James Emerald Northrup, 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 letters and their transcriptions from James Emerald Northrup, Company F, 110th Ammunition Train, 35th Division.

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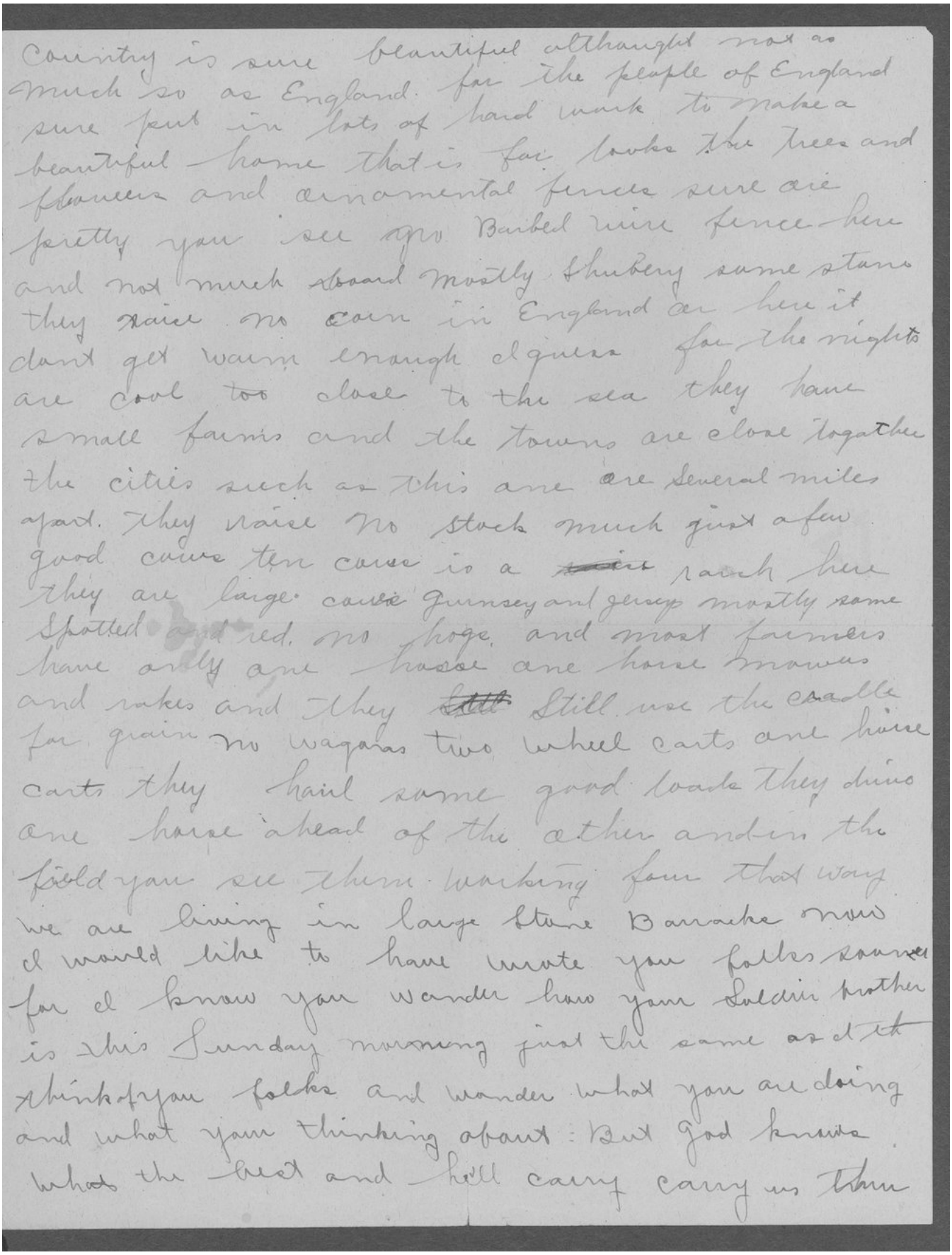
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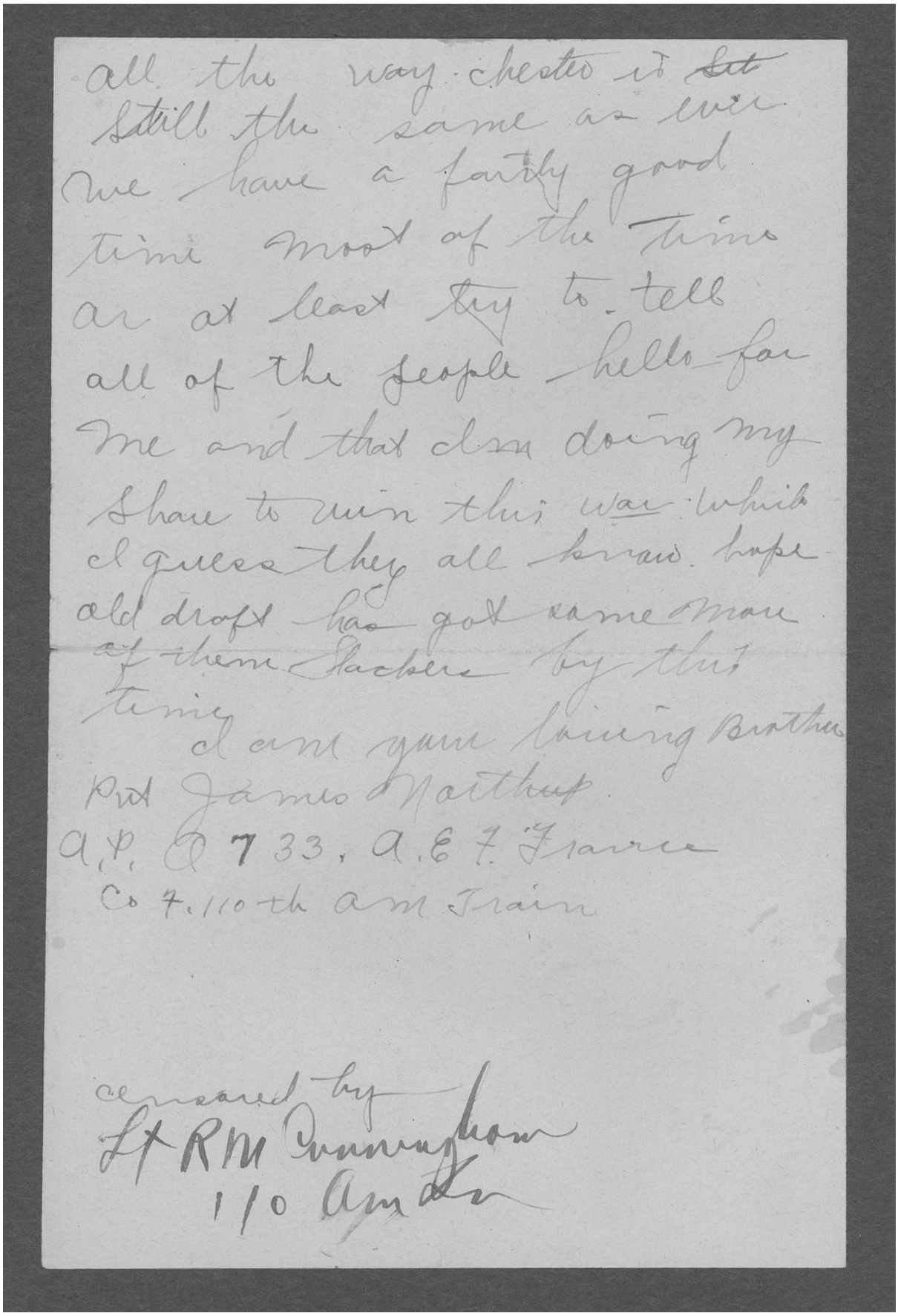
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Country is sure beautiful although not as much so as England. for the people of England sure put in lots of hard work to make a beautiful home that is for. looks the trees and flowers and ornamental fences sure are pretty you see apo Barbed wire fence here and not much board mostly Shubery some stone they raise no corn in England as here it dont get warm enough I guess for the nights are cool too close to the sea they have small farms and the towns are close together the cities such as this one are several miles apart. They raise no stock much just a few good cows ten cows is a ~~farm~~ ranch here they are large. cows Guernsey and jersey mostly some Spotted and red. no hogs. and most farmers have only one horse one horse mowers and rakes and they ~~still~~ Still use the cradle for grain no wagons two wheel carts one horse carts they haul some good loads they drive one horse ahead of the other and in the field you see them working four that way we are living in large Stone Barracks now I would like to have wrote you folks sooner for I know you wonder how your Soldier brother is this Sunday morning just the same as I do I think of you folks and wonder what you are doing and what you thinking about: But God knows whats the best and he'll carry carry us thru

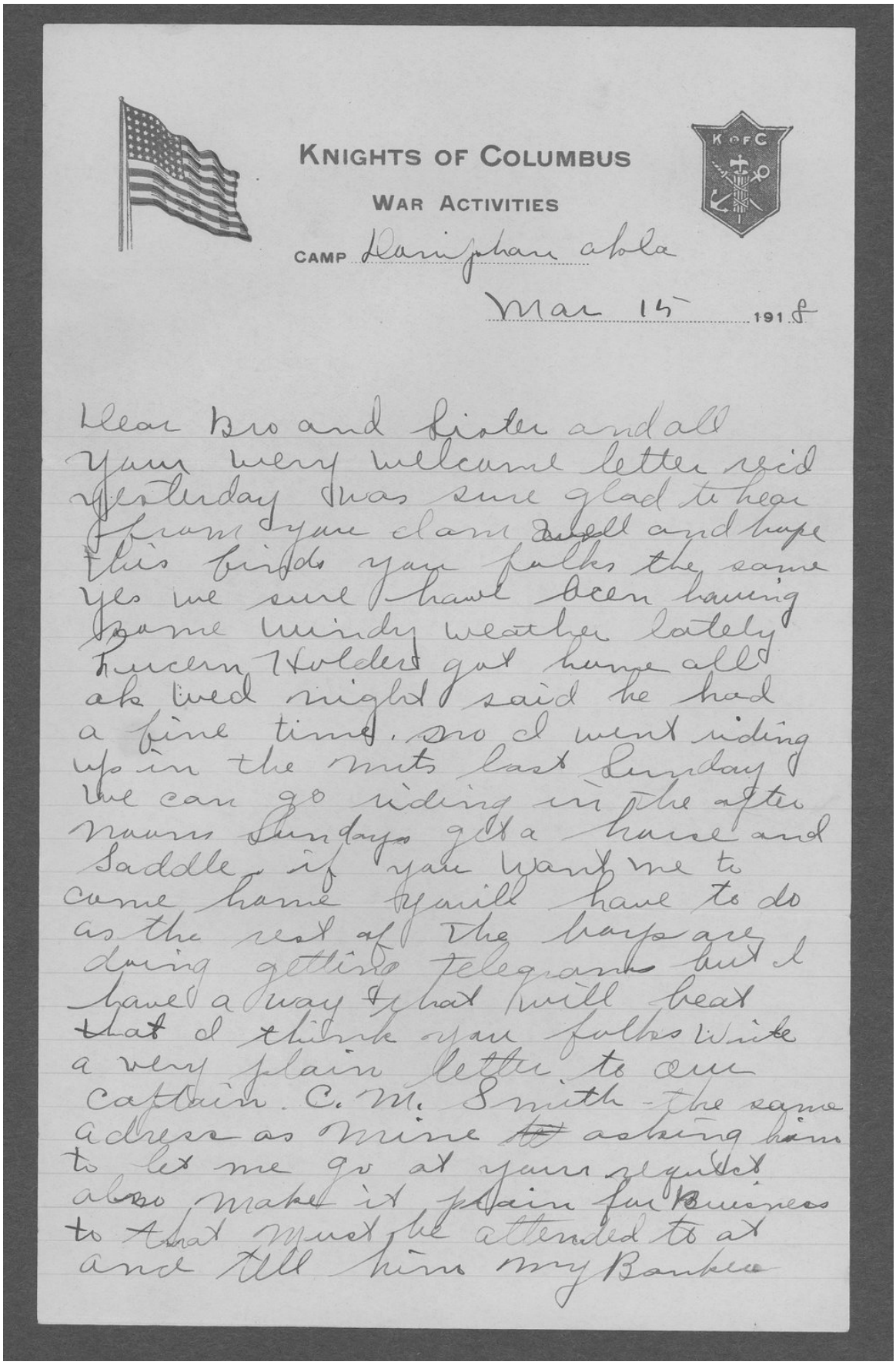
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all the way. Chester is ~~Sta~~
Still the same as ever
We have a fairly good
time most of the time
or at least try to. Tell
all of the people hello for
me and that I am doing my
share to win this war which
I guess they all know. hope
old draft has got some more
of them slackers by this
time
I am your loving Brother
Pvt James Northrup
A.P.O 733. A.E.F. France
Co 7. 110th am Train

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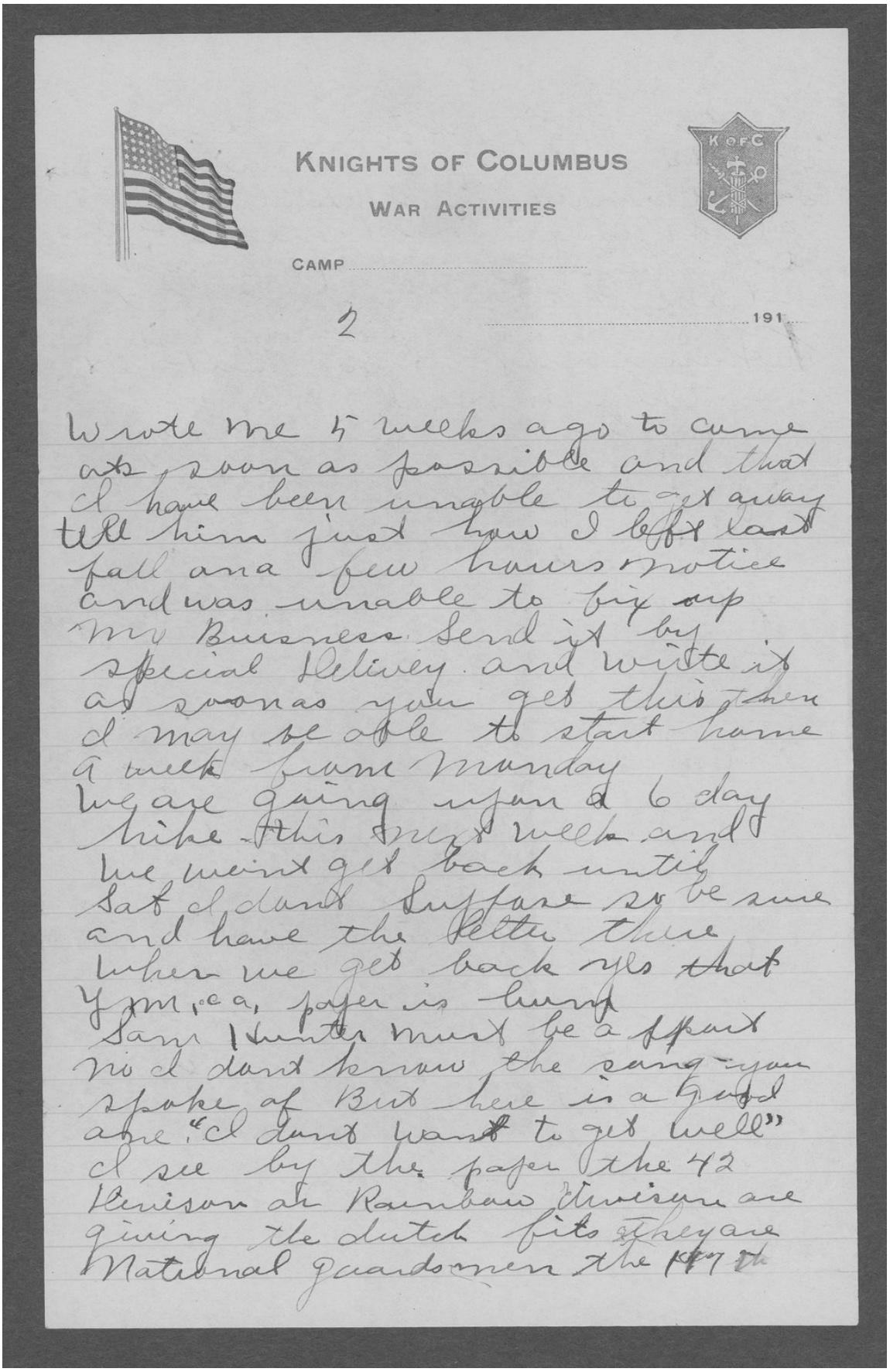
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CAMP Hancock Abla

Mar 15 1918

Dear Bro and Sister and all
Your very welcome letter rec'd
yesterday was sure glad to hear
from you all and hope
this finds you folks the same
Yes we sure have been having
some windy weather lately
Lucern Holder got home all
ok last night said he had
a fine time. So I went riding
up in the mts last Sunday
We can go riding in the after
noons Sundays get a horse and
Saddle, if you want me to
come home I will have to do
as the rest of the boys are
doing getting telegrams but I
have a way of that will beat
that I think you folks write
a very plain letter to our
Captain C. M. Smith - the same
adress as mine & asking him
to let me go at your request
also make it plain for Business
to that must be attended to at
and tell him my Banker

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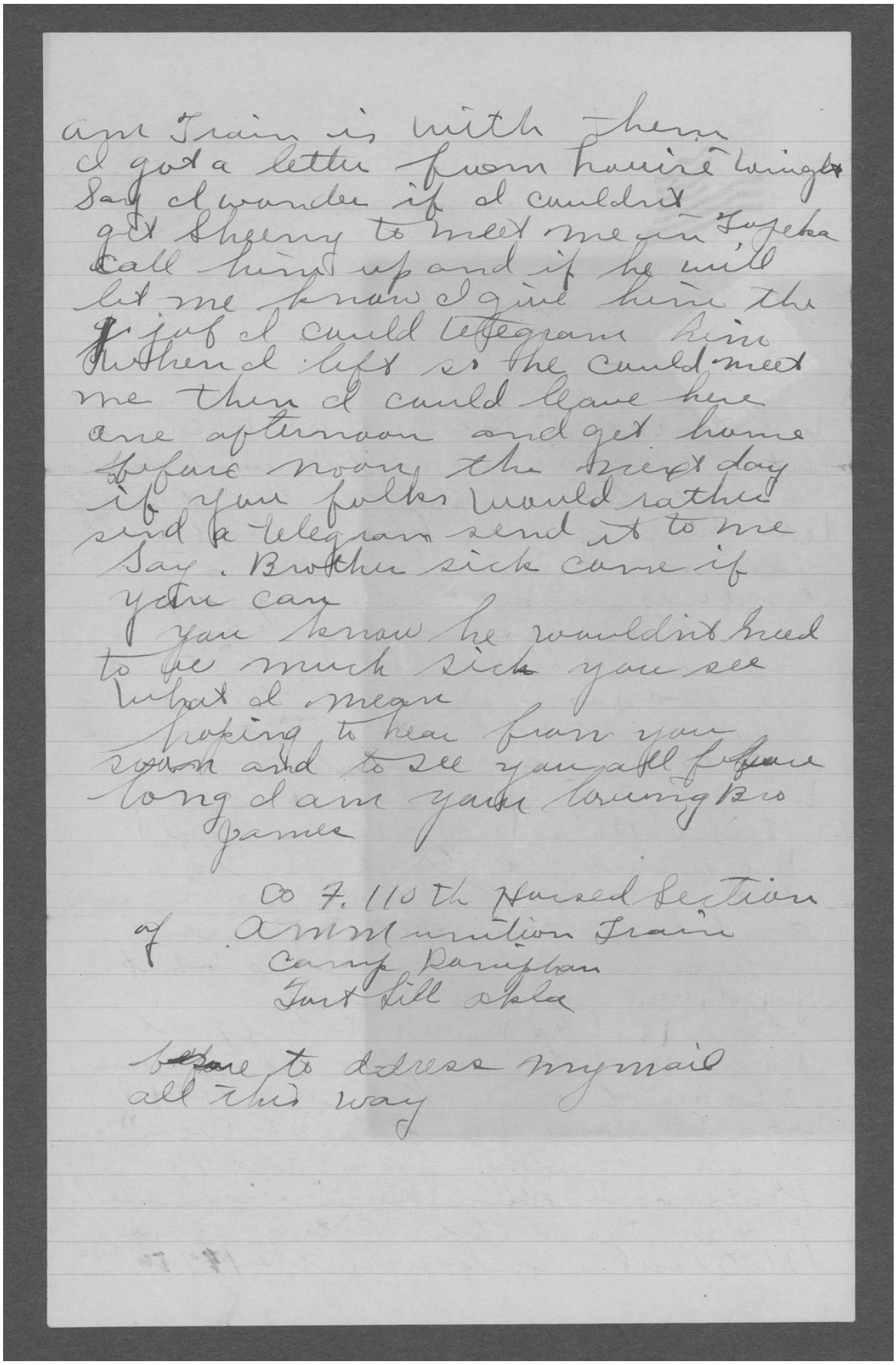
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Wrote me 4 weeks ago to come as soon as possible and that I have been unable to get away till him just how I left last fall and a few hours notice and was unable to fix up my Business. Send it by special Delivery and write it as soon as you get this then I may be able to start home a week from Monday We are going upon a 6 day hike this next week and we won't get back until Sat I don't suppose so be sure and have the letter there when we get back yes that Y.M.C.A. paper is true Sam Hunter must be a sport no I don't know the song you spoke of But here is a good one "I don't want to get well" I see by the paper the 42 Division at Rainbow Division are giving the dutch fits they are National guardsmen the 117th

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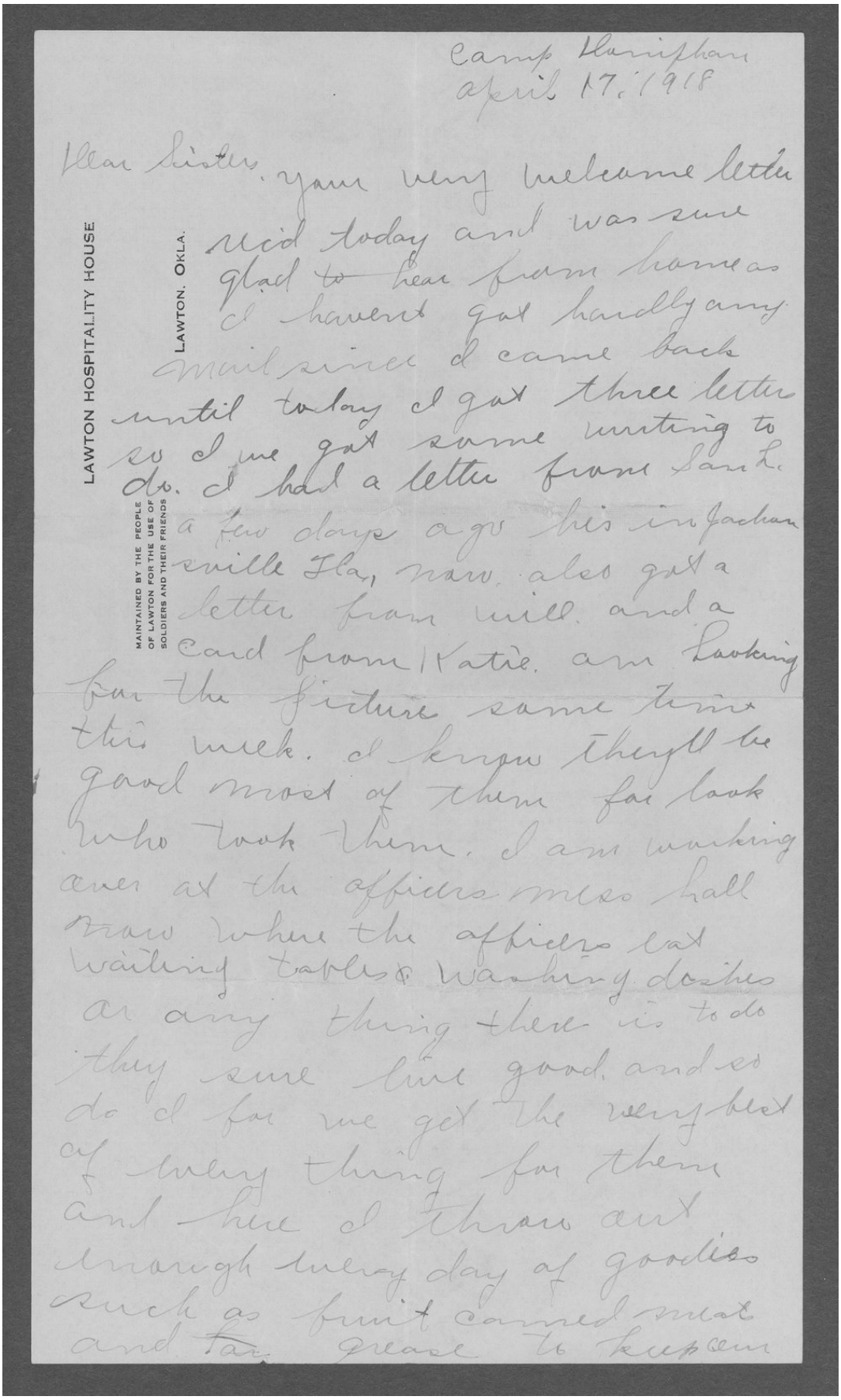


are Train is with them
I got a letter from Fannie tonight
Say I wonder if I couldn't
get Sherry to meet me in Topeka
Call him up and if he will
let me know I give him the
if I could telegram him
Then I left so he could meet
me then I could leave here
one afternoon and get home
before noon the next day
if your folks would rather
send a telegram send it to me
Say. Brother sick come if
you can
You know he wouldn't need
to be much sick you see
what I mean
Hoping to hear from you
soon and to see you all before
long I am your loving Bro
James

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of Ammunition Train
Camp Bamfpan
Fort Sill Okla

Be sure to address my mail
all this way

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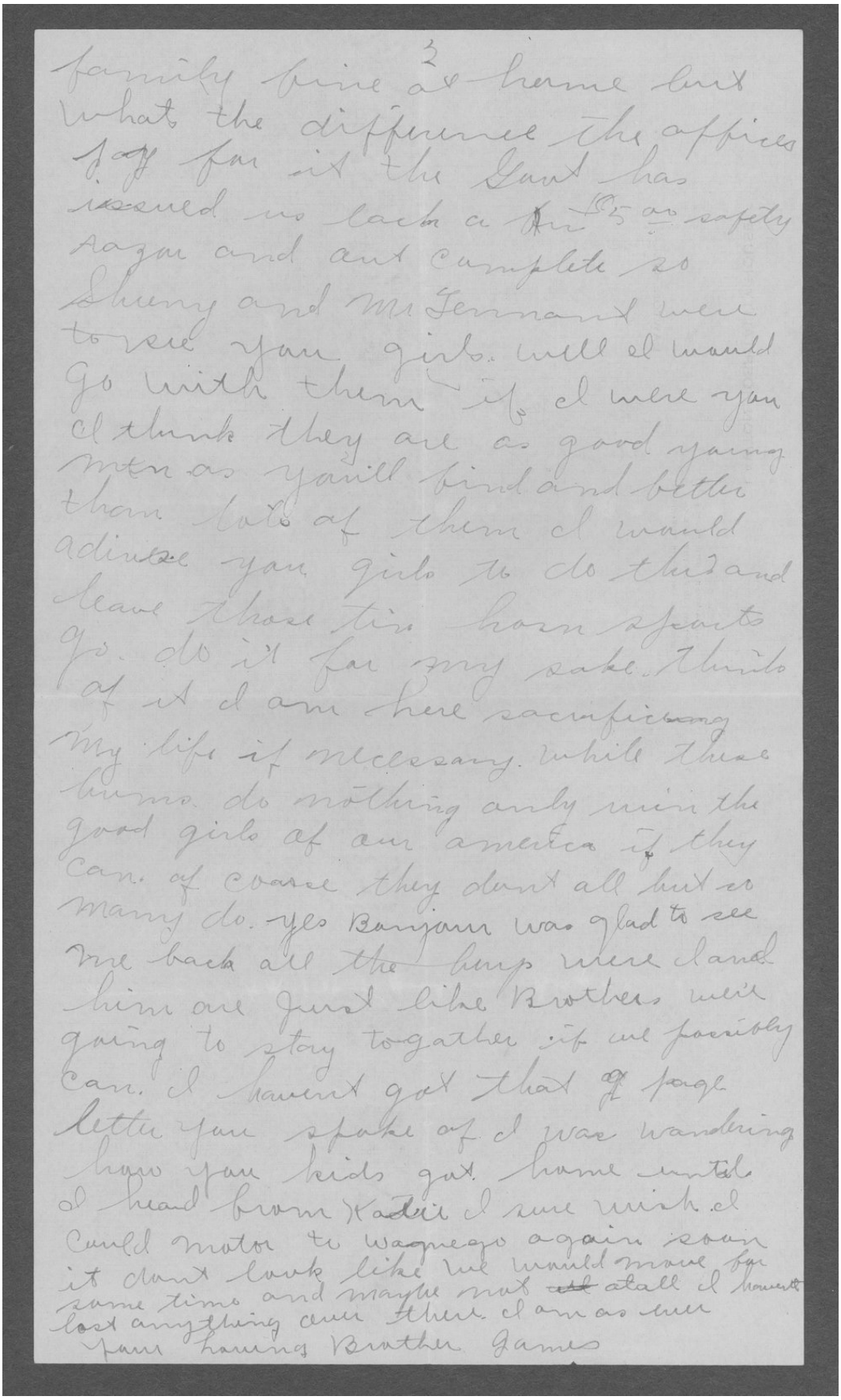
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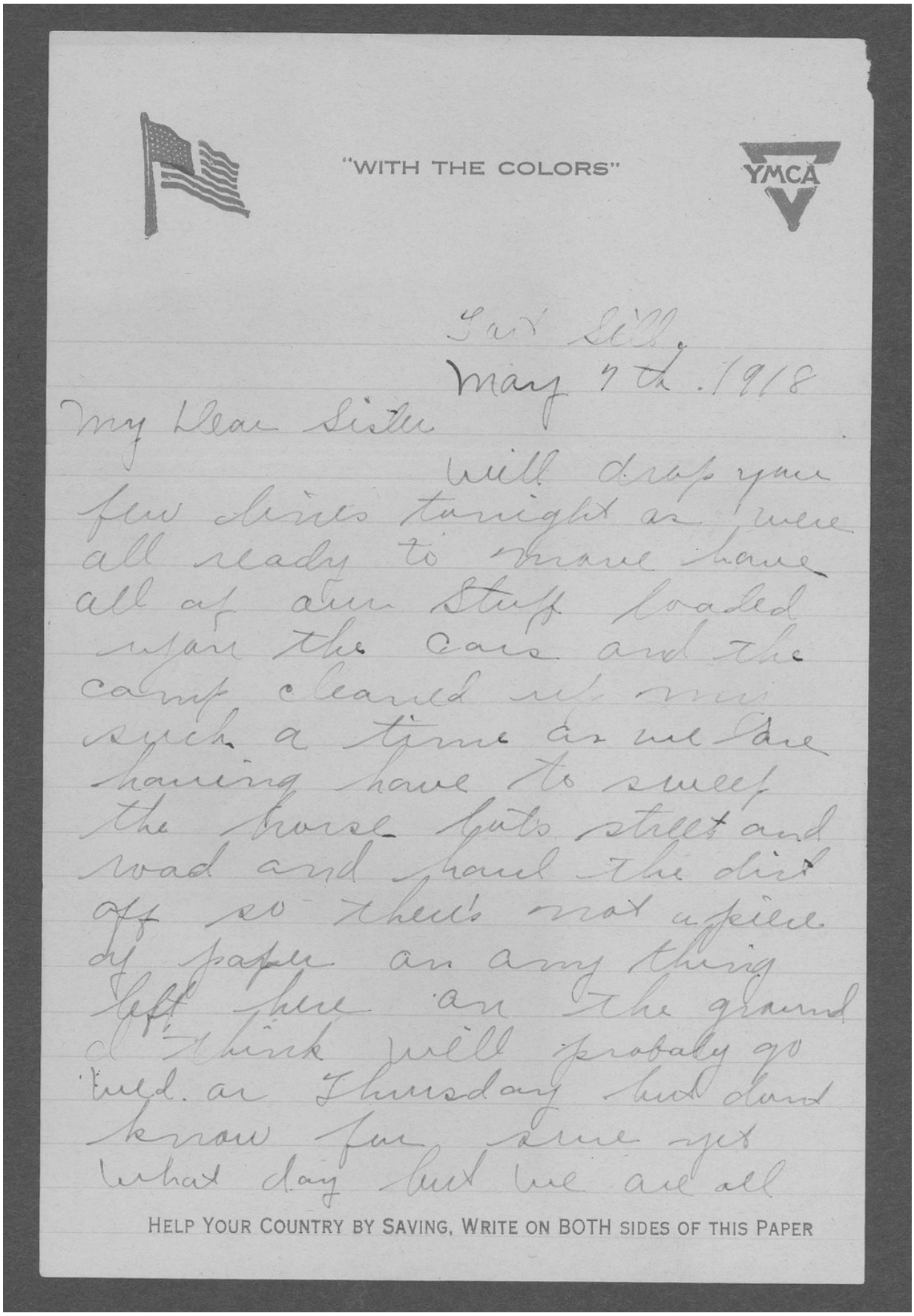
Camp Hancock
April 17, 1918

Dear Sister. your very welcome letter recd today and was sure glad to hear from home as I haven't got hardly any mail since I came back until today I got three letter so I sure got some writing to do. I had a letter from Sam L. a few days ago he's in Jacksonville Fla, now. also got a letter from Will. and a card from Katie. am looking for the picture some time this week. I know they'll be good most of them for look who took them. I am working over at the officers mess hall now where the officers eat waiting tables & washing dishes or any thing there is to do they sure live good. and so do I for we get the very best of every thing for them and here I there are enough every day of goodies such as fruit canned meat and fat grease to keep em



family fine at home but
what the difference the affairs
I go for it the Govt has
issued us back a fine as safety
razor and ant complete so
Sherry and Mr Fennant were
to see you girls. well I would
go with them if I were you
I think they are as good young
men as you will find and better
than lots of them I would
advise you girls to do this and
leave those tin horn sports
go. do it for my sake. think
of it I am here sacrificing
my life if necessary. while these
bums do nothing only ruin the
good girls of our america if they
can. of course they dont all but so
many do. yes Benjamin was glad to see
me back all the boys where I and
him are just like Brothers will
going to stay together if we possibly
can. I havent got that 4 page
letter you spoke of I was wondering
how your kids got home until
I heard from Kadie I sure wish I
could motor to Wagneego again soon
it dont look like we would move for
some time and maybe not ~~at~~ atall I havent
lost anything over there I am as ever
your loving Brother James

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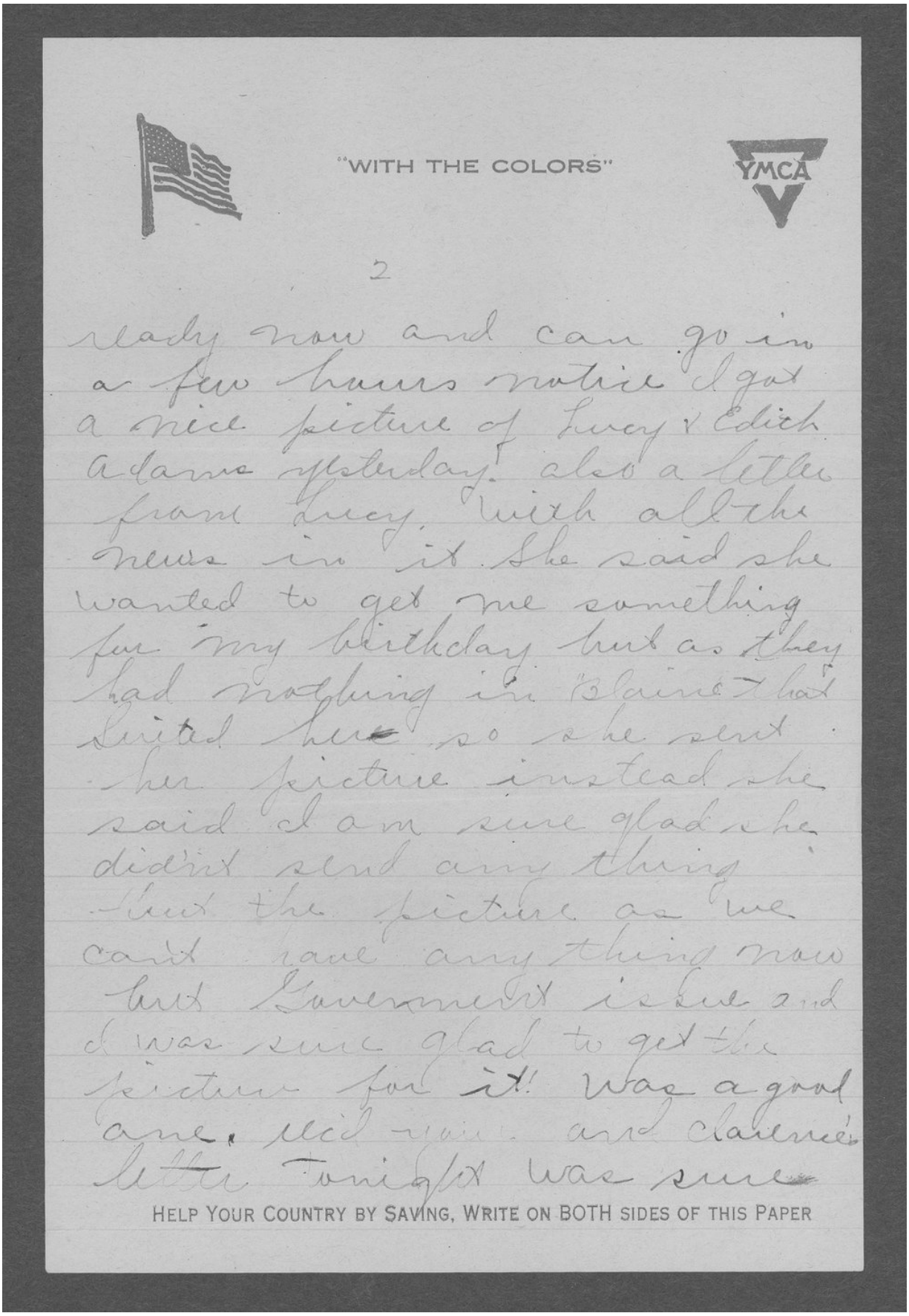
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Camp Gill.
May 7th. 1918

My Dear Sister

Will drop you a few lines tonight as I was all ready to leave have all of our Stuff loaded upon the cars and the camp cleaned up now such a time as we have having have to sweep the horse lots street and road and shovel the dirt off so there's not a piece of paper or any thing left here on the ground I think will probaly go Tuesday or Thursday but dont know for sure yet what day but we are all

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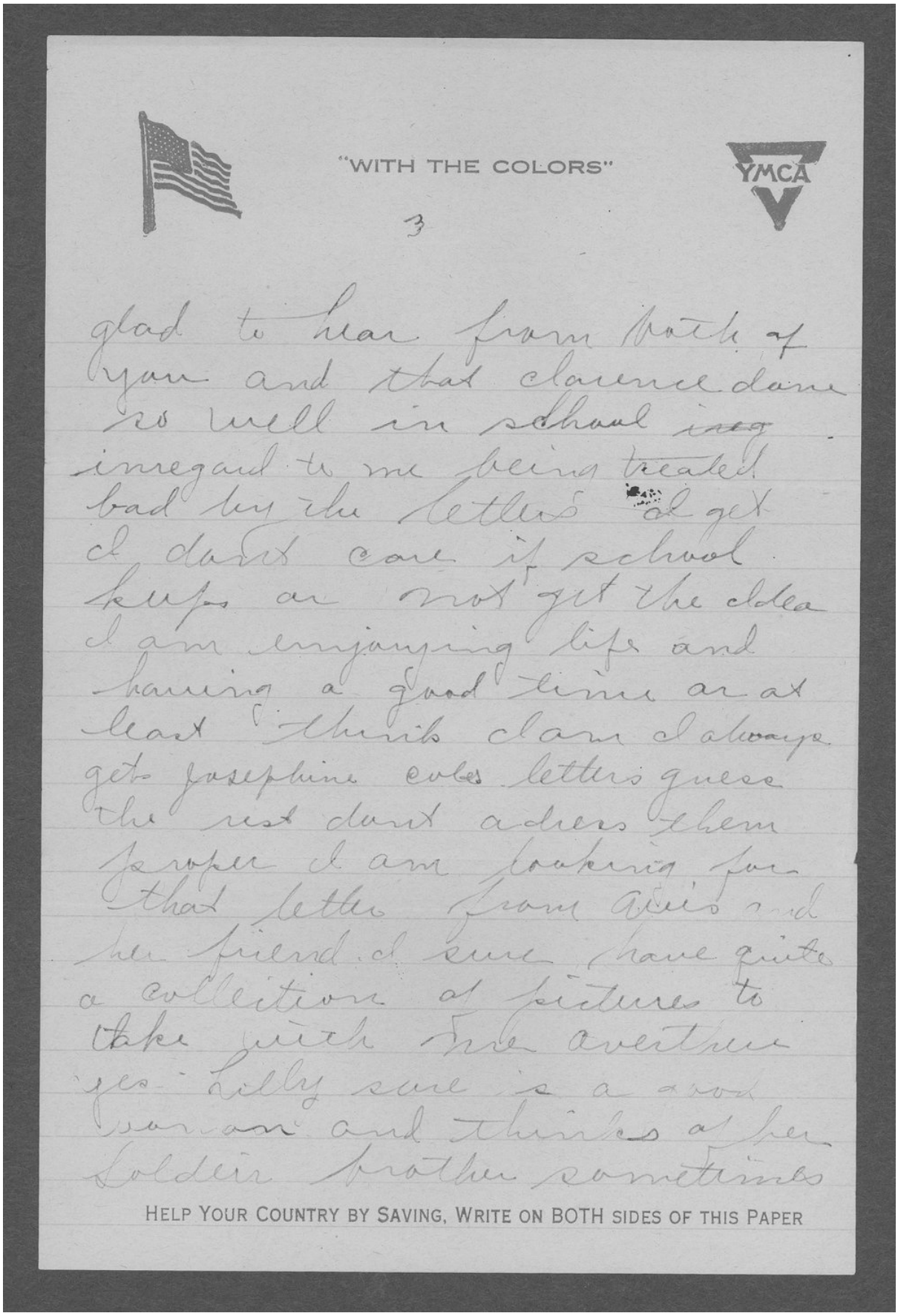
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ready now and can go in a few hours notice I got a nice picture of Lucy & Edith Adams yesterday also a letter from Lucy with all the news in it She said she wanted to get me something for my birthday but as they had nothing in Blaine that suited her so she sent her picture instead she said I am sure glad she didn't send any thing but the picture as we can't have any thing now but Government issue and I was sure glad to get the picture for it! Was a good one. Kid-rain and Clarence letter tonight was sure

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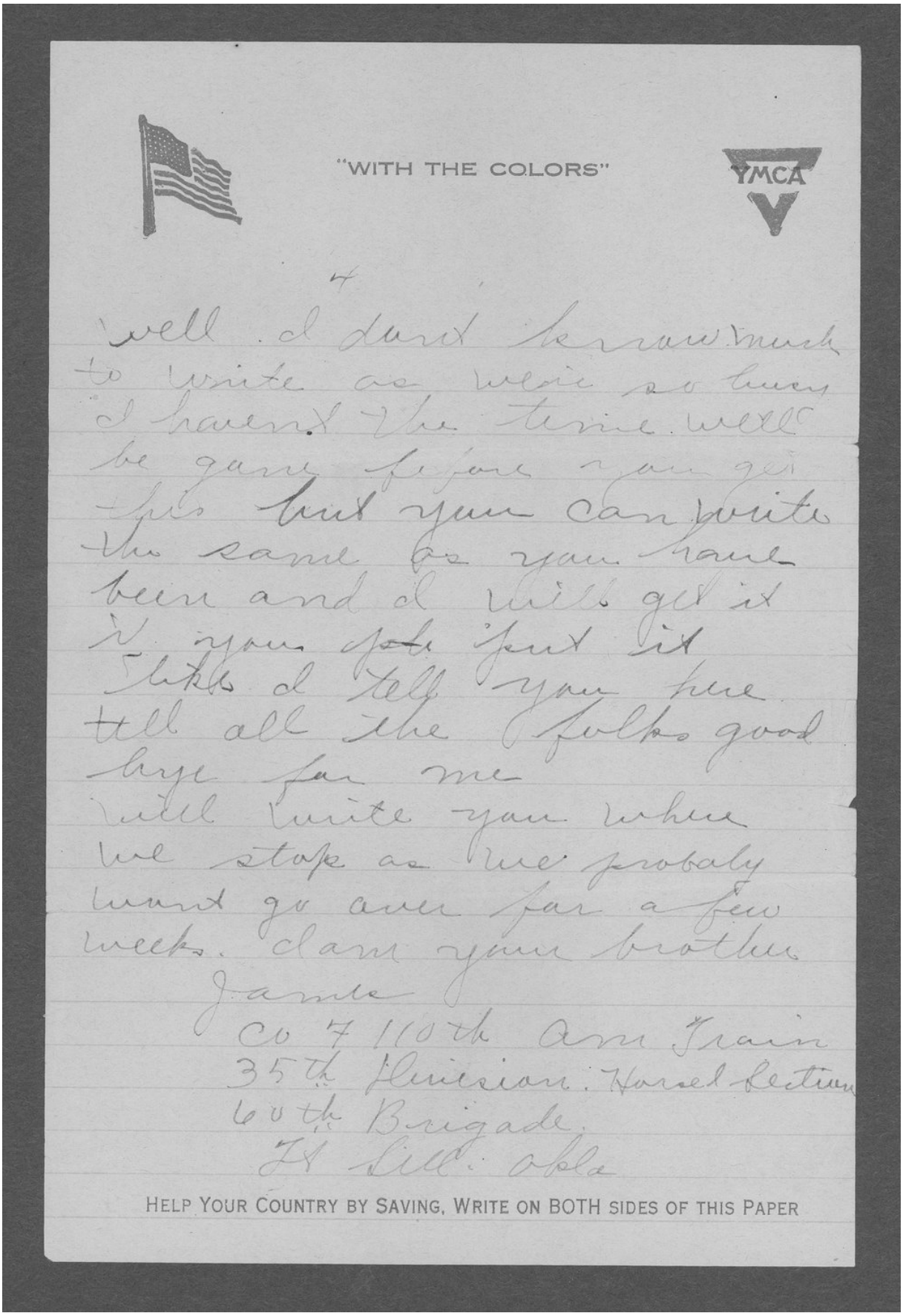
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glad to hear from both of
you and that clarence done
so well in school ing
inregard to me being treated
bad by the letters I get
I dont care if school
keeps on not get the idea
I am enjoying life and
having a good time or at
least I think I am I always
get josephine ones letters guess
the rest dont adress them
proper I am looking for
that letter from Otis and
her friend I sure have quite
a collection of pictures to
take with me overthere
yes Lilly sure is a good
woman and thinks a lot
soldier brother sometimes

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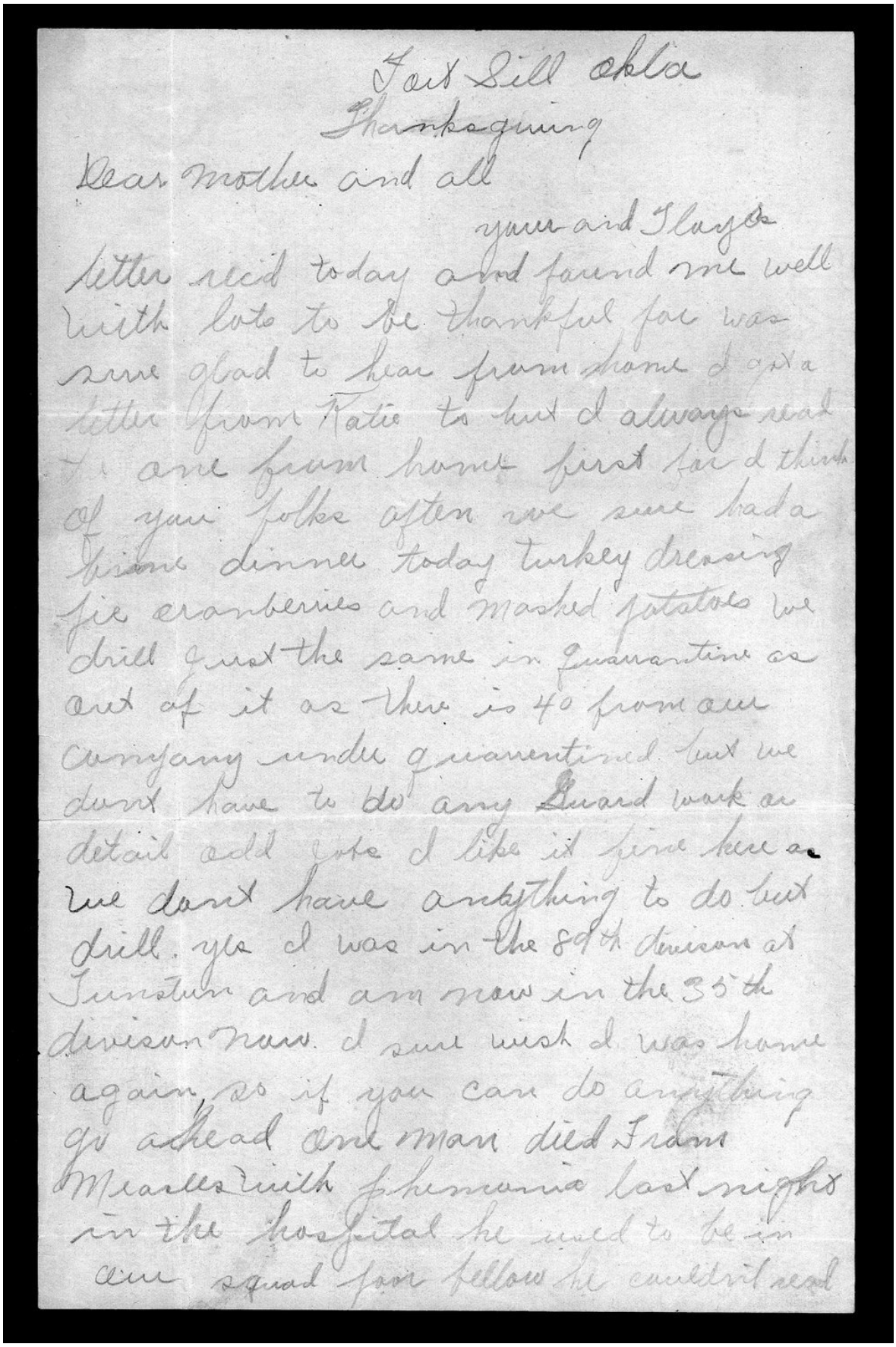
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well. I dont know much to write as we're so busy I haven't the time. well be gone before you get this but you can write the same as you have been and I will get it if you do. just tell Lukes I tell you here till all the folks good bye for me will write you when we stop as we probly wont go over for a few weeks. dont you brother.

James
Co 7 110th Am Train
35th Division. Hqrs Section
60th Brigade.
Ft Sill. Okla

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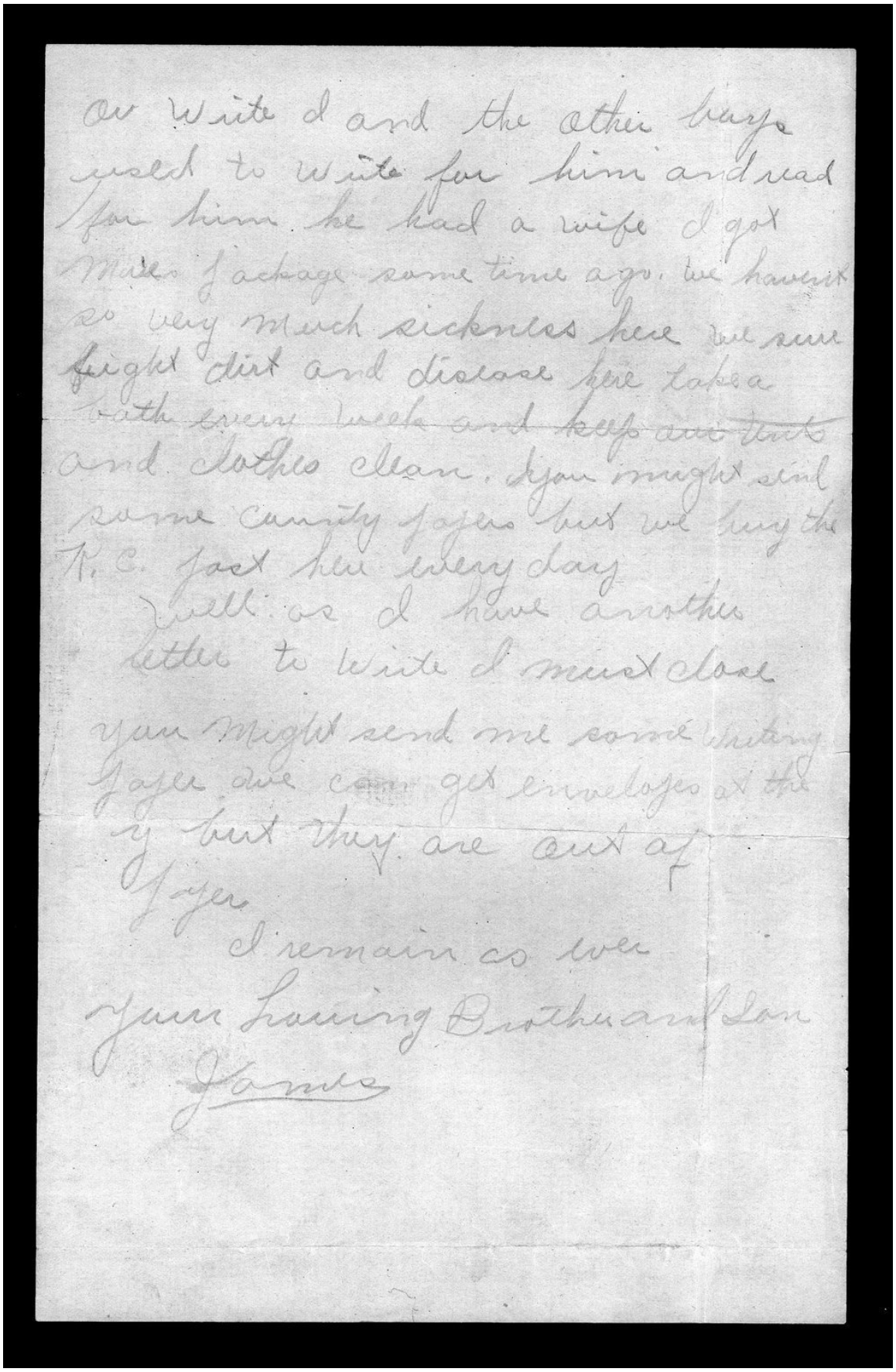
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Fort Sill Okla
Thanksgiving

Dear mother and all

your and Gladys letter recd today and found me well with lots to be thankful for was sure glad to hear from home & got a letter from Katie to but I always read yr. are from home first for I think of you folks often we sure had a fine dinner today turkey dressing pie cranberries and mashed potatoes we drill just the same in quarantine as out of it as there is 40 from our company under quarentined but we dont have to do any Guard work or detail add lots I like it fine here as we dont have anything to do but drill. yes I was in the 89th division at Funston and am now in the 35th division now. I sure wish I was home again, so if you can do anything go ahead and many died Frank Mearls with pneumonia last night in the hospital he used to be in our squad poor fellow he couldn't real

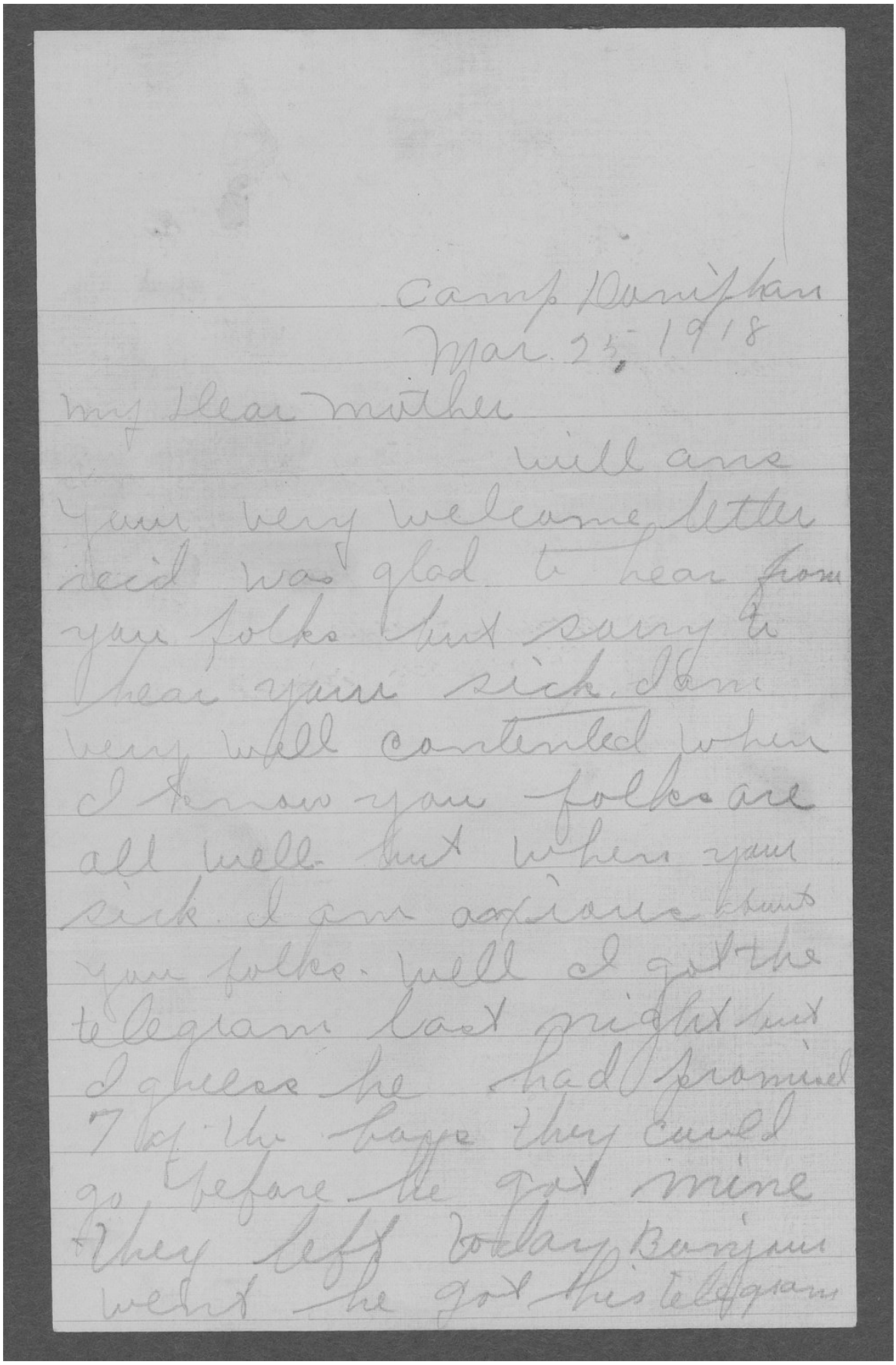


or Write d and the other boys used to Write for him and read for him. he had a wife I got Miles package some time ago. we have'nt so very much sickness here we have light dirt and disease here take a ~~bath every week and keep our suits~~ and clothes clean. you might send some candy pages but we buy the K. C. fact here every day

Well as I have another letter to write I must close you might send me some writing pages we can get envelopes at the y but they are out of pages

I remain as ever your loving Brother and Son James

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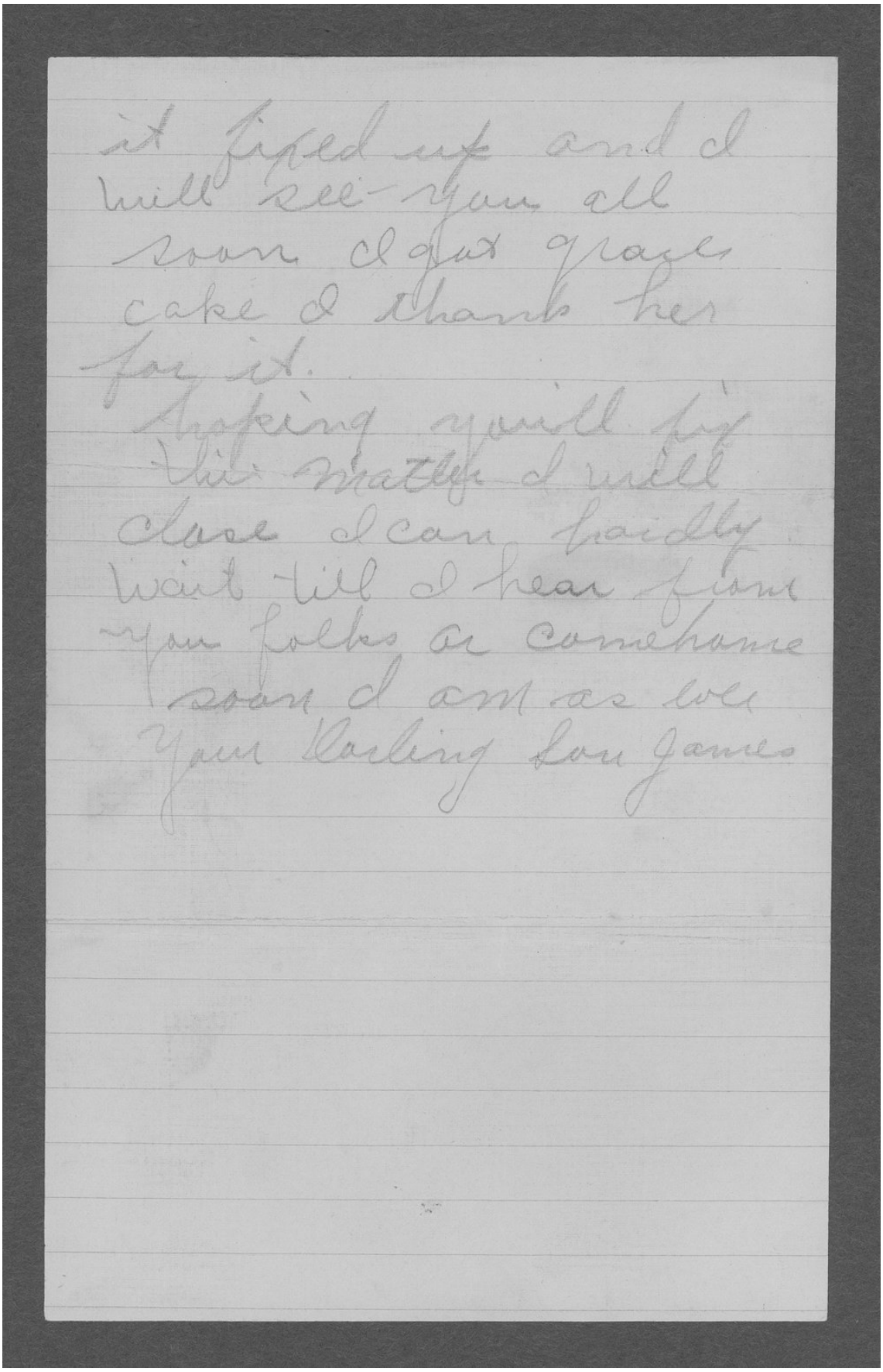


Camp Dodge Ia
Mar. 25, 1918

My Dear Mother

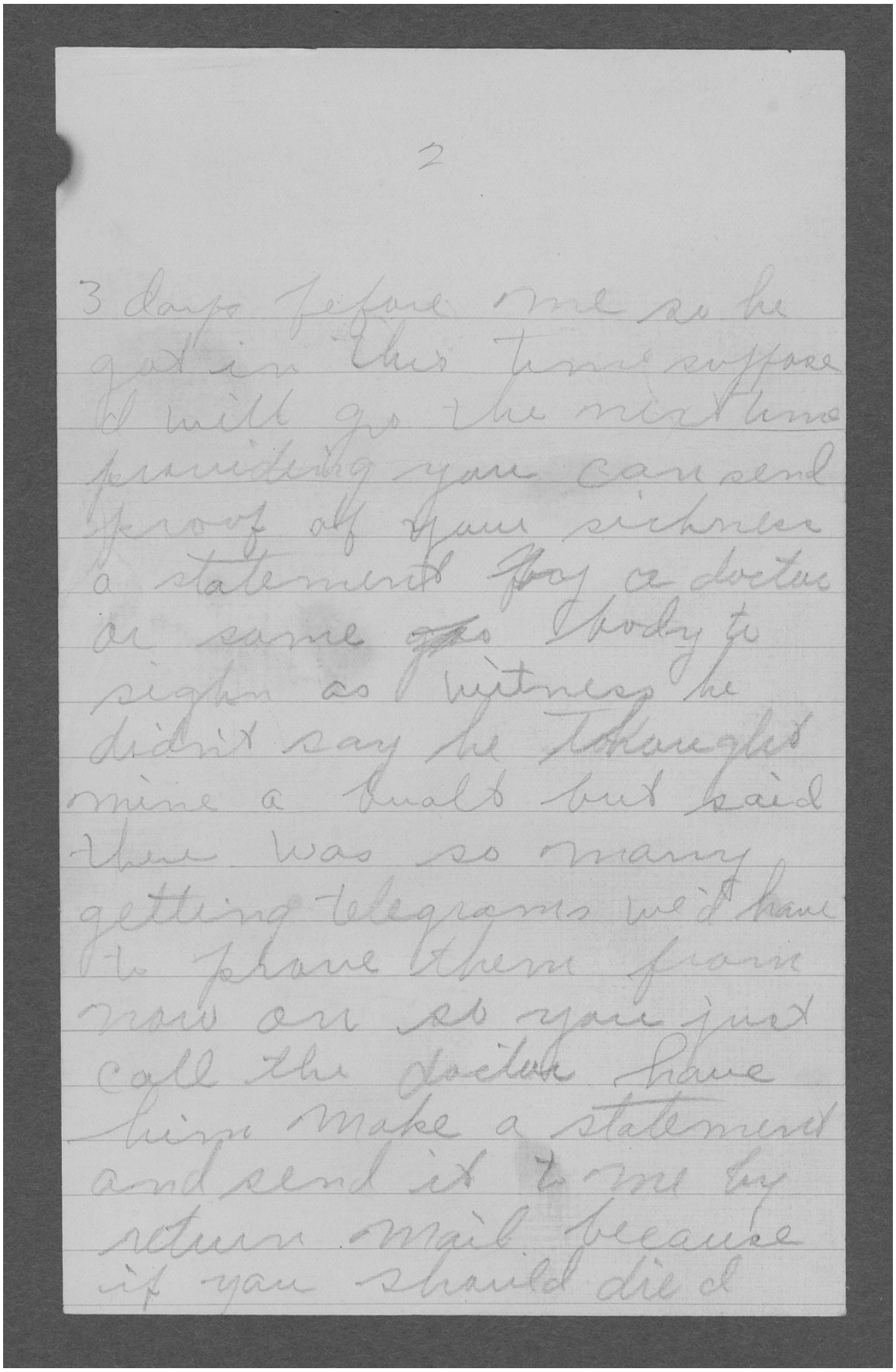
Will ans your very welcome letter said was glad to hear from you folks but sorry to hear your sick. I am very well contented when I know you folks are all well but when your sick I am anxious about you folks. Well I got the telegram last night but I guess he had promised 7 of the boys they could go before he got mine they left today Bunyan went he got his telegram

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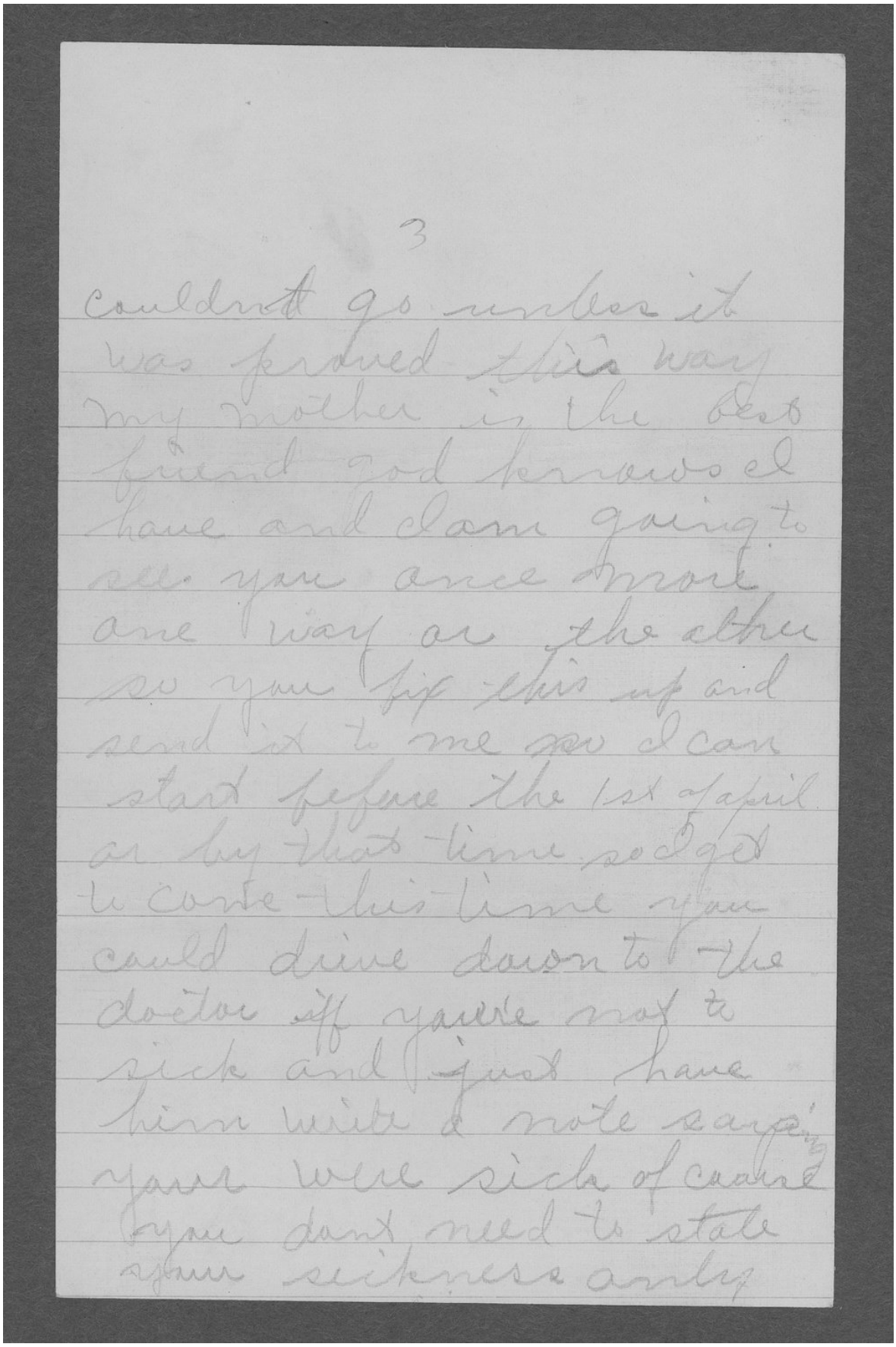
it fixed up and I will see you all soon I got yours cake I thanks her for it.
Hoping you'll fix this matter I will close I can hardly wait till I hear from you folks a come home soon I am as well
Your darling Son James

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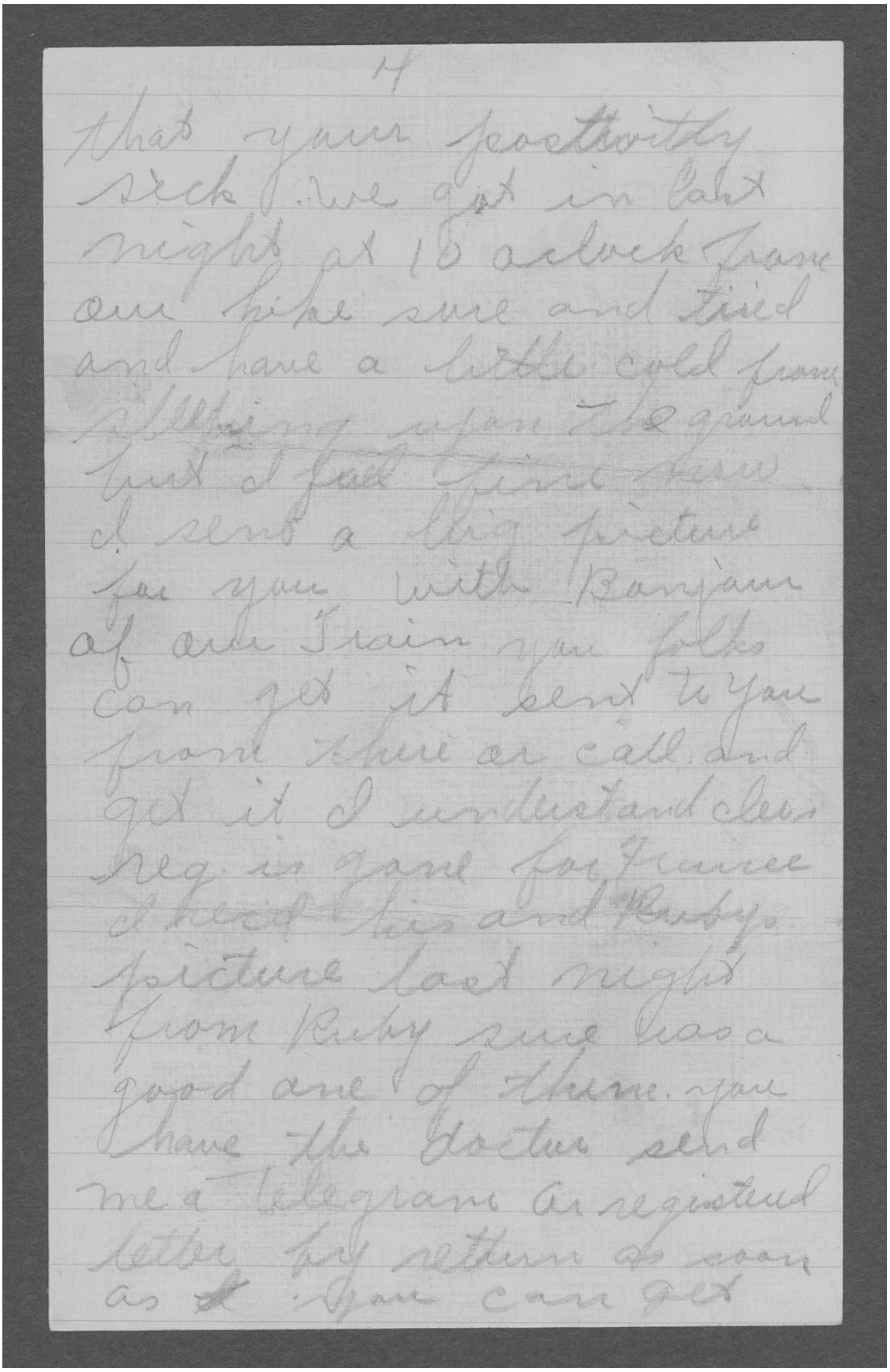
3 days before me so he
got in this time suppose
I will go the next time
providing you can send
proof of your sickness
a statement from a doctor
or some ~~one~~ body to
sign as witness he
didn't say he thought
mine a bualk but said
there was so many
getting telegrams we'd have
to have them from
now on so you just
call the doctor have
him make a statement
and send it to me by
return mail because
if you should die I



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couldn't go under it
was served this way
my mother is the best
friend god ever was el
have and dam going to
see you once more
one way or the other
so you fix this up and
send it to me so I can
start before the 1st of april
or by that time so I get
to come this time you
could drive down to the
doctor if you're not to
sick and just have
him write a note say
your were sick of course
you dont need to state
your sickness only

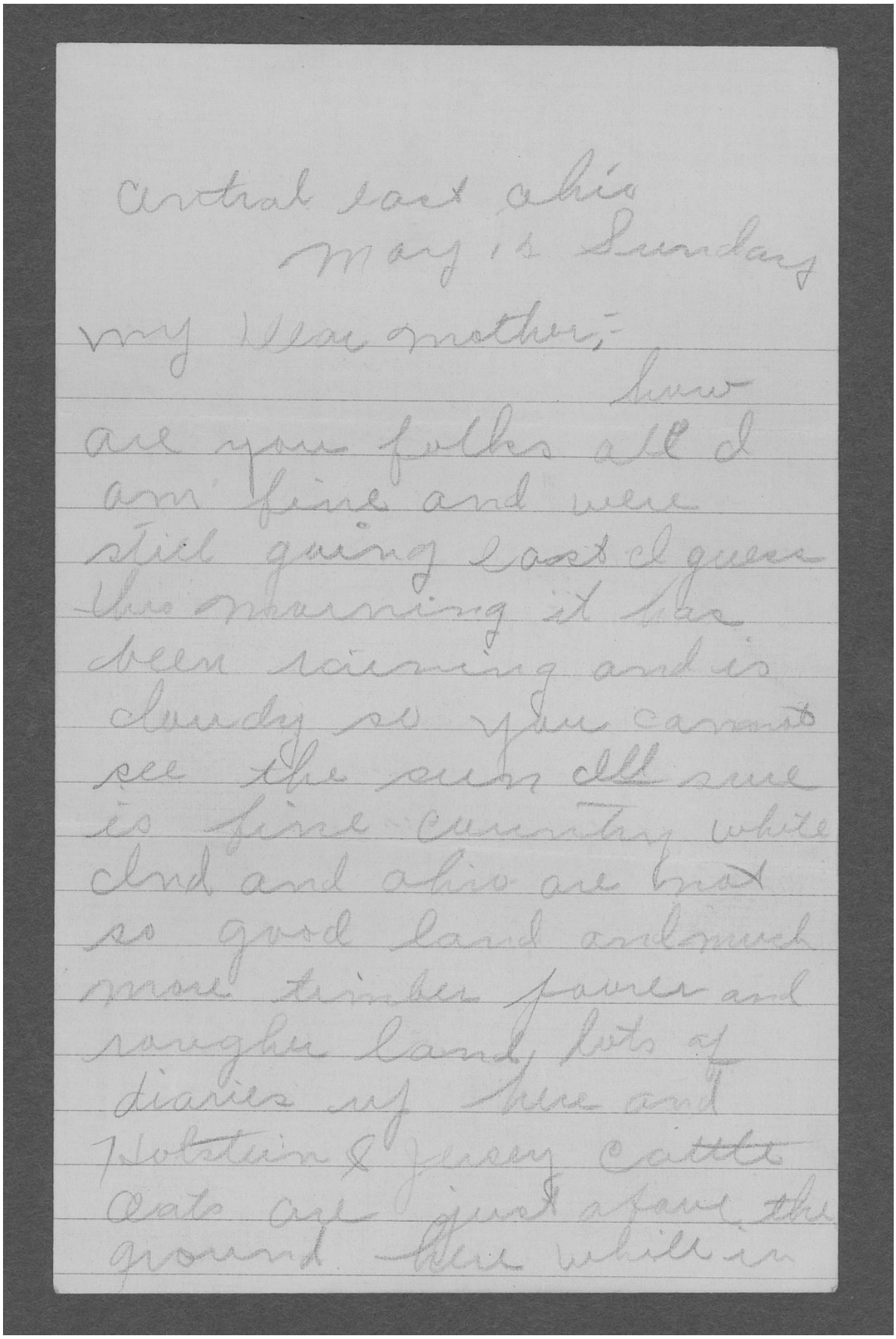
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that your poor Mother
sick. We got in last
night at 10 o'clock Jane
and Mike sure and tired
and have a little cold from
sitting upon the ground
but I feel fine now
I send a big picture
for you with Benjamin
of our Train you folks
can get it sent to you
from there or call and
get it I understand Clois
Reg. in June for France
I have this and Ruby's
picture last night
from Ruby sure has a
good one of them. you
have the Doctor send
me a telegram or registered
letter by return as soon
as he can get

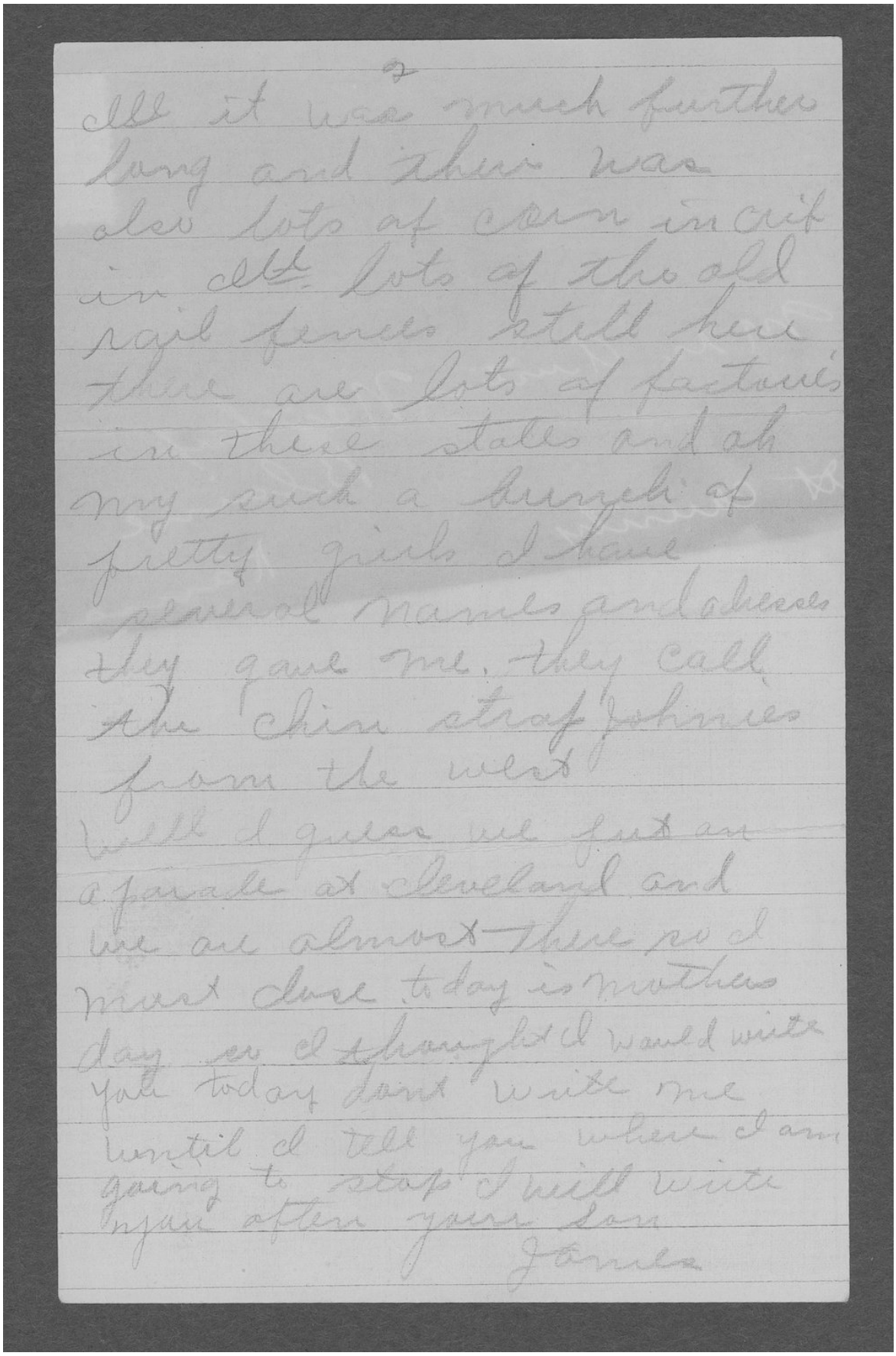
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Central Park Ohio
May 12 Sunday

My Dear mother,-

How are you folks all I am fine and were still going Last Queen this morning it has been raining and is cloudy so you cannot see the sun but sure is fine country white land and ohio are not so good land and much more timber power and rougher land, lots of diaries my here and Holstein & Jersey cattle oats are just a foot the ground here while in



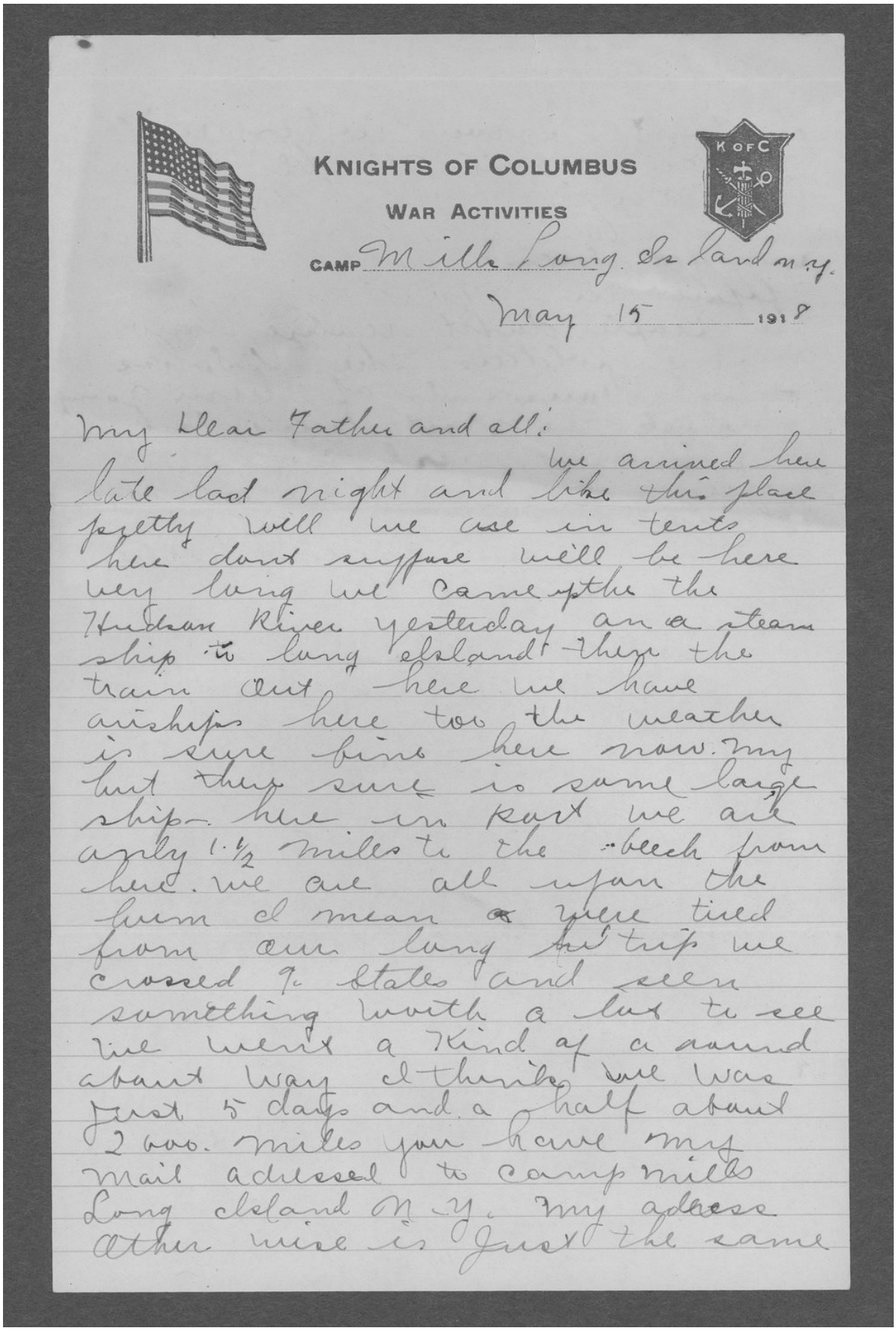
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Ill it was much further long and there was also lots of corn in crib in ill. lots of the old rail fences still here there are lots of factories in these states and oh my such a bunch of pretty girls I have several names and addresses they gave me. they call the chin strap johnnies from the west

well I guess we got an parade at Cleveland and we are almost there we did never close today is mothers day so I thought I would write you today dont write me until I tell you where I am going to stop I will write you after your son

James

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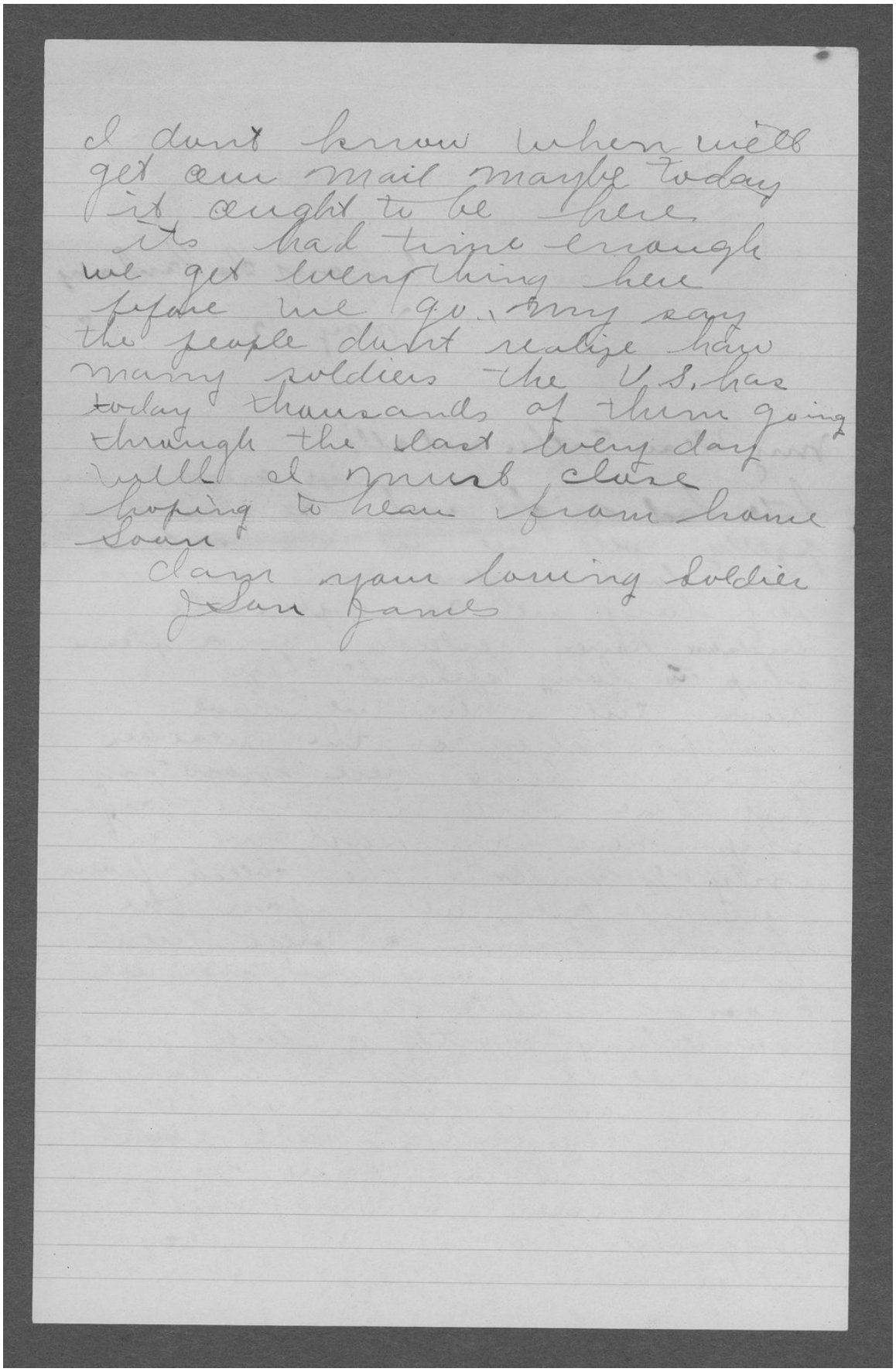
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WAR ACTIVITIES
CAMP Mills Long Island N.Y.

May 15 1918

My Dear Father and all.

We arrived here late last night and like this place pretty well we are in tents here dont suppose will be here very long we came up the the Hudson River yesterday on a steam ship to Long Island then the train out here we have airships here too the weather is sure fine here now. My but they sure is some large ships here in port we are aprly 1 1/2 miles to the beach from here. we are all upon the hum d mean a pere tired from our long trip we crossed 9 States and seen something with a lot to see we went a kind of a round about way I think but was just 5 days and a half about 2 000 miles you have my mail adressed to camp mills Long Island N.Y. My address other wise is just the same

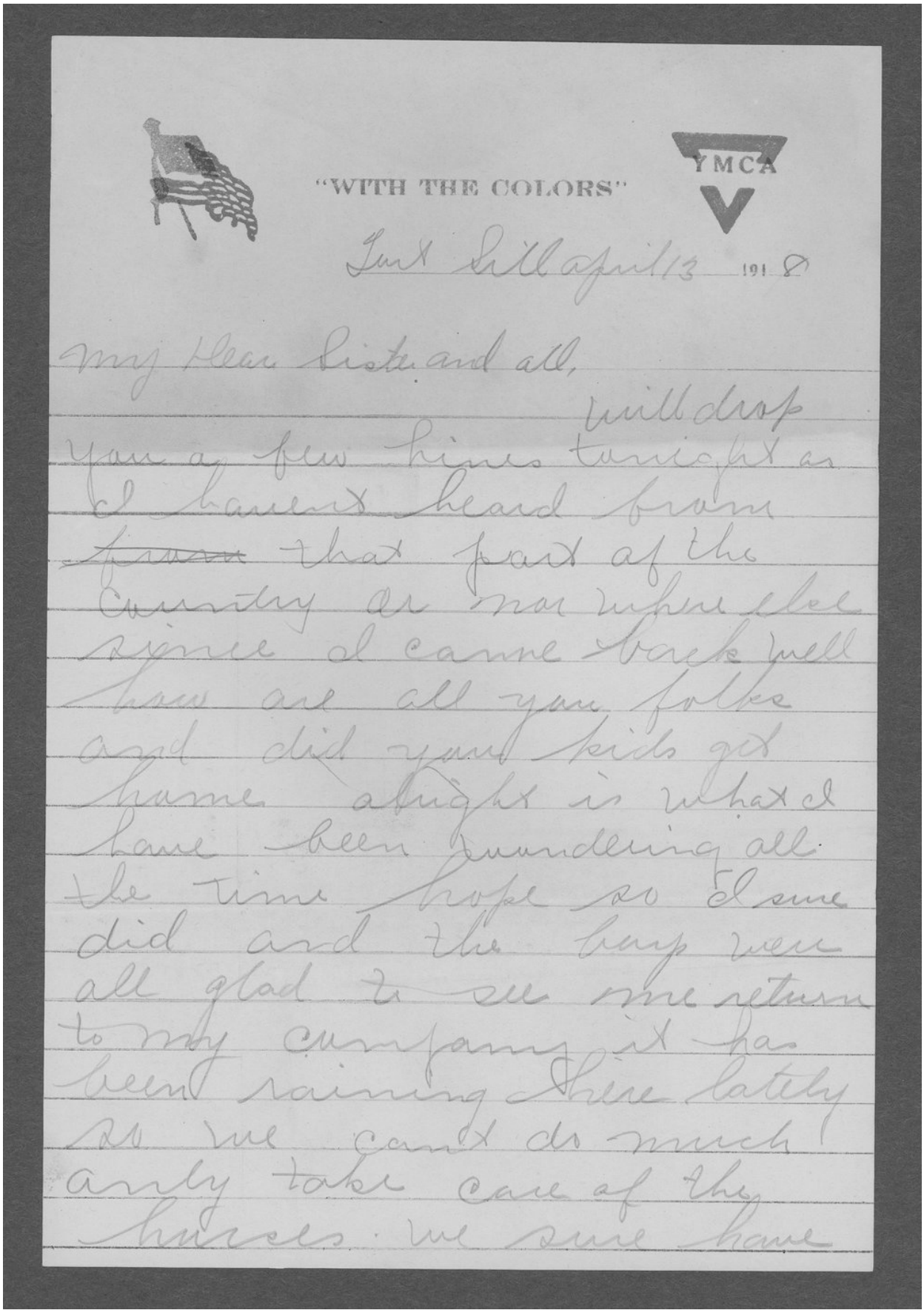
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I dont know when we'll get our mail maybe today it ought to be here. its bad time enough we get everything here before we go. they say the people dont realize how many soldiers the U.S. has today thousands of them going through the east every day well I must close hoping to hear from home soon.

Close your loving soldier
Jesse James

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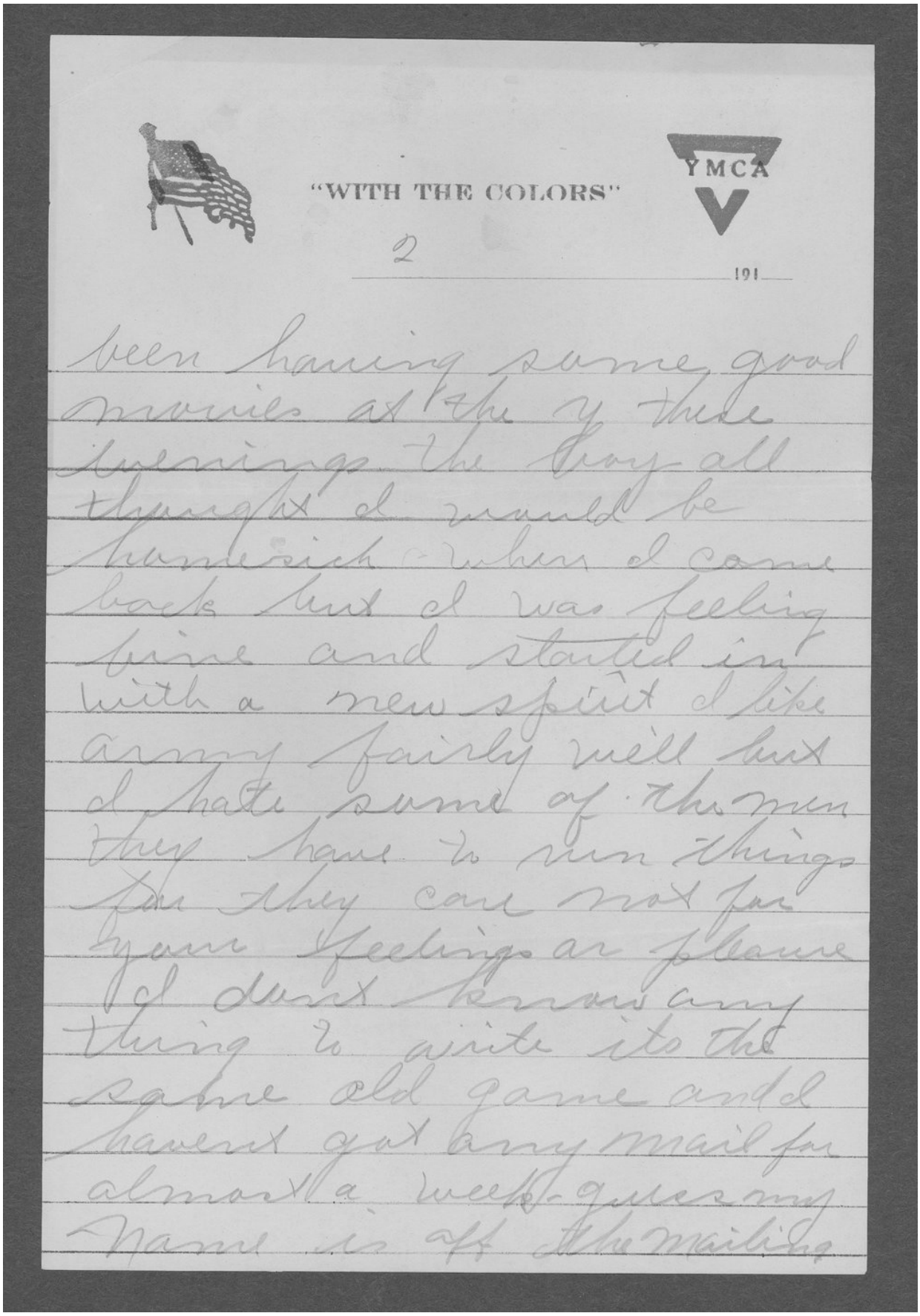
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Camp Dodge April 13 1918

My Dear Sister and all,

will drop
You a few lines tonight as
I haven't heard from
~~from~~ that part of the
Country or not since I left
since I came back well
how are all you folks
and did your kids get
home alright is what I
have been wondering all
the time hope so I sure
did and the boys were
all glad to see me return
to my company it has
been raining here lately
so we can't do much
only take care of the
horses. We sure have

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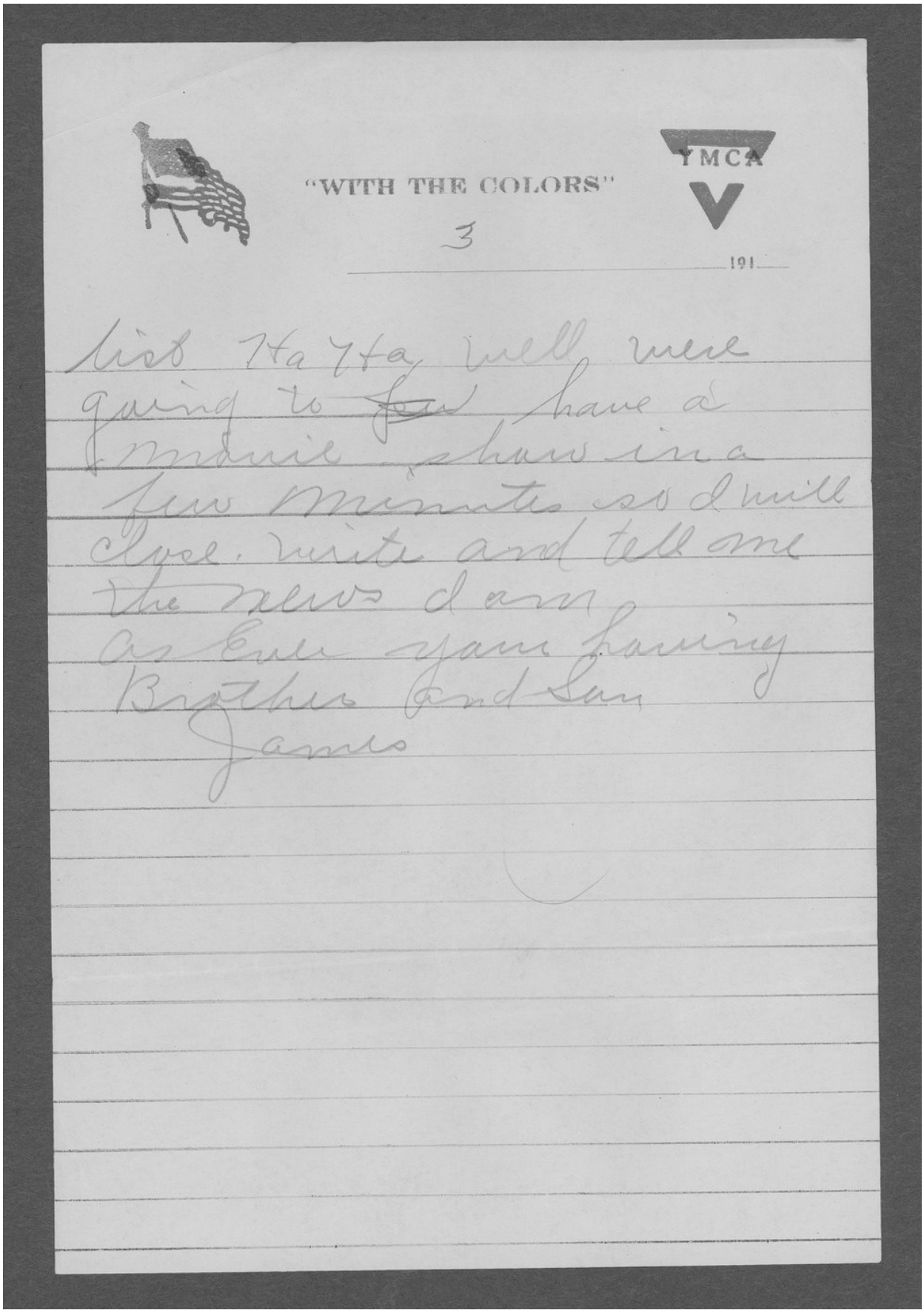
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been having some good movies at the Y these evenings the boys all thought I would be homesick when I came back but I was feeling fine and started in with a new spirit I like army fairly well but I hate some of the men they have to run things for they care not for your feelings or pleasure I don't know any thing to write into the same old game and I haven't got any mail for almost a week guess my name is off the mailing

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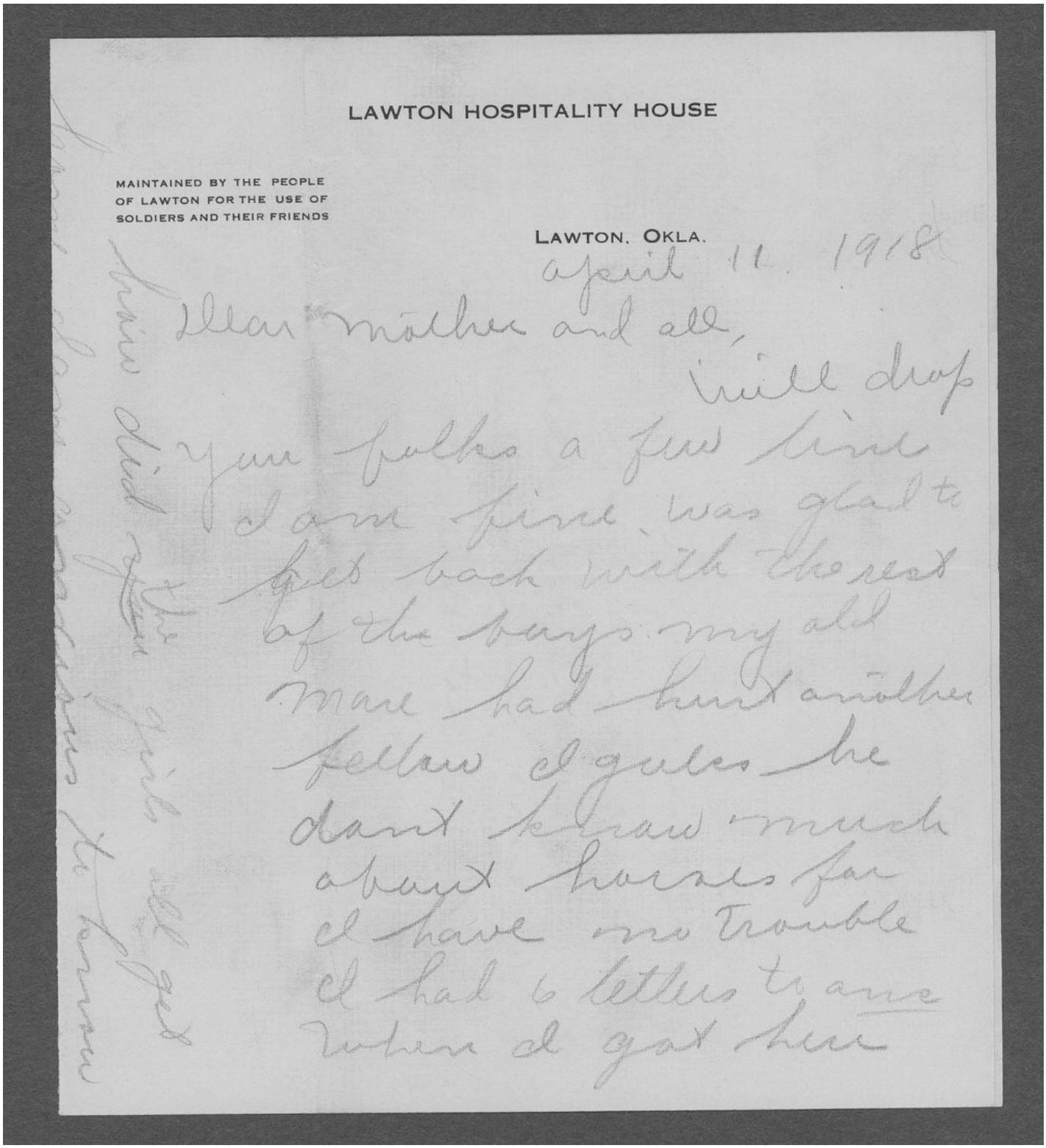
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Hist Ha Ha well we're
going to ~~for~~ have a
parade, shoot in a
few minutes so I will
close. write and tell me
the news dam
as ever your loving
Brother and Son
James

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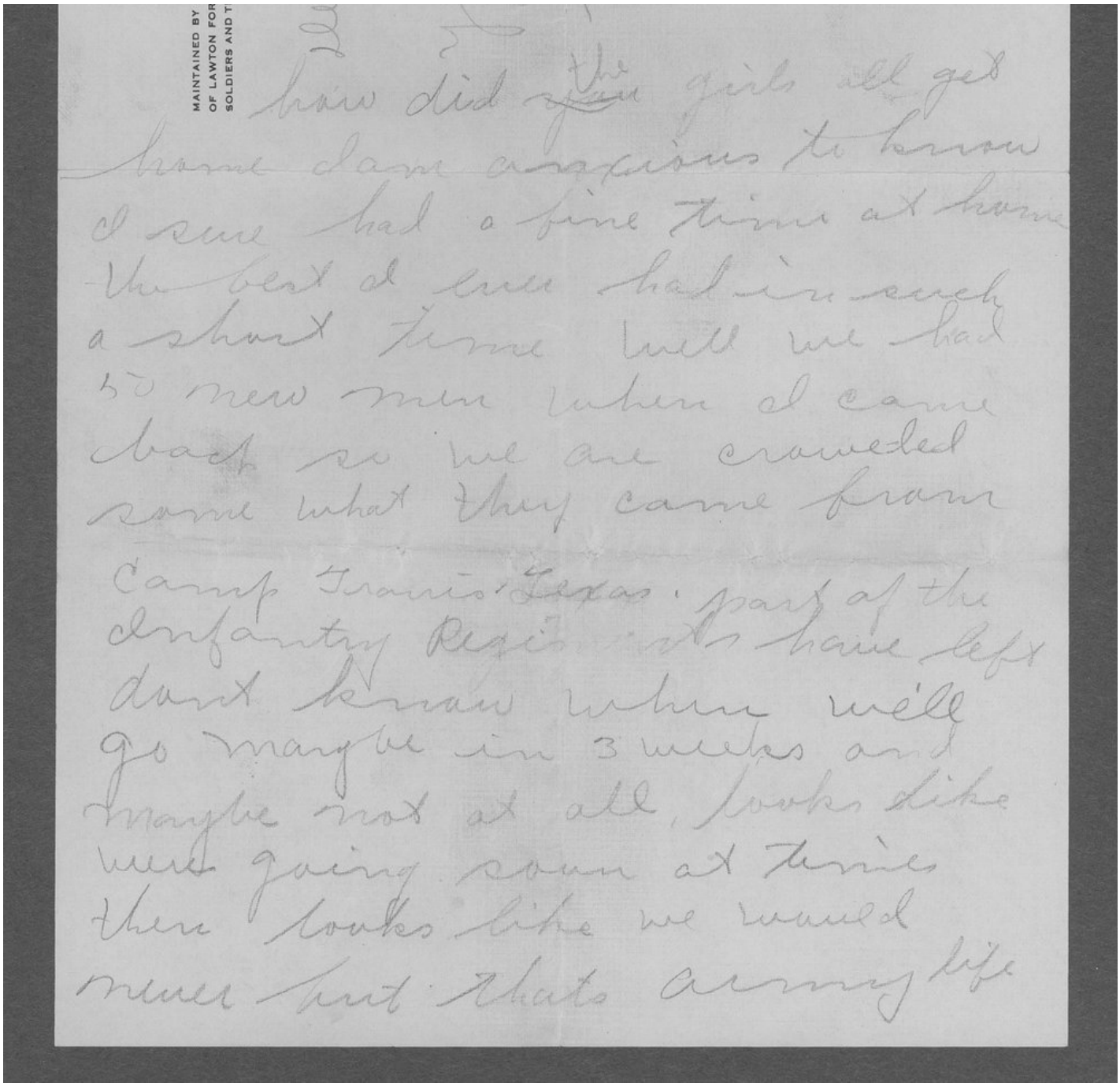
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Dear Mother and all,

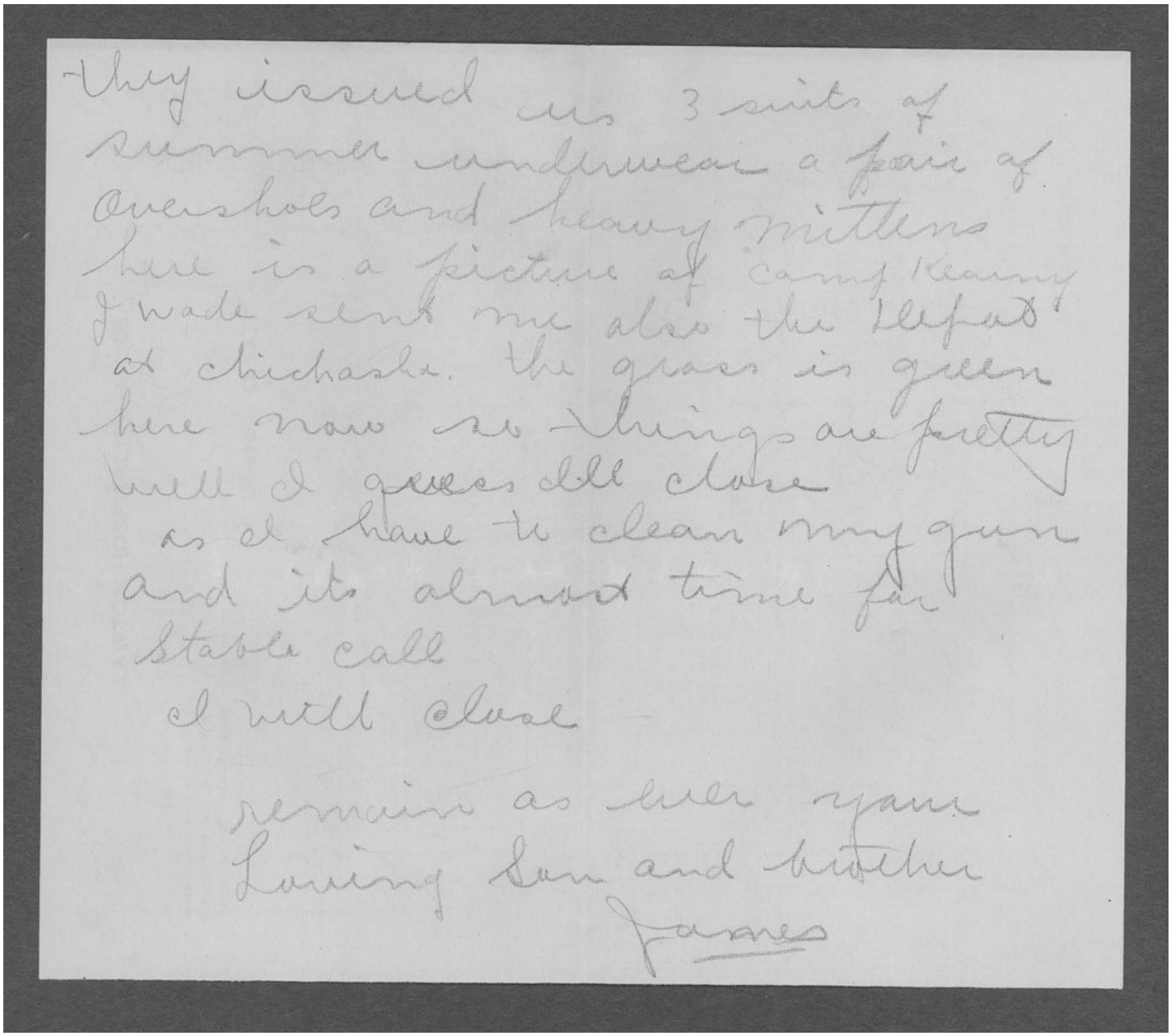
Will drop
you folks a few lines
I am fine. was glad to
get back with the rest
of the boys. my old
mare had bunt another
fellow I guess he
dont know much
about horses for
I have no trouble
I had 6 letters to awe
when I got here

James Emerald Northrup, World War I soldier



how did the girls all get home dam anxious to know I sure had a fine time at home the best I ever had in such a short time until we had 50 new men when I came back so we are crowded some what they came from Camp Travis Texas. part of the Infantry Regiments have left dont know when we'll go maybe in 3 weeks and maybe not at all, looks like we're going soon at times then looks like we would never. Thats army life

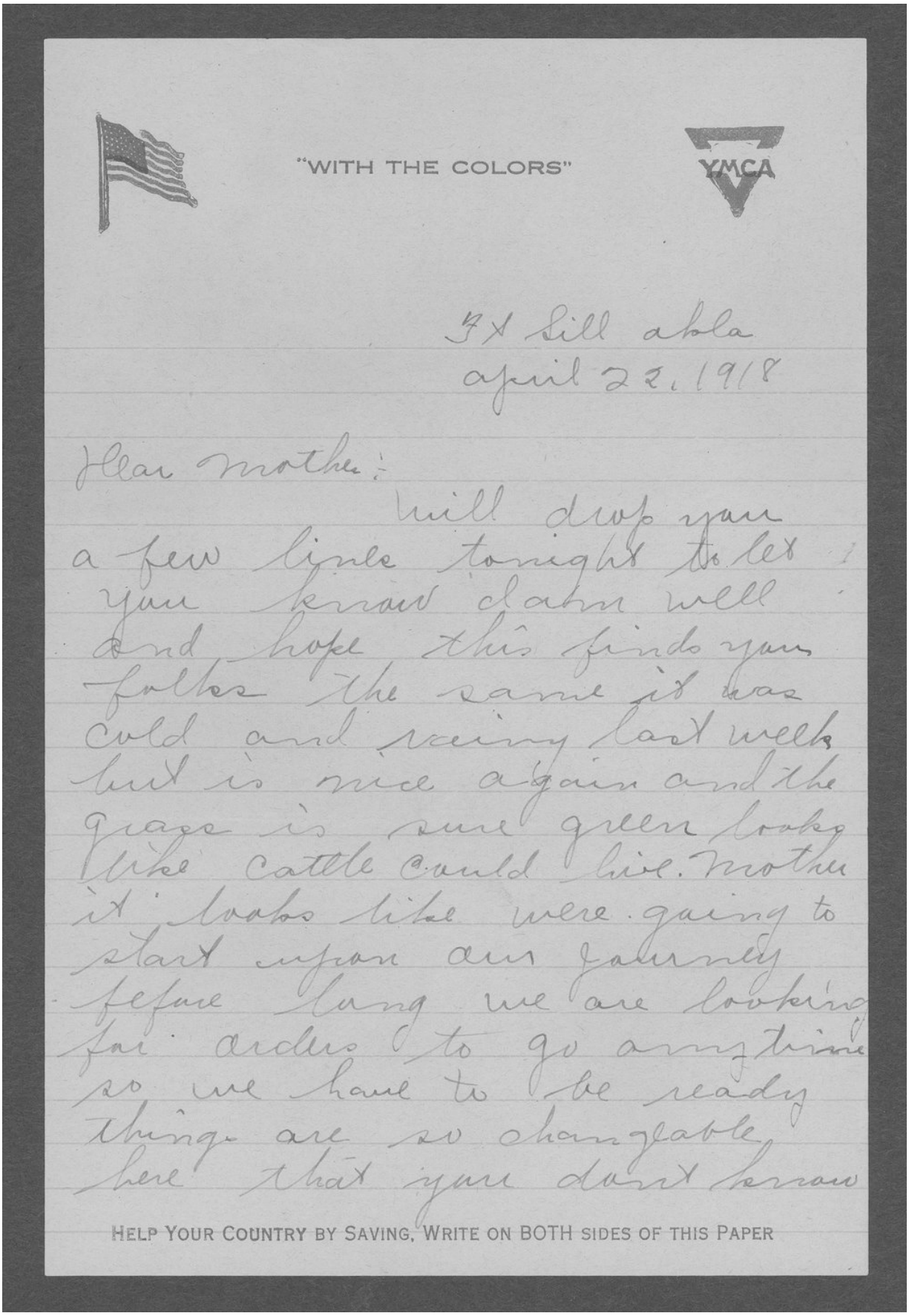
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they issued us 3 suits of summer underwear a pair of overshols and heavy mittens here is a picture of camp Kearny I wade sent me also the Elefant at Chichasha. the grass is green here now so things are pretty well I guess all done as I have to clean my gun and its almost time for stable call I will close

remain as ever your
Loving Son and brother
James

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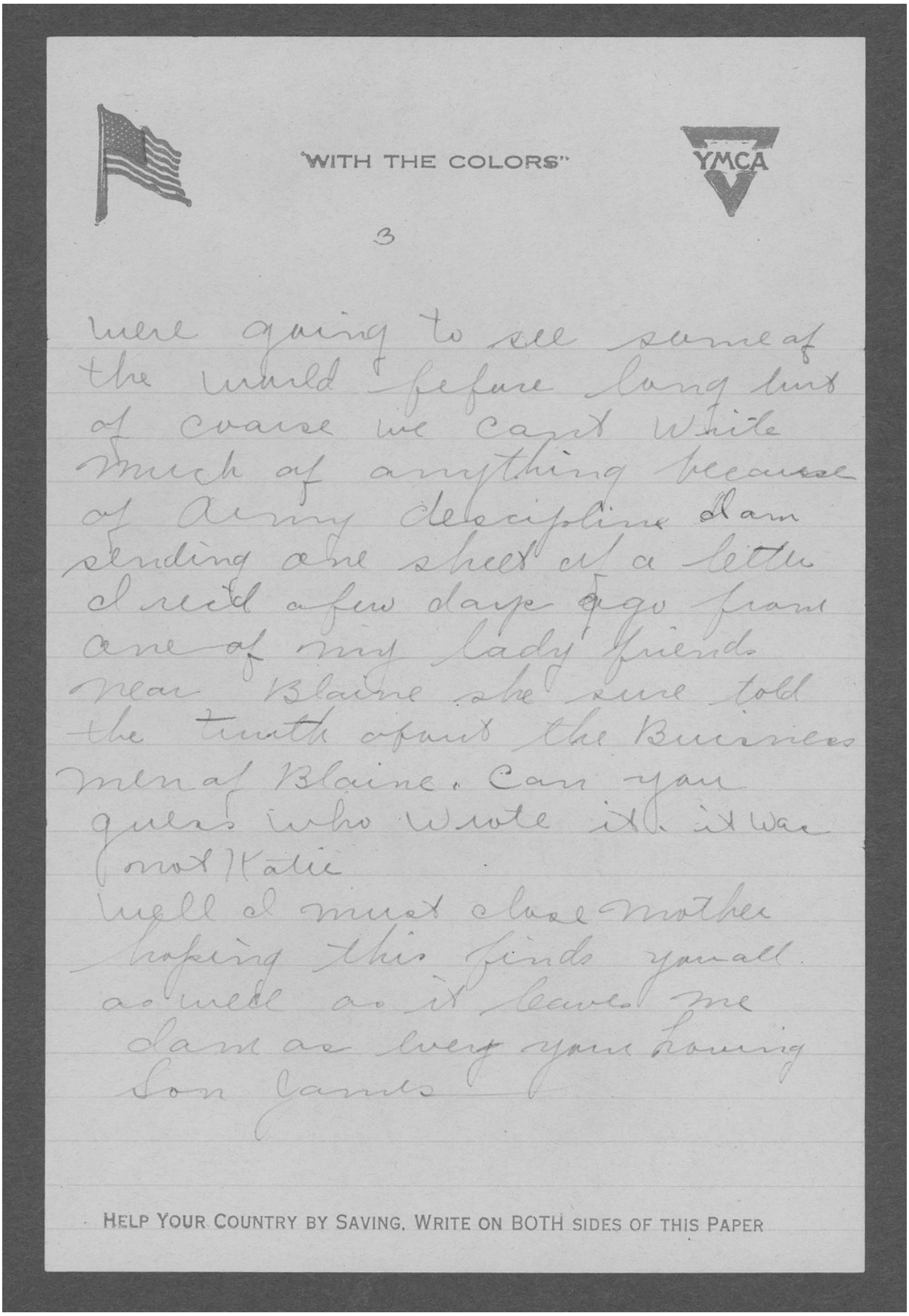
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Dear mother:

will drop you a few lines tonight to let you know I am well and hope this finds you folks the same it was cold and rainy last week but is nice again and the grass is sure green looks like cattle could live. Mother it looks like we're going to start upon our journey before long we are looking for orders to go anytime so we have to be ready things are so changeable here that you don't know

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were going to see some of the world before long but of course we can't write much of anything because of Army discipline I am sending one sheet of a letter I received a few days ago from one of my lady friends near Blaine she sure told the truth about the Business men of Blaine. Can you guess who wrote it. it was from Katie

well I must close Mother hoping this finds you all as well as it leaves me I am as ever your loving Son James

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