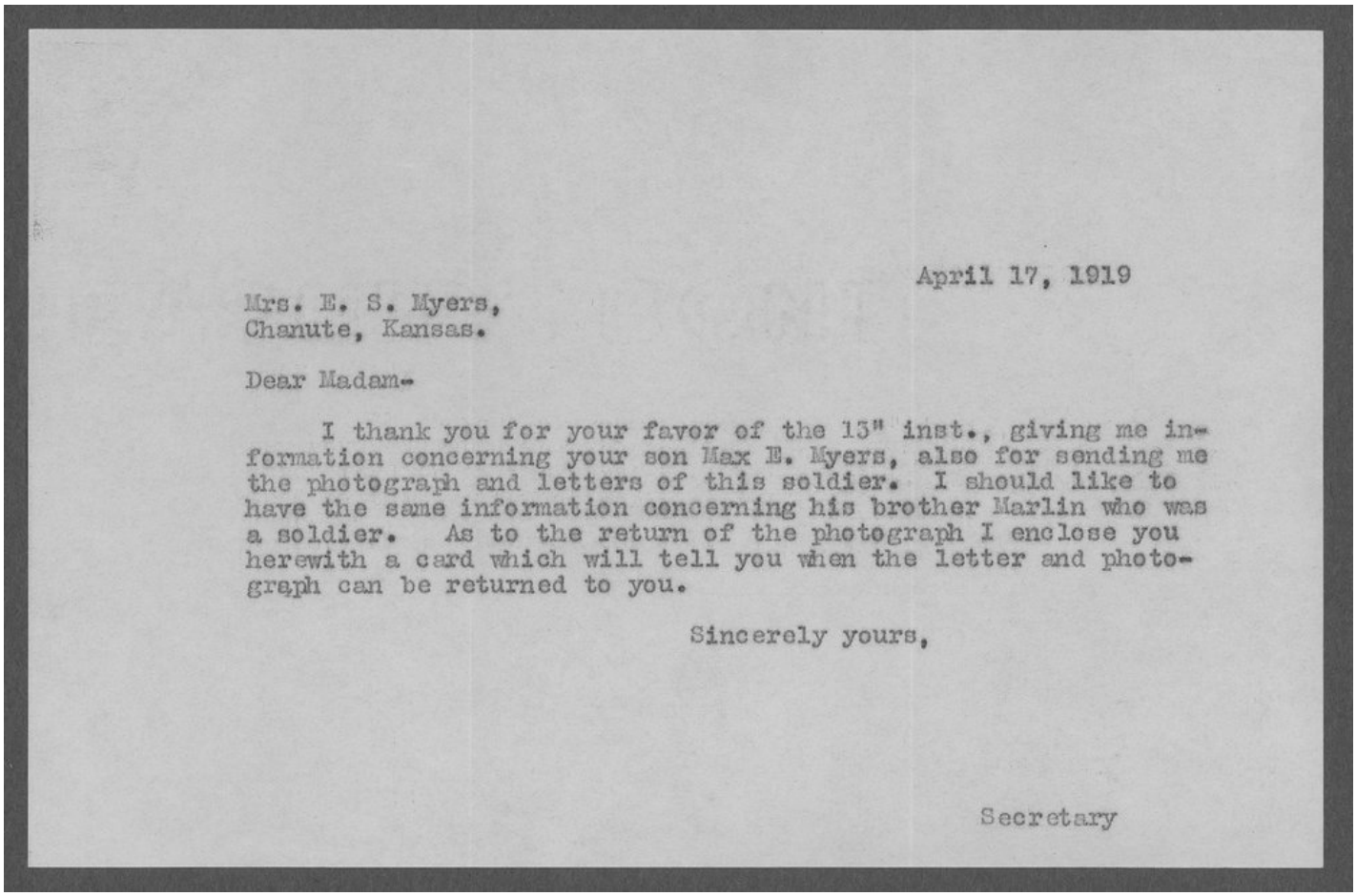
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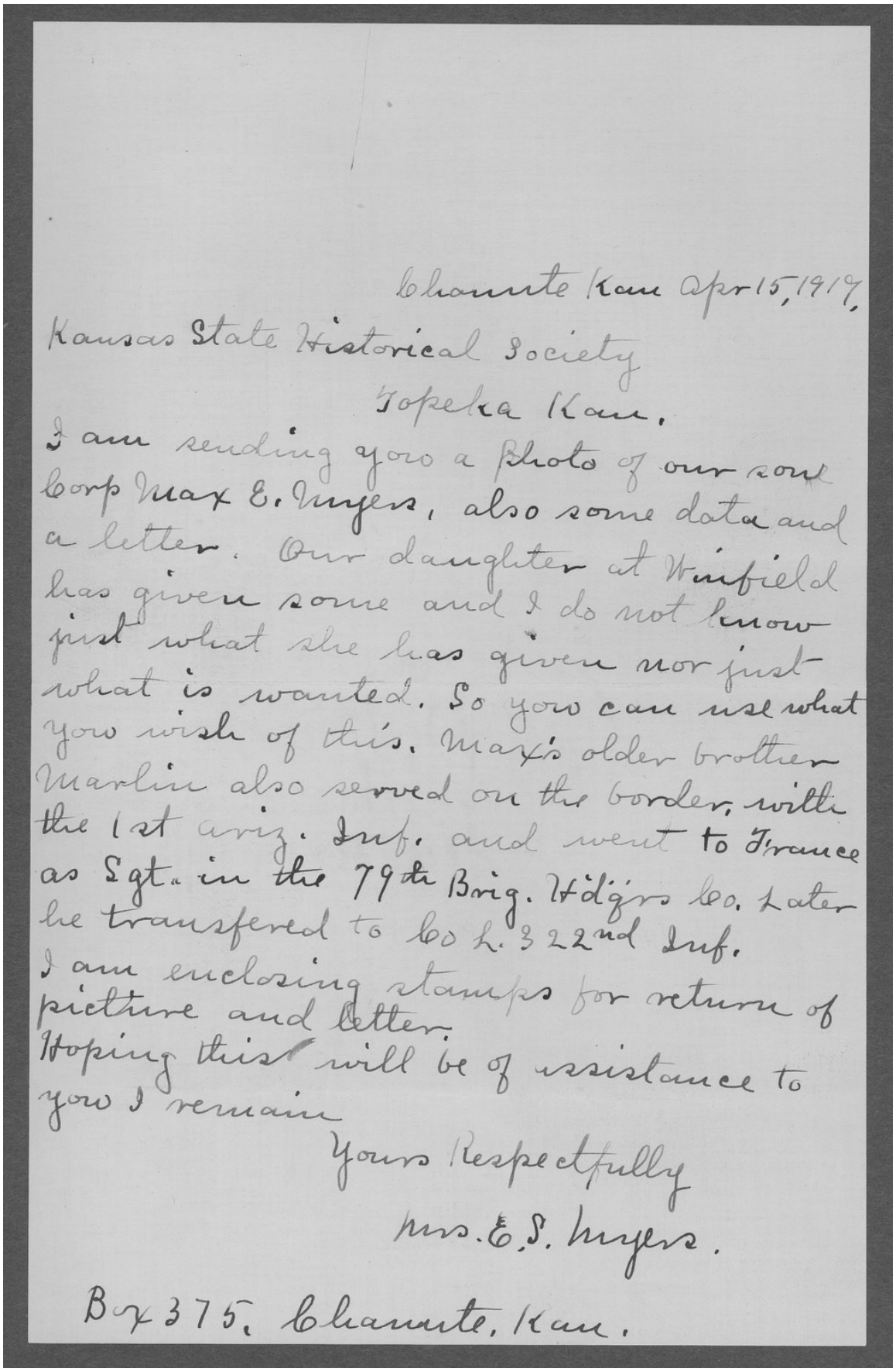
Mrs. E. S. Myers,
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Madam-

I thank you for your favor of the 13" inst., giving me information concerning your son Max E. Myers, also for sending me the photograph and letters of this soldier. I should like to have the same information concerning his brother Marlin who was a soldier. As to the return of the photograph I enclose you herewith a card which will tell you when the letter and photograph can be returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



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I am sending you a Photo of our son Corp Max E. Myers, also some data and a letter. Our daughter at Winfield has given some and I do not know just what she has given nor just what is wanted. So you can use what you wish of this. Max's older brother Marlin also served on the border, with the 1st Aviz. Inf. and went to France as Sgt. in the 79th Brig. Hdqrs Co. Later he transfered to Co L. 322nd Inf.

I am enclosing stamps for return of picture and letter.

Hoping this will be of assistance to you I remain

Yours Respectfully

Mrs. E. S. Myers.

Box 375. Chanute, Kan.

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Max E. Myers, born near Diagonal Iowa July 2nd. 1895. Came to Kansas April 8th 1902. Attended public school and High school in Chanute. Spent two years at Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan.

Enlisted in Co H. 2nd Kansas National Guards at Ft. Riley June 27th 1916. Served on border during Mexican disturbance and was mustered out with rest of Co. Remained at home on farm until the Company mobilized at Winfield, Aug 5th 1917. Made Corp. Aug. 22nd 1917.

Trained at Ft. Sill, which training included special liaison work.

Sailed from New York April 25th 1918, on the "Caronia." Landed at Liverpool May 7th. Went to Le Havre May 15th Was with Co till Sept. 29th when he was shot thro' back of head with machine gun bullet during Argonne Forest battle. Spent most of next three months in hospital

at Limoges France. Rejoined his company just before Christmas, remained a week or so, and contracting the influenza was returned to hospital at Commercy, afterward transferred to hospital at Rimaucourt, France, and on March was sent to Savenay, from whence he expected to sail soon for home.

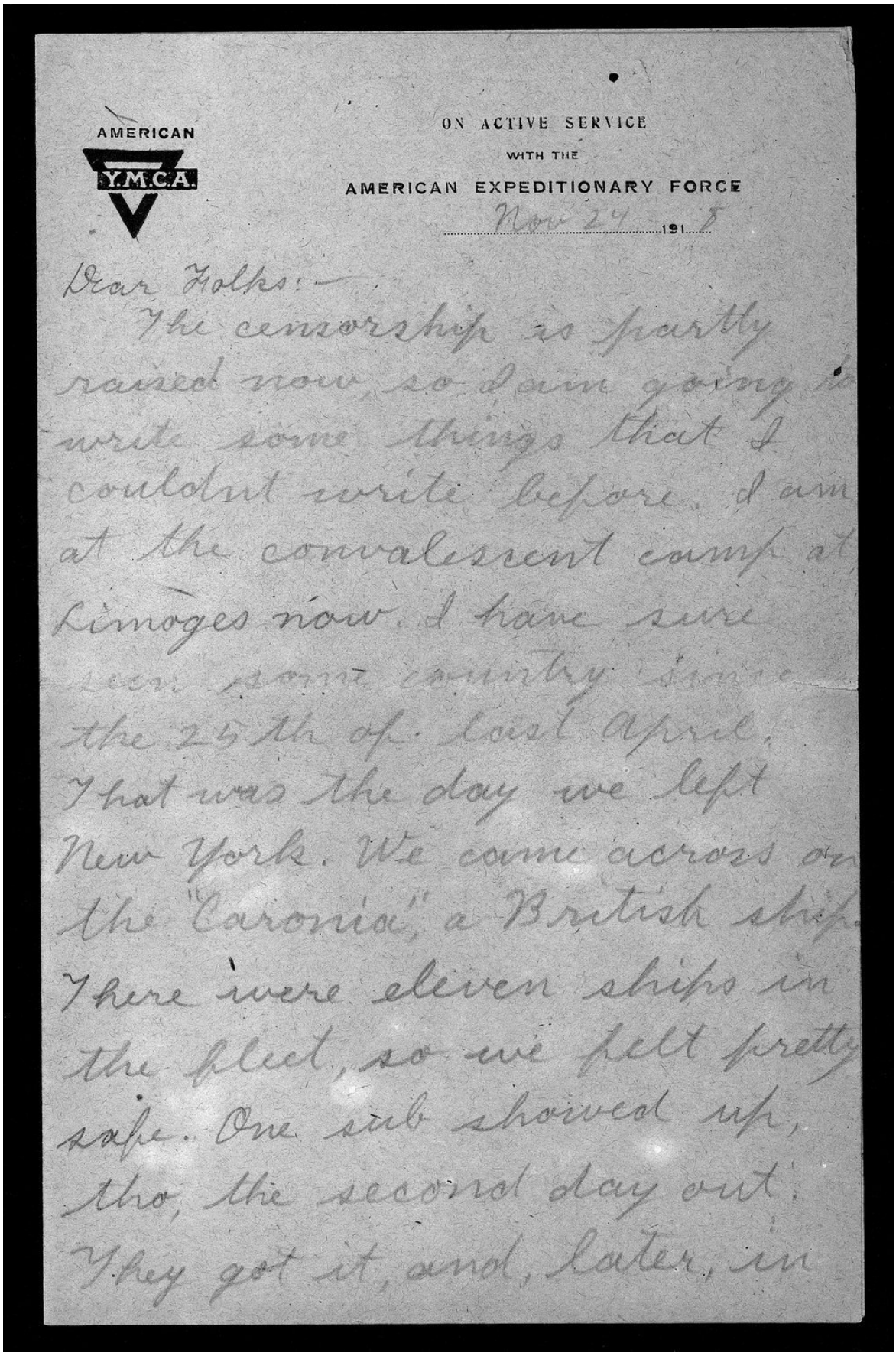
While in the hospital at Rimaucourt a transfer of non-commissioned men was necessary, & he was transferred from Co H to Co, also of the 137th Inf.

Myers, Max E.-- Corporal, Co. L, 35th Div.

Max E. Myers ia a vetéran of long standing as are alll the Co. M boys whb served on the Mexican Border.in I9I6. He enlisted at Fort Riley on June 27th of that year, and went with the company to Eagle Pass, being released from the service when that campaign was over. After a few months he was recalled to Fort Sill, and in company with others put into training for foreign service. He was a member of Co.L, of the 35th Divixion, and served as a corporal. During the five days of hard fighting in the Argonne Forest in which the Kansas troops played such a prominent part, he recieved a severe wound in the head, and was sent to Limoges Hospital, where he remained for three months,finally recovering so that he was returned to his company. Next he fell a victim to the flu in Februarx, I9I9, and was once more sent to the hospital at Satenay, this time, andfrom there was returned to the United States.

Max Myers is a Methodist, and a member of the A.O.U.W. lodge. He was born in Diagonal, Iowa, and his parents are E.S. and Alleele Myers. He was educated at Chanute, where he went through the High School to the Junior class, and at Manhatten, where hec had two years of Animal Husbandry. He was still in school when h he enlisted. He recieved his honorablx discharge xin the spring of I9I9.

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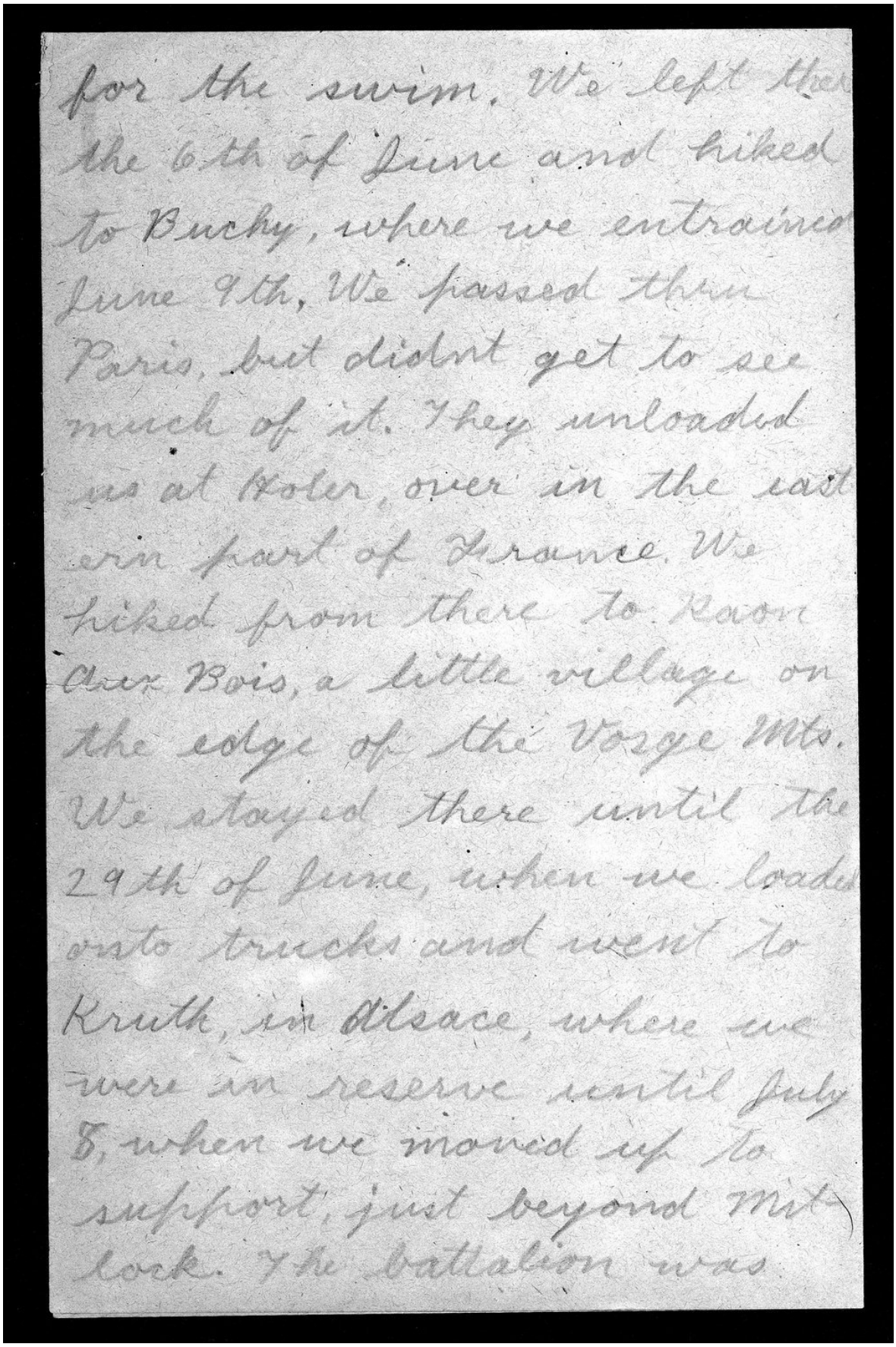
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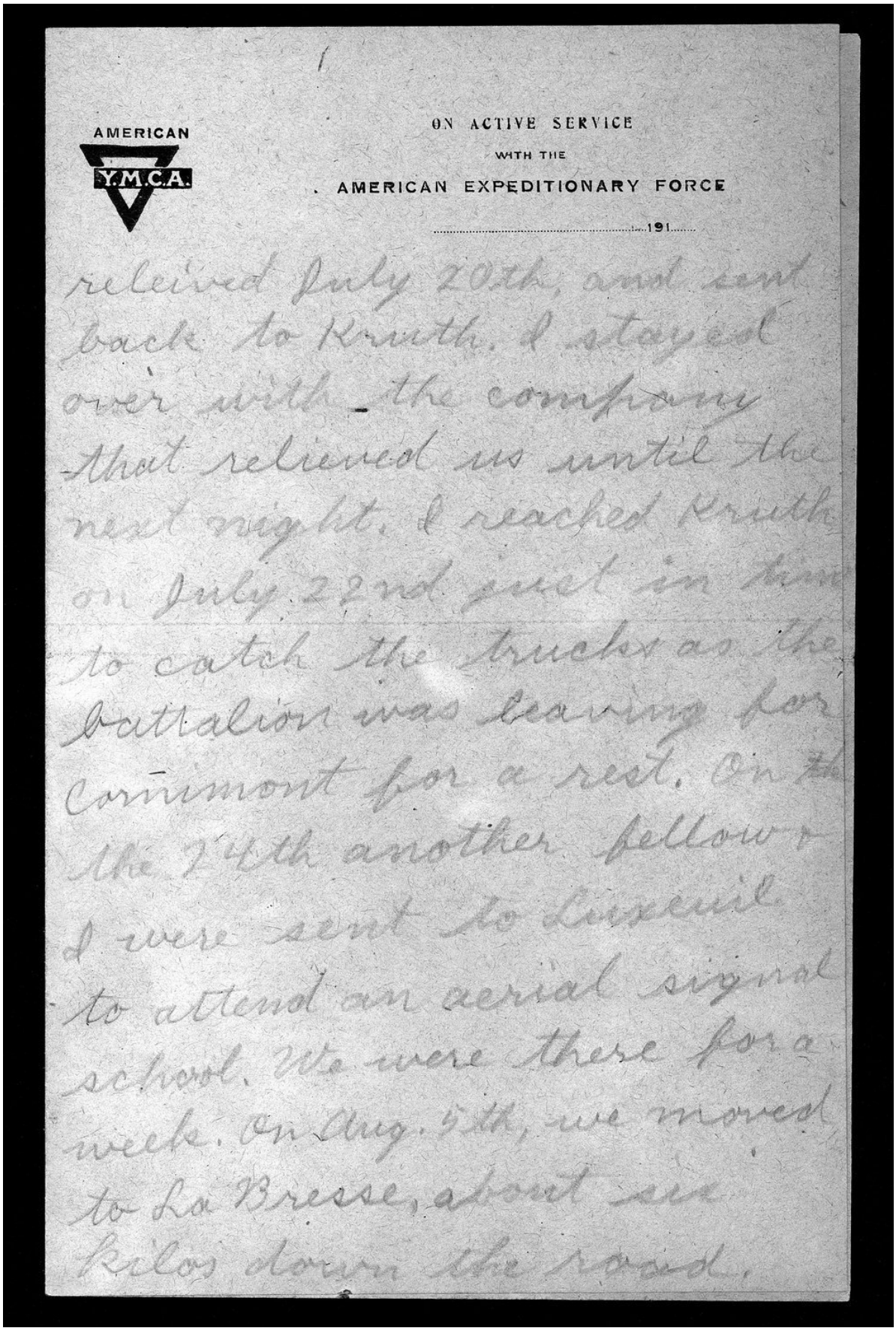
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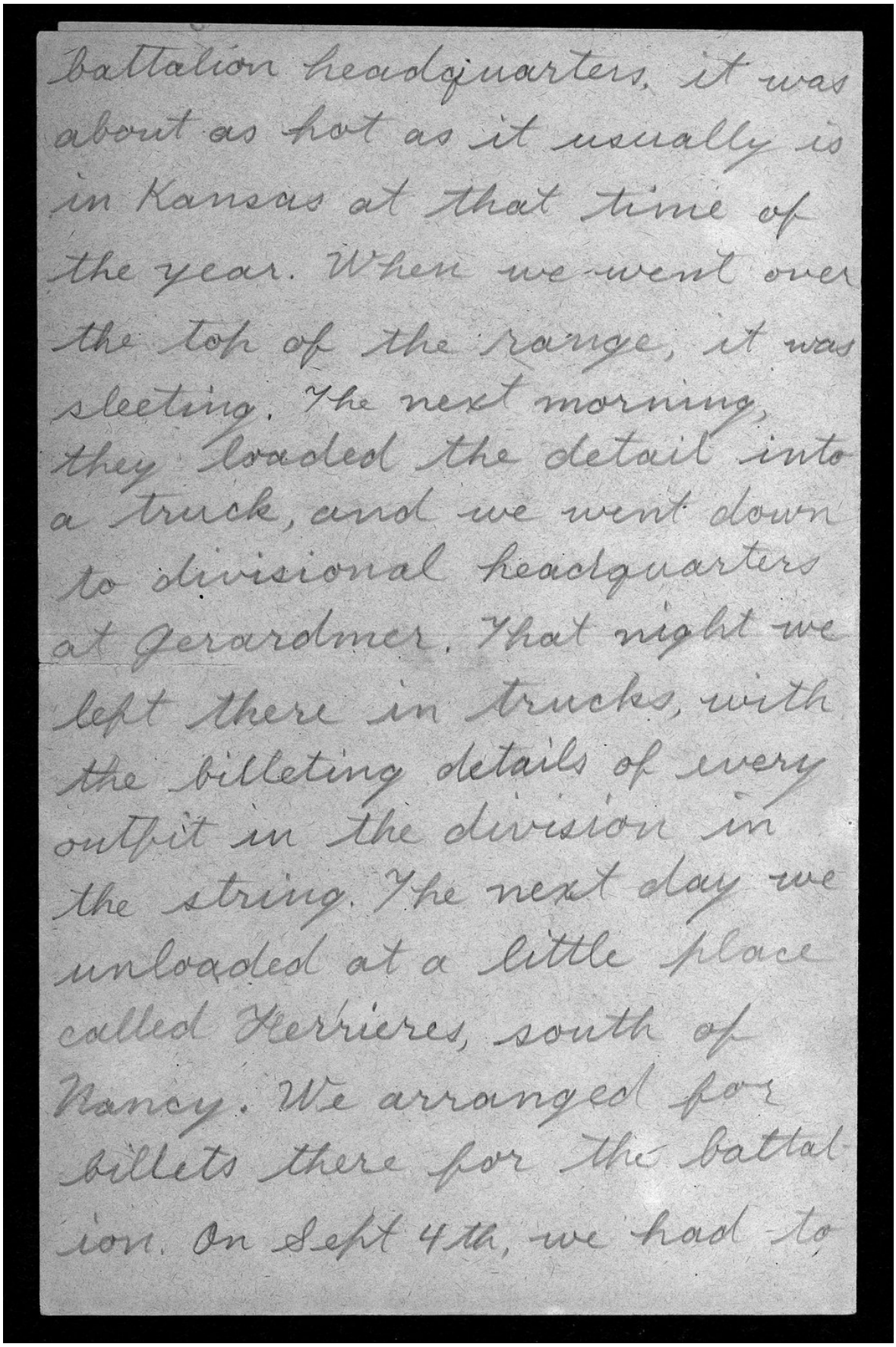
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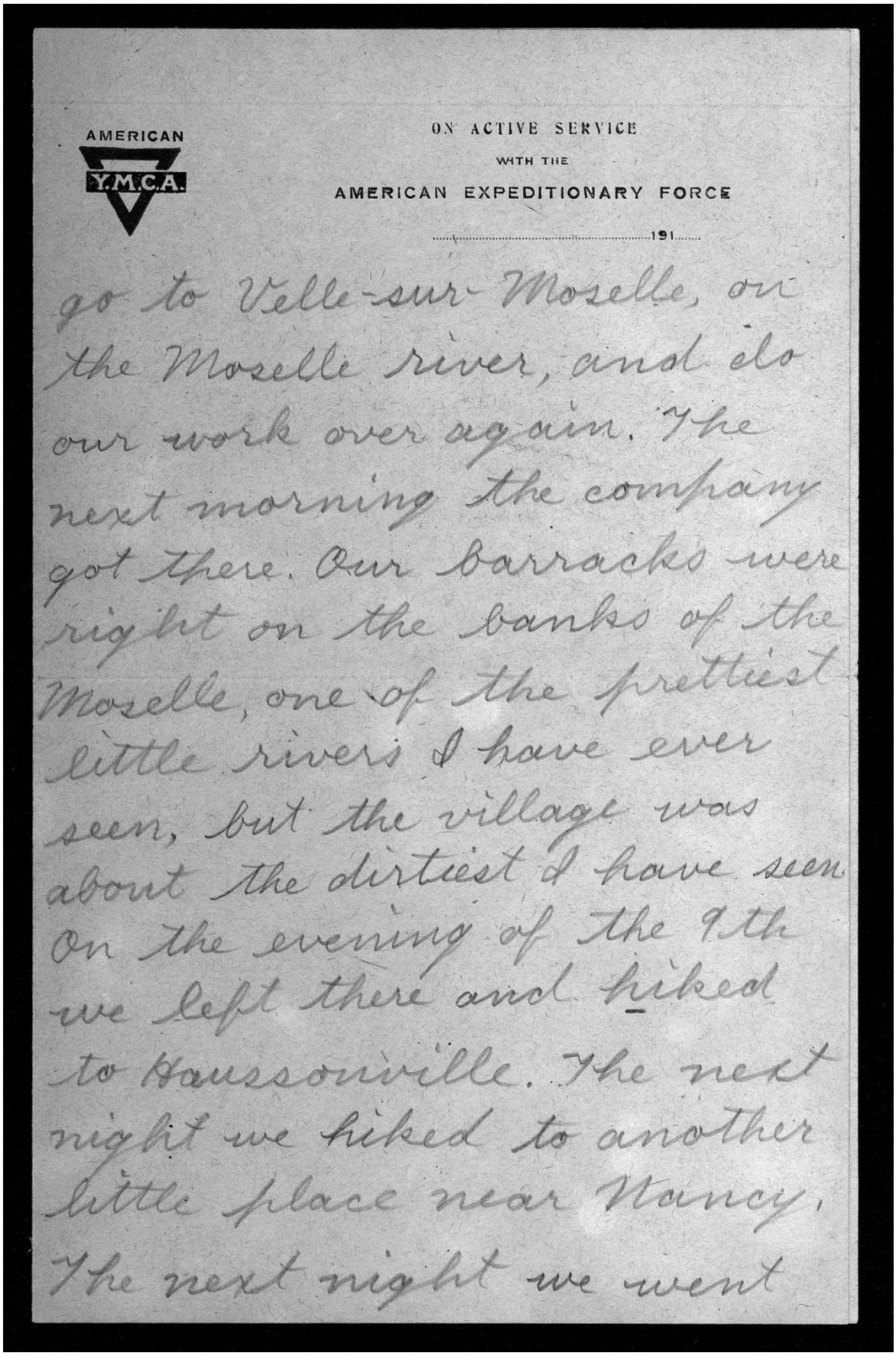
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